



"Tree of Wisdom," a mixed media piece created by the artists of Verve Vertu Center of the Deutsch Institute, is one of the art works in the Exceptional Art - Exceptional Artists exhibit that will go on display during a special reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 in the Speech-Language and Hearing Center at Misericordia University. The exhibit is located on the second floor of John J. Passan Hall, in the Misericordia College of Health Sciences, 100 Lake St., Dallas.

Verve Vertu art students will display works May 2

The Misericordia Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Department will host a reception to introduce the works of artists from Verve Vertu Art Studio on display in the Speech-Language and Hearing Center from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 on the second floor of John J. Passan Hall, Lake Street, Dallas Borough. Reservations are recommended.

The exhibit will remain on display through April 2014.

The rotating art collection is entitled "Exceptional Art - Exceptional Artists" and features the works of artists from the Deutsch Institute's Verve Vertu Art Studio.

The Deutsch Institute offers recreational and leisure activities to people with a wide range of disabilities. The university has a special relationship with many of the artists, because a number of them attend therapy sessions at the Speech-Language and Hearing Center at Misericordia University.

The collection includes many individual works as well as the special multi-media piece, "Tree of Wisdom," which was created by the artists of Verve Vertu. It will be added to the permanent art collection in the Speech-Language and Hearing Center at Misericordia University. Sponsors for the event include Bartolai Winery, Earl & Sedor Photographic, igourmet and Coca Cola Refreshments.

The artists who will have works on display include Victoria Brown, Swoyersville; Jen Carey, Wilkes-Barre; Patrick Cleary, Dallas; Roxanne Cross, Hanover Township; Eric Dodson, Wilkes-Barre; Erin Dougherty, Dallas; Pam Gregory, Kingston; Jeannie Hammerbacher, Wilkes-Barre; Michael Hungarter, Kingston; Lauren Jones, White Haven; Shaun Lambert, Pittston; Kayla Morgan, Eynon; Josh Schlegel, Hanover Township; Patty Spellman, Wilkes-Barre; Billy Sukus, Dallas; Elizabeth Thomas, Forty Fort; Karen Trzcinski, Wilkes-

Barre; Jeremy Vandermark, Kingston; Selena Waters, Clarks Summit; Lisa Zavada, Wilkes-Barre and Edward Zebrowski, Laflin.

The exhibit is open free to the public during regular business hours of the Speech-Language and Hearing Center, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Reservations for the free reception can be made by contacting Michelle Donato at 674-8255.

Boback supports in-state college rates for veterans

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) recently voted in favor of legislation that passed unanimously in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to grant in-state tuition rates to eligible veterans and their dependents at Pennsylvania's public institutions of higher learning.

A full-time semester at a state-owned university costs \$4,310 for Pennsylvania residents. An out-of-state veteran would pay \$9,223 for tuition at the same university.

House Bill 472 would only

apply to the tuition rates of Pennsylvania's state-owned and state-related universities and community colleges, such as Bloomsburg University in Columbia County.

House Bill 472 has garnered the support of the Pennsylvania Veterans Commission, Pennsylvania War Veterans Council, Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges, Penn State University and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

The legislation now awaits consideration in the Senate.

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