

**Starlight Studio and Art Gallery
is a program of the
Learning Disabilities Association
of Western New York**

LDA of WNY prides itself on being a participant led and professionally managed organization that assists individuals in gaining as much independence as their abilities allow.

LDA of WNY originated in 1965 as a parent support group. Today, LDA of WNY provides a wide range of services to help children and adults with learning and developmental disabilities develop the skills they need to work, live, and participate in their communities.

Our Mission

The mission of LDA of WNY is to provide high-quality, individualized, comprehensive, and innovative services, which support, educate, and empower individuals with learning and/or developmental disabilities.

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**Supporting and Promoting
Inclusive Arts Since 2005**



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Starlight Artist Janet Harrison stands next to her paintings on display at the Downtown Branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library.



Artist Rick Nickel presents to Starlight Artists



Starlight Studio and Art Gallery

Starlight is a vibrant art studio located in downtown Buffalo that supports adults in their artistic development. Starlight's public gallery shows the work of the Starlight artists and hosts exhibitions by other artists.

Available Media

Starlight Artists work in variety of media:

- Painting
- Fiber Arts
- Drawing
- Printmaking
- Ceramics
- Mixed Media Sculpture
- Creative Writing
- Stop-action Animation
- Photography

In the Community

Starlight is on the go:

- Installing exhibits off-site at galleries, restaurants and events
- Using the community as subject matter for drawings, photos and video projects
- Comparison-shopping for supplies
- Mining supplies and inspiration through urban and rural walks, visits to galleries and museum
- Conducting art demonstrations and panel presentations to visiting groups or at conferences

Vocational Opportunities

At Starlight Studio and Art Gallery, the artists work in an individualized manner with professional artists to build their skills and become more integrated into the arts community.

Artists have the opportunity to:

- Build an arts portfolio
- Exhibit artwork in the Starlight Gallery and in the community
- Sell artwork from our gift shop, website, and in the community
- Develop and strengthen their reading and writing skills
- Write a resume

Artists discover and set goals according to their interests and they have the opportunity to develop transferrable skills in the following areas:

- Arts Materials Management
- Art Installation
- Art Instruction Mentoring
- Starlight Store
- Starlight Library
- Public Relations and Marketing
- Community Presentations
- Volunteering in the community

For more information, call or stop by!
Starlight Studio and Art Gallery
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Frequent Collaborators

- CEPA Gallery
- Squeaky Wheel Media Arts Center
- Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Arts Services Initiative of WNY
- Disability Education Advocacy Network
- Burchfield-Penny Art Center
- Grassroots Gardens
- Righteous Babe Records
- Oishei Foundation
- Partnership for Public Good



Andy Calderon with his drawing, *By the Seashore*, at Roswell Park Cancer Institute's Scott Bieler Clinical Sciences Center

Eligibility

Starlight is for individuals 18 years of age or older that qualify for the Medicaid Waiver through the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and have an interest in making art.

If you are unsure whether or not you qualify, contact us and we can assist you. Private pay options are also available.