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Celebrating Artists of All Abilities at Main Line Art Center's Sensory Garden Party & Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, June 4, 1-3 pm

HAVERFORD, PA (May 11, 2016) —On Saturday, June 4 from 1 to 3 pm, Main Line Art Center in Haverford will celebrate the inspiring artists in their Accessible Art Programs for artists with disabilities, at-risk youth, and low-income families, as well as those featured in the Spring Gala Exhibition, with a festive Sensory Garden Party and Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser.

Set in the Art Center's picturesque Sensory Garden, guests attending the free, family-friendly event will enjoy music, garden-themed art projects for children, and refreshments, and can welcome summer by purchasing a handcrafted ceramic bowl with ice cream for \$15, or a disposable bowl of ice cream for \$5. The fun event will also serve as a closing reception for the *Spring Gala Exhibition and Fundraiser*, which closes June 5, and will kick-off the Center's annual ceramics sale, both benefitting the Center's award-winning programs.

Honored with a Commitment to Cultural Access Award in 2015, Main Line Art Center's Accessible Art Programs, instill participants with a sense of belonging, accomplishment, pride, and transform lives. Now in their 52nd year, Accessible Art Programs are offered on-site at Main Line Art Center, as well through partnerships with ARTZ Philadelphia, the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Elwyn, theVillage, and PA School for the Deaf. These programs are

generously supported by 1830 Family Foundation, Best Buy Foundation, Bill and Bobbie Family Foundation, CCRES, Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial Foundation, Harriet G. Fredericks Foundation, The Huston Foundation, and Karen Lotman. Throughout May and June, the colorful artwork created by Accessible Art participants will be on exhibit in the Center's Welcome Gallery, as well as at Marple Library and Ludington Library.

Main Line Art Center is this community's home to discover, create, and experience visual art. From award-winning visual art classes, to contemporary and innovative exhibitions, count on quality and expect the unexpected at Main Line Art Center. The art they exhibit, teach, and share is intended to exceed expectations as it inspires creativity, conversation, and joy. The mission of Main Line Art Center is to inspire and engage people of all ages, abilities, and economic means in visual art through education, exhibitions, and experiences. Committed to increasing the visibility and accessibility of art, the Art Center also presents exhibitions and events in the community, including *Panorama: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century*, an annual celebration of the photographic image and digital media which last year featured 60+ events over the course of two months presented by the Art Center and its 35+ Creative Partners.

Last year 16,000 people found inspiration at Main Line Art Center and 80,000 others were touched through the Art Center's exhibitions in the community and participation in events across the Philadelphia area.

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 Main Line Art Center's Sensory Garden Party, or the Accessible Art Programs, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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