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2026 STUDENT TRAVELING EXHIBITION

The **Student Traveling Exhibition** titled, **A Matter of Perspective** has been curated and is being prepped for display. The first showing of this delightfully created artwork by students with disabilities from all over the state will be at the upcoming **Kentucky Conference for Exceptional Children**, Nov. 23rd & 24th in the Galt House, Louisville, KY.

We already have several show hosts planned starting in January and we will soon be sharing a video for you all to enjoy!

Thanks to the over 70+ students whose artwork was submitted. We wish we could show them all! We can't wait for you to see all the wonderful, creative art!



YOUTH PROGRAM: Side by Side

We are now taking applications for **SIDE BY SIDE** Sites. In this program, Students with disabilities participate in a series of art classes. Then they are partnered with an artist from their community to create a collaborative piece. The final event is an exhibition of all the artists' work. Family and friends are invited to a reception where the artists are recognized for their accomplishments.



Image of a young man and lady. They are seated beside each other and working on a piece of artwork on the table in front of them.

The Bowling Green Side by Side at the Kentucky Museum and will soon be opening up registration for 2026 Classes; open to K-12 students.

Locations in Murray and Richmond, KY are taking participants. Let us know if you are interested and we can put you in contact.

THANK YOU!
SIDE BY SIDE SPONSORS:
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Would you like to bring a Side by Side program to your school or community? Do you have a child/student that might be interested? Send an email or call 270-792-0023 or more info.

Adult Programs: *Arts for All Workshops*

We are excited to expand our Adult Programs:

Programs Assistant Sonja Byrd continues providing art classes for adults with disabilities in the BRADD region and beyond. Sonja offers group classes in acrylic, watercolor and NEW this year; Gelli printing! All supplies included.

Community Artist Anne Wilson is branching out in far western KY for classes at WATCH in Murray, Creative Enterprises in Paducah, and Marshall County's Exceptional Center.

Teaching Artist Misty Butler has been singing her songs and playing her tunes at Just Family in Barren and Pulaski counties and Active Day in Russellville, to name a few spots. We are happy to provide music and visual arts experiences!

Classes can be offered in day programs and community settings.
Contact Programs Assistant, **Sonja Byrd to learn more about these opportunities. *email: sonja@artsforallky.org***



Image of a table with a set of multi-colored watercolors and drawing of leaves in colors of purple, brown, and blue.



Image of two leaves, one on top of the other. In black paint on white paper.



Image of adults sitting at a table with brushes in hand painting on a small canvas. There is a woman wearing an apron with lots of different colored paint standing with her arm out gesturing to the art canvas on the table.

ARTIST REGISTRY: Featured Artist -- *Deanna Christian*



***The Jungle Explorer*, 2025**
Colored Pencil

Image of a drawing of a young boy in a blue hooded shirt holding a snake and surrounded by butterflies, a moth, a spider. A snake hangs above his head from a tree and there are flowers amidst all the creatures.

We are happy to spotlight the creative work of Deanna Christian, one of our talented artists featured in the [Arts ACCESS Online Gallery!](#)

Deanna learned art from observation of the artists who surrounded her in childhood and took workshops from Ann Kullberg and Gary Greene. She benefited from the excellent books about colored pencil by those and other colored pencil artists. Other than that, she is self-taught with no formal art education.

Deanna's art is filled with her detailed, colored pencil style with lots of heart. She creates portraits of people and animals with ease and passion. She is active with commissions and art lessons. If interested, reach out to us.

Visit the [Arts ACCESS Gallery online](#) to view Deanna's artwork, read her bio and artist statement.



Image is a lady standing in a classroom in front of several students seated on the floor that has a colorful rug. The Lady is pointing to a digital display.



ARTS FOR ALL + KET

Inspiring Accessible Arts with *Carl the Collector*

Arts for All Kentucky is partnering with **Kentucky Educational Television (KET)** to bring the creativity and inclusion of *PBS KIDS' Carl the Collector* into classrooms and homes! Together, we're developing accessible arts projects inspired by the show's themes of friendship, self-expression, and neurodiversity. These fun, accessible activities help students of all abilities explore their creativity while celebrating what makes each person unique. We will be sharing these resources for teachers, parents, and caregivers at the first of the year. Meanwhile, we will be providing Professional Development sessions about our project at the upcoming conferences this month. *More info about the conferences and sessions read below.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2025 KyAEA Fall Conference

PATRICK MULICK
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- NETWORKING
- ADVOCACY & POLICY UPDATES
- CLASSROOM STRATEGIES

2025
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE
23-25 NOV
LOUISVILLE, KY
REGISTER TODAY!

NOVEMBER 15

Arts for All KY will be on site at the Kentucky Art Education Association Conference in Louisville as a VENDOR and we have two PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT sessions on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Come by and say hello or better yet, attend one of our sessions! Our sessions are at 2:30 and 3:30 pm/EST. [Here is a link to the KYAEA schedule](#)

NOVEMBER 23 & 24

Arts for All KY will be on site at the Kentucky Exceptional Children's Conference in Louisville as a VENDOR and we have Four PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT sessions on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 23 & 24. Our Student Traveling Exhibit will be on display in the main hall. Our sessions are at 4:15 and 6:00 pm/EST on Sunday. 8am and 3:15 pm/EST on Monday, [Here is a link to the KYCEC schedule](#)

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Image of a smiling young man standing in a classroom holding up artwork that is yellow, black, green, red and has various patterns.

Accessible Arts Residencies are in full action!

We have been having such a great time making art in schools across the state! We have residencies in the following schools:

*Lewis County Central
Cumberland Trace Elementary
Phoenix School of Discovery
Hart County High
Temple Hill Elementary
Sharp Middle School
Flat Lick Elementary
Jody Richards Elementary
Waggener High School
Louisville Youth Performing Arts School
Kentucky School for the Blind
YOUR SCHOOL HERE!*

Contact us to learn how to host one of our teaching artists at your school or community center!

- **Arts Inclusion program**

Bring a guest artist, musician, or storyteller to your school through this program

- **Side by Side**

This program is hosted at your school, community center, arts organization or local library

- **Special Initiative**

Offer an after school program, Arts Festival or Camp for your kids or adults

• Learn more at the website artsforallky.org

AREN'T SURE WHICH PROGRAM WORKS FOR YOU?
Contact Catie Bates Robertson at phone: 270-792-0023
or email: programs@artsforallky.org with your questions.

Rolling Application Deadlines!

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