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## **“Wild Things: Images of Animals and Nature”** **Multi-media exhibit spans the globe and its fauna**

**Albany, NY** – The Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is proud to host a new exhibit, “Wild Things: Images of Animals and Nature” featuring a variety of work from the talented students of the Living Resources Arts Program.

The piercing eyes of a spectacularly rendered jaguar greet you upon arrival. A colorful neighborhood where yellow-spotted trees thrive is sure to make you feel right at home. Meet the gaze of a canvas full of multi-colored cats, and be wowed by sculptural representations of the Muppets and an acrylic rendering of Frida Kahlo. This selection of paintings, colored crayon renderings, beaded jewelry, and mixed media sculptures has a little something for everyone. Come and enjoy a journey through tropical waters teeming with aquatic life and the pastoral countryside where wild horses roam. This is where Albany gets a taste of the wild side.

“We hope that the viewers take away some pleasure and interest from looking at the art work completed by our students and gain some perspective about the artistic abilities of people with disabilities”, says instructor/artist Rebecca Peters, Instructor/Artist at Living Resources.

The Living Resources Arts Program has been providing quality art instruction to artists with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries since its inception. Creative teens and adults are exposed to a myriad of artistic disciplines weekly, ranging from jewelry making to the graphic arts, at one of three studio locations in Albany, Schenectady, and Malta.

Additionally, the College of St. Rose’s College Experience Program provides an added opportunity for students to express their inner creativity. Highly recognized both locally and nationally, student artwork has been displayed in local businesses and galleries including The Opalka Gallery at Saint Rose, the Fulton Sy. Gallery in Troy, and the Case Gallery at Skidmore College. The Miller Sanders Gallery, located in the Living Resources Corporate Headquarters, features several theme-driven exhibits throughout the year. Living Resources also provides art instruction for Acquired Brain Injury students at their main office in Albany.

For more info, please visit [http://www.livingresources.org/arts\\_program/index.php](http://www.livingresources.org/arts_program/index.php)

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