



Creative Expressions 2013 Art Show

Celebrating art through creativity and talent.

Friday, June 28th &
Saturday, June 29th



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Liberty Artwork to be showcased at Statewide Art Show

Amsterdam- Artwork created by individuals in the *Liberty Through the Arts* program will be on display at the 2013 Annual Creative Expressions Art Show, to be held at The Century Club on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, 29th.

This is the second year that Liberty has hosted the art show, aimed at celebrating the creativity, originality and enthusiasm of artists with developmental disabilities from Liberty and other ARC's from across New York State.

Art Instructor, Amy Devendorf oversees the *Liberty Through the Arts* program. The program began in 2009 when Ms. Devendorf, a Direct Support Professional with the Liberty Day Program, started to share her artistic abilities with individuals she supported. This interaction evolved into regularly scheduled art classes at various locations and has continued to grow. Throughout the years and on varying levels, over 80 individuals regularly contribute to the art program whether it be through painting, drawing, poetry, photography and more. The purpose of the program is to celebrate and showcase the creativity of the individuals involved. Amy holds an Associate's Degree in Fashion from the Art Institute in Florida. She has exhibited her personal artwork at several exhibitions throughout the area and has been honored with numerous awards.

"I feel honored to work with the individuals in Liberty's program and share their enthusiasm and pleasure when they create art." said Amy. "The Creative Expressions Show is an excellent way not only to showcase their hard work and talent but it is also a wonderful way to connect to the local community and recognize talented artists from other communities."

On Friday, June 28 from 5-7 pm an opening night reception will feature artwork from Liberty and 10 other agencies from communities across New York State. The show will be juried by two highly respected local artists, Juliette Konieczny and Kathleen Oakes. At 6:15 p.m., 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be presented to artists selected by the judges. Other awards for the

evening include an Honorable Mention, a Juror's Award and People's Choice Award. Friday night's reception is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. For planning purposes, interested persons are asked to call 954-3203 if they wish to attend.

The exhibit will also be open for public viewing on Saturday, June 29 from 11 pm to 4 pm.

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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