



Celebrating Autism  
Changing Perceptions  
Creating Community



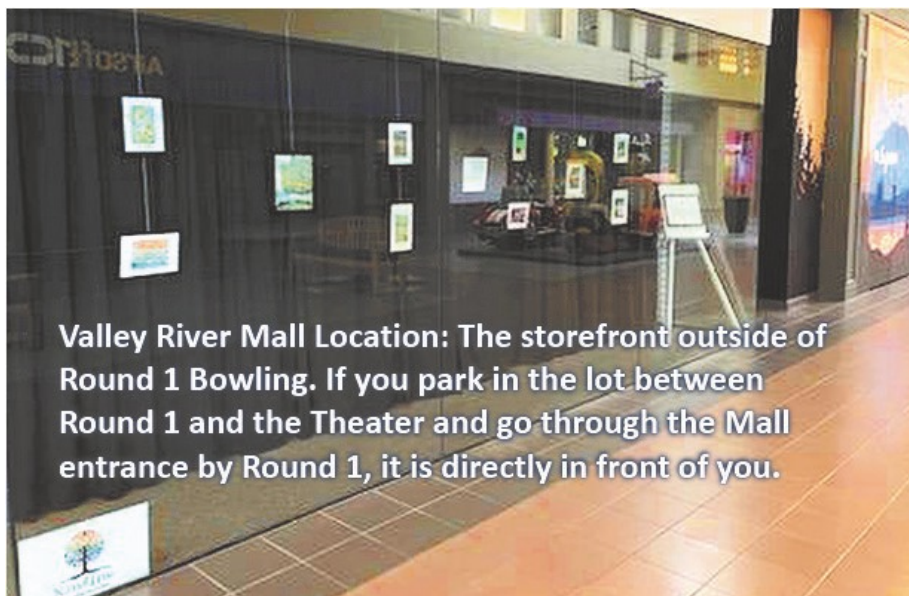
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**Artists Featured:** Shanti Gonzalez, Rhonda Rauch, and Stephen Miller.

These artists will be displayed for the next few weeks and we will be rotating to other artists and their works to keep that area fresh and interesting. Other displays and our **2023 Festival of Art for All** are in the planning stage.  
*Stay Tuned!!*

**Do YOU have art to submit?** Our Art Program provides each artist their own webpage, marketing of prints, notecards and framed originals, exhibition events, and more. All ages welcome. [READ MORE ONLINE](#)

**Are YOU interested in developing your artistic interests?** Join Frank's Drawing Club classes via Zoom in our STiLE Program.

#### **Drawing Club with Frank Louis Allen:**

Frank Louis Allen is a well known artist who also happens to be on the Autism Spectrum. He hopes to teach a relaxed approach to improving your art practice and overcoming personal challenges to this.

Frank will be using materials and art supplies common in many households: Pencil, crayon, or Pen, Paper or pad, so get them ready!

#### **Music Writing and Performance** with David Helfand:

A very popular and interactive class with participants creating music together. The first thing people get from our classes is an incredible sense of joy, the feeling that they have just played and made music with other people.

**Both of these classes are ongoing...**

[Register Now](#) – Click Here to complete online form.

**Scholarships** are available:

Contact [STiLE@kindtree.org](mailto:STiLE@kindtree.org) for more information.

**Online Student Information Health & Safety 2023 Form.** *This form must be completed by all participants*

**All Registration, Art Program Information, and more at [www.kindtree.org](http://www.kindtree.org)**

# Academy of Arts and Academics



## Thank You Academy of Arts and Academics

At the end of 2022, I had the great experience of working with students from the Academy of Arts and Academics on their "Art of Propaganda" project and presentation. As the Executive Director of KindTree - Autism Rocks, I so enjoyed meeting with the students weekly to answer their questions about KindTree, outreach objectives, and provide feedback as the project developed. Kudos to these creative young adults for their quality work. - Loretta McNally

## Autism News Briefs

**Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to have autism** - Researchers are working to understand the connection and how society can be more accommodating to people who live at this intersection. [www.kindtree.org/transgender-and-non-binary-people-are-up-to-six-times-more-likely-to-have-autism/](http://www.kindtree.org/transgender-and-non-binary-people-are-up-to-six-times-more-likely-to-have-autism/)

**Stubborn Turtle Blog** "I killed another plant. Not intentionally - I just don't have my mom's green thumb and rue another attempt to nurture. Thank God I never had children, I sigh in exasperation." Alisa McLaughlin. [www.amcstubbornturtle.blogspot.com/2023/01/the-undiscovered-country.html](http://www.amcstubbornturtle.blogspot.com/2023/01/the-undiscovered-country.html)

**Kodi Lee, blind and autistic, performs on America's Got Talent All Stars Show.** This young man is amazing and an inspiration to all autistics who demonstrate musical talent. This video is awesome, watch it today. On YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8-0z9bIWm8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8-0z9bIWm8)



## SUPPORT GROUP Updates

The Eugene **Peer Support Group**, 2nd Mondays.  
Via Zoom, looking for an in-person venue...stay tuned.

**Parents of Children on the Autism Spectrum (Online/statewide)** the Autism Society of Oregon's Parent Support Groups.

**Social Skills Group** Facilitated by Mary-Minn Sirag, 3rd Mondays of every month. Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St, Eugene, OR 97405.

**Every Friday Social** Every Friday via Zoom at 4:30pm Pacific Time.



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