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Exhibition Featuring Artists with Disabilities Comes to Community Venues

*Presented by Main Line Art Center at Ludington and Gladwyne Libraries, and
Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped*

May 17 – June 5, 2013

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 18, 1 - 3 at Ludington Library

HAVERFORD, PA (April 30, 2013)—Each year, Main Line Art Center presents an exhibition which showcases the vibrant and colorful work created by children and adults with cognitive, physical, and emotional disabilities in the Center's Outreach Programs. Boasting Outreach Programs that serve as national models, the Art Center is proud to be one of the leading visual arts organizations in the region to make art accessible to diverse groups in the community. This year, the Center will present the exhibition offsite in public venues as part of its new *Exhibitions in the Community Program*. *Outreach 2013: 5+1 Sense Ability and Awareness* will be presented at Ludington Library (Bryn Mawr), Gladwyne Library (Gladwyne), and Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (Philadelphia) May 17 to June 5, and will be celebrated with an opening reception on Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 3 pm at Ludington Library.

This year's exhibition theme, *5+1: Sense Ability and Awareness*, highlights the increased sense of awareness that becomes a positive strength for those with a disability. Students from the **Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Delaware County** created self-portrait busts from clay. Teens from

Presbyterian Children's Village created ceramic sculpture and glass plates. Children, teens, and young adults with cognitive disabilities from the Art Center's own program, **Exceptional Art**, as well as from **Elwyn Education Division Programs**, created colorful prints, ceramic bowls, and painted seasonal still-lives from fresh produce. Each work of art provides an intimate view of how an individual perceives themselves and their relationship with world around them, reinforcing the power of art to communicate what often cannot be said in words.

These programs are possible thanks to donations to Main Line Art Center from individual community members and families, as well as the following generous supporters:

Exceptional Art Program at Main Line Art Center

Caroline Sanders Trust #2, and Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial Foundation

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Outreach 2013: 5+1 Sense Ability and Awareness is part of Main Line Art Center's *Exhibitions in the Community Program*, which places the work of its accomplished artists in libraries, hospitals and other community settings. The new program grew out of the Art Center's mission of making art more accessible by creating meaningful partnerships with local businesses and organizations. For a list of other *Exhibitions in the Community*, visit the Art Center's website: www.mainlineart.org.

For over 75 years, **Main Line Art Center** in Haverford has served as the creative home for generations of community members of all ages, levels and abilities. Its mission 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. Each year, the Art Center educates nearly 5,000 people through its art classes, outreach programs, lectures, and art camp. In keeping with its mission, Main Line Art Center pioneers a unique series of outreach programs for children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities, and grants \$12,000 in need-based scholarships annually. The Art Center has built a reputation for presenting innovative, thought-provoking exhibitions, while also presenting exhibitions that celebrate community. We offer up to ten annual exhibitions in our beautiful, spacious gallery and exhibitions throughout the community. These exhibitions feature the work of emerging and established artists and attract over 10,000 visitors each year.

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. For more information about *Outreach 2013: 5+1 Sense Ability and Awareness*, including how you can volunteer your time or make a donation to support these programs, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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High resolution images are attached. Additional images can be provided upon request.



Explorations of the Human Face

Students from the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired created expressive faces starting with 2 pinch pots, finished with iron oxide.



Textured Flowers

Students from the Exceptional Art Program for children and teens with disabilities created textured flowers using natural elements.