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**Arc Art on Display at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center**

The Arc Allegany-Steuben, an agency for the rights and full participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, invites the public to view their 2022 Arc Art exhibit at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center, 124 North Main Street, Wellsville, NY. Arc Art will be on display March 6<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“We are honored to have partnered with the Wellsville Creative Arts Center for 15 years to promote disability awareness, and to encourage people with disabilities to explore new activities and discover their inner artist,” says Carrie Redman, The Arc Allegany-Steuben’s Associate Director of Marketing & Community Relations. “Arc Art is a celebration of self-expression by artists with differing abilities and this year’s Arc Art exhibit coincides with March being National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Arc Art honors people with disabilities throughout Allegany and Steuben Counties and provides a stimulating and supportive environment that promotes creative expression, independence, dignity, and community integration.”

“The goal of the Arc Art program is to encourage arts among people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by giving them a place to exhibit their artwork while increasing awareness within the general population about the creativity and talent of people with disabilities,” says Redman. “Over 25 artists are displaying their work in the Arc Art exhibit. The works on display demonstrates the extraordinary creativity of its makers through an abundance of styles and images. In some instances, the artist’s disability directly influences their art; in other cases, their disability has little or no effect on their work.”

Arc Art is a celebration of self-expression by artists with differing abilities. It is an Arc Allegany-Steuben sponsored outlet for artists with special needs to not only express themselves through art, but to raise community awareness of the diversity and value of artistic expression.

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**CAPTION: This canvas created by Jessica Bogdan is one of many Arc artworks that can be seen on display at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center March 6<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**