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Liberty CEO, Mike Decker congratulates First Place Award winner, Peter Klimek, Columbia ARC, at Liberty's first-ever Art Show, Creative Expressions, held recently at The Century Club. The show celebrated the inspiring works of art from individuals in the Liberty Through the Arts programs, as well as other ARCs throughout the state.

Liberty Art Show a Creative Success

Amsterdam- Liberty's first-ever art show, Creative Expressions, was a celebrated success, when it recently hosted a public exhibit displaying numerous works of art from their own Liberty Through the Arts program and other artists from ARC's throughout the state.

"Connecting with the community is an important part of our mission here at Liberty," said Liberty CEO Mike Decker. "These individuals have seen amazing personal growth with the Liberty Through the Arts program and sharing their talents with our community seemed like the perfect thing to do. We are proud to share their incredible talents, as well as those from other ARCs."

Liberty Art Instructor Amy Devendorf said, "Being able to share the hard-work of these talented artists from Liberty and other ARCs with the community is a dream come true. Creative Expressions is the perfect vehicle in which to do so. Having the idea of bringing together all of these talented artist come to fruition is testament to the hard work of the individuals themselves and staff. We look forward to many more years of sharing inspiring pieces of art with the community.

Creative Expressions was a juried art show with artist being awarded the following; First prize, Peter Klimek, Columbia ARC, Second Prize; Garrett Schaff, Saratoga Bridges, Third Place; Angel Noack, Liberty ARC; Honorable Mention, Doreen Calhoun, Lexington ARC; Juror's Award, Collaborative Artists of Saratoga Bridges; and People's Choice Award, Joey Then, Liberty ARC.

The art show, Creative Expressions, was the first of its kind sponsored by Liberty as a way to showcase artwork created by individuals in their successful Liberty Through the Arts programs, as well as other ARCs throughout the state. Over 50 pieces of artwork were submitted by 15 ARCs. The two-day show culminated on Saturday with a free viewing for the public.

Founded in 1957, Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, is a private, not-for-profit organization offering comprehensive, community-based services, support and programs to individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families throughout Montgomery County.

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