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Main Line Art Center Awarded Rotary Club of Ardmore Grant for Sensory Garden in Honor of 50th Anniversary of Accessible Art Programs for Children and Adults with Disabilities

HAVERFORD, PA (June 19, 2014)--Main Line Art Center is pleased to announce that it has been awarded an allocation grant in the amount of \$1000 by the Rotary Club of Ardmore for the development of its new sensory garden. Developed in honor of the Art Center's 50th anniversary of its Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities, the sensory garden was unveiled on May 31. Opening remarks at the Sensory Garden Party, which drew over 150 community members to the Art Center,

were given by Haverford Township Commissioner Mario Oliva and Lower Merion Commissioners Elizabeth S. Rogan and Scott Zelov.

The sensory garden is the final project in the Art Center's expansion and renovation, which included new jewelry and painting studios, vast improvements to the ceramics studios, and a new Digital Media program. The new garden is one of the ways that the center is able to fulfill its mission of *Art For Everyone* in an integrated and shared natural environment. A sensory garden is one that appeals to all five senses so that it can be enjoyed by artists of all abilities. The sensory garden will directly impact the participants of Main line Art Center's Accessible Art programs for individuals with disabilities as well as the community at large by providing a space for exploration, inspiration, and reflection. The Art Center hopes to expand the garden throughout its property and is seeking additional support from local businesses, corporations, foundations, and individuals. Those interested in contributing to the sensory garden or Accessible Art Programs should contact Nan Latona, Development Director, at 610.525.0272 ext. 113 or nlatona@mainlineart.org.

Main Line Art Center is a welcoming and inclusive creative home where everyone is encouraged to create, experience, and discover the value of art. Committed to making art more accessible, the Art Center has over 75 years of experience presenting award-winning art programs for individuals of all ages and abilities, including a unique series of Accessible Art programs for children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Throughout the year, Main Line Art Center presents innovative, contemporary art exhibitions in their award-winning gallery, as well as exhibitions that celebrate community. Last year over 16,000 people chose Main Line Art Center as their home for creativity.

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 Accessible Art Programs or the Sensory Garden, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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High resolution photographs are attached and available upon request:



1. Rotary Club of Ardmore presenting allocation grants to Main Line Art Center and other local organizations. From left to right: Roe Dorris, Ardmore Rotary Allocations Chair, David Broida, Legacy Youth Tennis & Education Director, Amie Potsic, Executive Director of Main Line Art Center, Elissa Berardi, Director of New Horizons Senior Center, Nick Galef, Camp Director Serendipity Day Camp, Marc Jaffe, Ardmore Rotary President.



2. View of the sensory garden and Main Line Art Center's new jewelry and painting studios. Photo by Howard Pitkow.



3. Main Line Art Center Education Director Stacie Brennan (right) shows Center for the Visually Blind and Impaired (CBVI) students Jennifer Wilgus, Jonni Lynn Campbell and Anthony Garcia touch sculptures and tiles made by fellow CBVI students. Photo by Howard Pitkow.