

# Main Line Art Center

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**Outreach Exhibition Explores *The Space Within*: May 19-June 4**

**Opening Reception: Fri., May 21, 5-8 pm**

**First Friday Reception: Fri., June 4, 6-9 pm hosted by Elwyn Education Division**

HAVERFORD, PA (May 11, 2010)—Since 1937, Main Line Art Center has served as a artistic haven for artists of all ages, all levels and all abilities. An important part of its mission to provide *Art for Everyone* are the outreach programs that reach underserved audiences including children, teens and adults with disabilities, at-risk children and low-income adults and families. These powerful programs are celebrated annually at an exhibition showcasing the work of participants.

The 2010 Exhibition takes on the theme of *The Space Within*, exploring both the functional, like vessels and containers, as well as internal reflection through self-portraits, sculpture and more. The exhibition runs May 19-June 4, and opens with a reception on Friday, May 21 from 5-8 pm. Joining us for the reception is the Run of the Mill String Band, an old-time southern Appalachian string band preserving and performing some of the best traditional American music you can find. In addition to their music, Run of the Mill String Band will hold an “instrument petting zoo” during the opening reception to encourage listeners to experience folk music and its instruments first hand. The exhibition, as well as the opening reception and First Friday reception on Fri., June 4, 6-9 pm hosted by Elwyn Education Division, are free and open to the public.

The following programs will be represented in the 2010 Outreach Exhibition: *The Space Within*:

**Exceptional Art for Children & Teens at Main Line Art Center.** Designed for children and teens with physical and cognitive disabilities, these classes are taught by instructors who are experienced in working with individuals with special needs. Volunteers from the community assist the teachers to provide each student with individual attention. The classes are designed not only to heighten sensitivity to the arts, but also to encourage and build physical, cognitive and social skills. This program is funded by Caroline Sanders Trust #2, Connelly Foundation, Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial Foundation, Rosenlund Family Foundation and The Victory Foundation.

**Delaware County Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI).** Located in Chester, PA, the Art Center’s program at CBVI provides ceramics classes for the blind and visually

impaired. Participating in projects that use tactile mediums such as clay and mosaics, the students are given the opportunity to develop their senses, gain confidence, and independence. This program is funded by Harriet G. Fredericks Trust, Louis N. Cassett Foundation, The Huston Foundation and The Karen and Herbert Lotman Foundation.

**Elwyn Education Division.** Main Line Art Center offers creative classes to four of Elwyn's community and school programs that serve children, teens and young adults with developmental disabilities. Each program complements the curriculum and provides the opportunity to work in drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and more. Students learn the fundamentals of art as they develop their cognitive and fine motor skills, as well as develop a creative and visual vocabulary in a fun and social atmosphere. This program is funded by Elwyn Education Division Art Outreach Development Funds.

**Presbyterian Children's Village.** Presbyterian Children's Village provides educational services and programs for children, families, and communities in crisis. The Art Center provides an after-school visual arts program as a reward to students for good behavior and provides them with the opportunity to explore artistic and aesthetic expression. The visual arts program will focus on projects in a variety of media to give students an over-view of materials, techniques and tools, including tiles, mosaics, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, printmaking and photography. This program is funded by The Victory Foundation.

A special concurrent exhibition will be running in the Art Center's Welcome Gallery featuring the work of Carol B. Saylor, an artist who gradually turned to sculpture during about 25 years of progressive deafness and blindness. In her exhibition, *The Mind's Eye*, Carol's expresses the emotions of a lifetime, from loss and grief, to gratitude and hope. She teaches the viewer how to really 'look' at sculpture through touch and to use their mind's eye to explore the world of art in a new way. Carol Saylor is the visiting artist at CBVI this semester and is teaching students how to create self-portrait masks through her own sculptural process and technique.

The mission of Main Line Art Center is to inspire and engage artistic creativity for all ages and abilities and to celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. In addition to its outreach programs and strong exhibitions, the Art Center offers instruction for adults and children in ceramics and sculpture, drawing and painting, jewelry and metalwork, photography, fiber arts and more and strives to offer programs that are affordable and accessible to everyone. The Art Center also offers summer and holiday camps for kids ages 4-13 and has a strong program for teens interested in building a portfolio for art school.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. The gallery is open from 10 am-8 pm Monday through Thursday; 10 am-4 pm Friday and Saturday and is closed on Sunday. For more information the Outreach exhibition or any of the Art Center's programming, please visit [www.mainlineart.org](http://www.mainlineart.org) or call 610.525.0272.

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