



DELAVAN ART GALLERY

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“ART OF TRANSITIONAL LIVING SERVICES” EXHIBIT AT DELAVAN ART GALLERY CELEBRATES TLS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Syracuse, NY – October 21, 2009 – Delavan Art Gallery’s next Wild Card Exhibit, “The Art of Transitional Living Services” is in celebration of 35 years of services to the Central New York community by TLS, a long-time active organization that provides a broad range of supports and services to individuals living with a developmental disability, mental health issues or brain injury.

The display of works by talented people connected in some way with TLS opens Thursday, November 5 with a reception that night from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and remains up through Saturday, November 14.

The celebratory purpose of the exhibit extends the organization’s focus in helping people live in the community with dignity, partnership and hope. David Barber, TLS Program and Service Coordinator, says, “An important part of TLS’s philosophy has always been to provide individuals with opportunities to explore their creativity and potential, and we believe that the creative process of art making enriches, heals and enlightens the life of the artist and the viewer as well.”

Transitional Living Services began in 1974 with twenty staff members committed to helping individuals who were being de-institutionalized from state facilities to live in the community. Today, a staff of professionals offer many hundreds of people not only residential services, but also support for employment, education, medical and substance abuse issues, community involvement, habilitation activities and service coordination. The organization’s vision of service is to partner with people as they make choices about their lives and find ways to realize their hopes and dreams..

The November 5 opening marks the second time Delavan Art Gallery has hosted the TLS exhibit. Five years ago for its 30th celebration, TLS chose the space to display its art and stimulate awareness of its mission. Back then, TLS Program Director Kathleen Crinnin praised gallery director Bill Delavan for having the foresight in recognizing diversity in the art world.

This year, “The Art of Transitional Services” shares the opening with the gallery’s main exhibition, “Elements,” featuring paintings by Lynette Blake, ceramics by Amy Haven and paintings, prints and drawings by Jim Van Hoven.

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Delavan Art Gallery is a 3,800 square foot showcase and sales venue for fine art created by area artists. Conveniently located in downtown Syracuse at 501 West Fayette St., just a block beyond Armory Square, the gallery is free and open to the public. Off-street parking is available and the gallery is handicapped accessible. Regular Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, and at other times by appointment.

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