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# News

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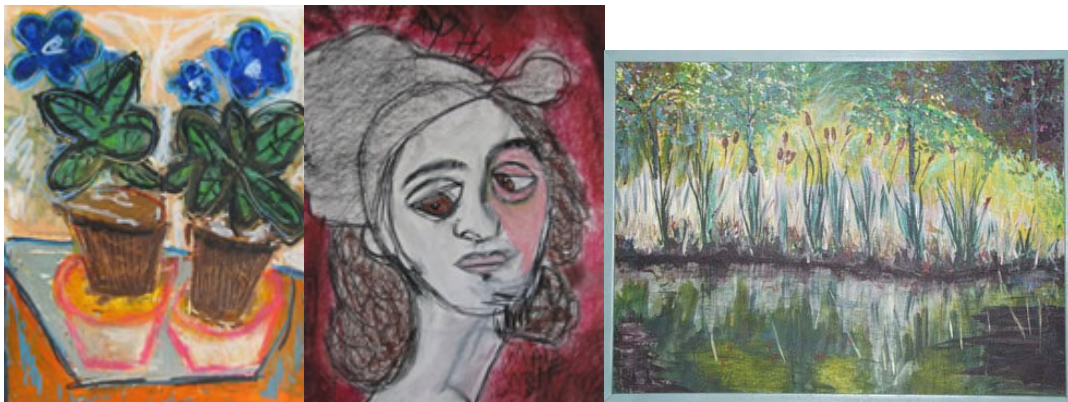
## **Outsiders Exhibit at SUNY Orange Gallery**

An exhibit at the SUNY Orange Hall Gallery in Middletown through December 12 is making it possible for people with intellectual disabilities, spectrum disorders and mental illness to demonstrate their artistic talents. “Art Enables”, a display of what is known as intuitive art, offers the perspective of people outside of the conventional art world.

The artists are members of Studio 601, a workspace supported by the Crystal Run Village Foundation, a fund raising entity that provides materials, instruction and integrated opportunities for underrepresented people in the arts. Many of the works that will be on display are familiar scenes in Orange County. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Keelin O’Sullivan and Ruth Christensen-Mullhaupt, the creators of Studio 601 as employees of Crystal Run Village, Inc., will receive the Champion for People with Disabilities Award at the Orange County Arts Council annual awards ceremony on November 21 at FEAST at Round Hill in Washingtonville. Studio 601 makes it possible for a talented person with a disability to become known as an “artist” rather than a “patient,” “consumer”, “Medicaid recipient”, or as “less than everyone else.”

Christensen-Mullhaupt and O’Sullivan operate the studio, teach the artists technique and advocate for exhibition opportunities at juried and un-juried art shows.



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