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## **Liberty ARC Celebrates Artists of All Ages and Abilities in Community With Inclusive Art Show**

**Amsterdam** –Liberty ARC held their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Creative Expressions Art Show to celebrate and recognize 157 artists from across New York State. The juried art show held on October 22 at the Century Club in Amsterdam gave artists of all abilities and ages the unique opportunity to showcase their inspiring talent in an inclusive and welcoming community setting.

Artwork from Liberty ARC’s *Liberty Through the Arts* program, and two other agencies that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The Arc Lexington in Gloversville and The Arc of Oneida-Lewis in Utica, were included in the show. Members of the local artistic community also entered pieces into the show, as well as Liberty ARC staff and Michael Santabarbara, son of New York State Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, D-Rotterdam.

For more than 15 years *Liberty Through the Arts* program has showcased the inspiration, originality, and enthusiasm of artists with disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties.

Four awards were given out at the show.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Dutch Poor Collaboration Divider” created by Lexington ARC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “The Rabbit” created by April Welke, a community member

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Clowning Around” created by Liberty ARC’s Community Connections Day Hab Program

People’s Choice Award: “Beautiful Mountains” created by April Welke, a community member

### **About Liberty ARC**

Liberty ARC, a chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports

and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community. While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years. Our mission- *Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values* - together with our *Values* make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a stand-out in our field.

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