

“AND IF ONE LOOKED AT THE AGED...!”
Photographs by Cathy Stein Greenblat

This exhibit was initially created for the city of Villefranche-sur-Mer, France’s celebration of the 2004 “semaine bleue”, a national week of activities honoring the elderly. The 2004 and 2005 theme was “And if one talked about the aged...!” It was described as follows: “But who are the aged? They exist in all sorts: men and women, young, poor, rich, beautiful, handsome, ugly; some are male, others female; they are wrinkled or lifted, fat, large or thin. They can be rural or city dwellers, black, yellow or white, mature or senile; some are known as wise, others as ‘has beens’...” *Theme National de la semaine bleue: semaine nationale des retraités et personnes agés. “Et si on parlait des vieux!”*

The exhibit was not shown in 2004 in Villefranche because the committee was eager to have the “Alive with Alzheimer’s” exhibit displayed, as a new Alzheimer’s facility is about to open and “We feel this exhibit can show people what we can accomplish if we do it right.” It is available for booking.



Market woman, Alma Ata, Kazakhstan



Martin’s with his first photo of himself, taken the day before, Asilo de Ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Grandmother showing off her only photo of herself, Cairo, Egypt



Queen Mother with her official umbrella bearer, Dawu, Ghana



Grandmother, Moroppe, Peru



Great-grandmother, Moroppe, Peru



Braiding Margarita’s hair, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Elderly sisters, Dawu, Ghana



Inez and Manuela, friends, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Pierre and his son, Philippe, La Croix Valmer, France



Alone together, Asilo, Oaxaca, Mexico



Felicitas praying, the day before her 100th birthday, Asilo de Ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Grandmother, father, and girl, Soho, NYC, USA



Blind grandmother and her granddaughter, Oaxaca, Mexico



Grandfather and grandson watching goldfish, Carlov Vary, Czechoslovakia



Racetrack excursion from Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Church excursion from the Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Goldie feeding Sam a piece of their wedding cake, New York City, USA



Chief pouring libations, Dawu, Ghana



Street musicians, Cuzco, Peru



Hilda and child at the piano, Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Drummer at the funeral of the King's cousin, Kumasi, Ghana



Goldie and Heather dancing, Silverado Senior Living, California



Teresita and Maria joking, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Flower arranging class, Silverado Senior Living, California



Inez and Kata reading magazines, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Larissa keeping Ruthie company, Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Helen whispering to Heather, Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Ill mother with her caregiver daughter, Viñales, Cuba



Carmella, always happy when Kevin calls her "Grandma", Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Anna caressing Melissa's cheek, Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



A helping hand, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Edith and Cricket, Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Victorina and "the tiger", Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Elvira under the arches, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Manuela in the garden, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico



Art sleeping on the couch, Silverado Senior Living, California, USA



Friendship, Asilo de ancianos, Oaxaca, Mexico

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