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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Oct. 2: Center for Disabilities Studies will host annual Artfest

Sept. 22, 2010----The [Center for Disabilities Studies](#) (CDS) at the University of Delaware will hold its annual art workshop -- Artfest -- on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-noon.

The purpose of the workshop is to give older children, teens, young adults, and adults with disabilities an opportunity to create artwork that will be used for the center's 2009-2010 annual report/calendar. Past annual reports have also included artwork created by people with disabilities at CDS-sponsored art workshops.

Lisa Bartoli, founder of the [Art Therapy Express Program, Inc.](#), will again lead the art workshop. It will take place at the Absalom Jones Community Center in Newport, where Bartoli's art studio is part of the fine arts education center of New Castle County's Department of Community Services.

Artfest participants can select from a wide range of nontraditional tools such as large floor rollers and textured mitts and other adaptive technology. Several students in UD's disabilities study minor have volunteered to help the program participants. They will learn techniques for adapting materials, equipment and teaching styles to enable everyone to participate fully in the event.

There is no charge for the program, but registration for Artfest is required. Contact Michele Sands at 831-3038 or [msands@udel.edu] with the name, age and contact information for the person who will be participating in the workshop.

The mission of the Center for Disabilities Studies is to enhance the lives of individuals and families through education, prevention, service, and research related to disabilities. The center promotes independence and productivity so individuals and families can fully participate in the life of their communities in Delaware and beyond.