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Beloved Remembered invites Killaloe seniors to transform life stories into handmade books

New storytelling and book arts project celebrates creativity, connection, and the stories that shape our lives

"Every life holds stories worth remembering."

KILLALOE, ON — ReDefine Arts is inviting older adults in the Killaloe area to participate in **Beloved Remembered**, a new storytelling and handmade book arts project that celebrates older adults as storytellers, keepers of community history, and vital contributors to the cultural life of the region.

Part of the **Killaloe Living Memory** initiative, *Beloved Remembered* offers a welcoming series of creative workshops where participants transform personal stories into handmade books through conversation, creativity, and shared making. Together, they will reflect on the people, places, traditions, and experiences that have shaped their lives, creating lasting keepsakes to share with family, friends, and future generations.

The title, *Beloved Remembered*, reflects a simple belief: the people we love continue to shape us through the stories we tell, the memories we share, and the traditions we carry forward. Through creativity and conversation, participants honour the people who have shaped their lives while creating lasting works that can be shared with those they love and with future generations.

The series includes seven free workshops featuring storytelling circles, guided writing, handmade accordion bookmaking, and optional audio recording. No artistic experience is necessary, and all materials are provided.

Workshops will take place in Killaloe on **October 14 and 28, November 11 and 25, December 9, 2026, and January 6 and 20, 2027**. The project concludes with the **Beloved Remembered Community Feast and Exhibition on February 19, 2027**, where participants may choose to share their handmade books, stories, and recordings with family, friends, neighbours, and the wider community.

"Every community is shaped by the stories of the people who call it home," says **Anna Camilleri**, Lead Artist. "Beloved Remembered is an invitation to slow down, reflect, and create together. We hope participants leave with a beautiful handmade book, new connections, and the experience of discovering that when stories are shared, they become part of something larger than ourselves."

The workshops are designed to be welcoming and accessible. Participation is free, all materials are provided, and sessions will be held in Killaloe.

Beloved Remembered was developed in response to community conversations and findings from ReDefine Arts' 2025 Community Survey, which identified a strong desire for opportunities that foster creativity, strengthen community connection, and celebrate the knowledge and lived experience of older adults.

The project is presented by **ReDefine Arts** in partnership with the **Community Resource Centre – Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC)** and **Barry's Bay and Area Home Support**, with project funding provided by the **Government of Ontario** through the **Seniors Community Grant Program**.

Registration opens in September 2026. Space is limited.

For more information, visit ReDefineArts.ca or contact info@redefinearts.ca

About ReDefine Arts

Founded in 2005, ReDefine Arts is an interdisciplinary arts organization that creates collaborative projects where creativity becomes a catalyst for connection and positive social change. Working alongside artists, communities, and cross-sector partners, ReDefine Arts transforms stories, ideas, and public spaces into meaningful shared experiences.

