

FEATURE
ARTICLE

Artists Show Off Their Talent And Creative Abilities At 2014 Art Show and Sale!!!

This world is but a canvas to our imagination.---[Henry David Thoreau](#)

After months of planning, preparation, and hard work taken on by Access II staff members and several talented artists, another successful art show is in the books. On Friday, September 5th and Saturday, September 6th, artists, staff, and community members came together at the Strand Hotel Community room in Chillicothe to celebrate the talent and creative abilities of artists with disabilities. The Strand Hotel was filled with photos, watercolor paintings, acrylic paintings, along with jewelry and creative folk art pieces. That is just to name a few. We had a wide variety of art this year and most of it was for sale.



The contributing artists all have disabilities but do not let their disabilities stop them from using their talents to create art and share their experiences with others. On Friday, the artists celebrated with family, friends, and the community and shared in an artist's reception. Refreshments were served and the artists were able to mingle with guests and discuss their pieces, and what inspires them to create. On Saturday, the show and sale began with artists displaying and selling items.

This year Access II was unable to apply for the Missouri Arts Council grant due to the grant funders requiring an extended number of viewing hours. This year's entire show was put on by community donations and funds from Access II Independent Living Center. Even without the grant, several artists were able to receive transportation to the show and some also received art supplies they needed to complete their pieces. The Strand Apartments donated their community room and KCHI and KTTN radio networks partnered with Access II to run no cost PSA's on the radio.

This year we also added a new twist to the event. All visitors to the art show were able to text in their vote for their favorite piece of art. Several people participated in the voting and this year's winner, Sheila Reed won a \$100 gift card. Access II staff are always humbled by the amount of creativity, talent and determination that our participating artists show every year. We would like to thank all of our artists and community members for contributing to another successful Access II Art Show. We are always open to suggestions and welcome any ideas that you might have for next year. Please let us know if you would like to participate in next year's show. We hope to see you there next year!



For more information, contact Jessica Adkins at Access II's office, (888) 663-2423 ext. 231.

What Will You Find During Medicare Open Enrollment? October 15 - December 7

Your health needs change from year to year. And, your health plan may change the benefits and costs each year too. That's why it's important to review your Medicare choices each fall.

Compare your current plan to new options and see if you can lower some costs or to find a plan that will better suit your needs.

Open Enrollment is the one time of year when ALL people with Medicare can see what new benefits Medicare has to offer and make changes to their coverage.

It's worth it to take the time to review and compare, but you don't have to do it alone.

MEDICARE COST SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Do you receive Medicare? If you answered yes, do you have a difficult time paying for your Part B premiums? If Medicare premiums are difficult to afford, you may be able to take advantage of the [Medicare Savings Program \(MSP\)](#). This program, designed for low-income Medicare recipients who fall within [income eligibility guidelines](#), will cover the cost of Part B premiums, which are typically deducted from the recipients Social Security check each month. In some cases, Medicare Savings Programs may also pay Part A deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. The savings from this program could amount to over \$1,000 in one year.

Access II Independent Living Center staffs a certified Benefit Specialist who can assist you with applying and receiving these Medicare Cost Savings Programs.

Marina Beebe

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Complete form and mail it to the following address:


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C/O Marina Beebe

101 Industrial Parkway

Gallatin, MO 64640

Annual Enrollment for your Medicare Part D prescription plan is EACH **OCT 15th –DEC 7th**

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	County:
Zip Code:	
Phone number:	
Medicare Claim # ____--____--____--____ (as it appears on Medicare Card, see example right)	
Medicare Effective Date: Part A ____ / ____ / ____ Part B ____ / ____ / ____	
	
Date of Birth (month/day/year): ____ / ____ / ____	
Where do you have prescriptions filled? <input type="checkbox"/> Local retail pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Mail order	
Pharmacy name: _____	
Do you spend a good portion of the year in another state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you currently have any type of prescription drug coverage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, what Plan do you have? _____	
Your Extra Help Status Some Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for “Extra Help” with prescription costs based on their income and assets. This program may also be called Low-Income Subsidies. Please check the box that applies:	
Are you on Medicaid or does the State pay your Part B premium? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Before mailing, please be sure you have read and completed this entire form carefully.

	I know I get Extra Help, or I have received a letter from Social Security saying that I qualify for the Extra Help.
	My income is below: \$16,755 if single, \$22,695 if married AND My resources are below: \$13,070 if single, \$26,120 if married, but I have not received a letter.
	I have more income and assets than the amounts listed above, or I know I do not qualify.

Missouri Rx: is a **free** program that will pay 50% of all out of pocket expenses (except for premium costs) that remain after the Part D Plan has paid. To be eligible, you must be a Missouri Resident, enrolled in a Part D Plan, and have a yearly income of less than **\$21,660** if single or **\$29,140** if married. **Would you like to apply for this program?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I already have MoRx

Current Prescription Drug List To ensure your medication list is accurate, it is encouraged to have your pharmacy print-out of your current medications. Please **double check spelling** and **include any letters following the drug name**, such as XL, ER, SR, etc.
Attach a list if more space is needed.

Drug Name (If you take generic, use generic name)	Strength of Drug (usually in mg)	How many total pills (inhalers, vials) do you take per month ?
<i>Example: Glipizide ER</i>	<i>10 mg</i>	<i>30</i>

~ More Upcoming Events ~

Holiday Fundraiser

Santa Pictures!!!



On **November 14th** from **3:30pm to 7:00pm**

Access II will be doing Santa and Family Holiday portraits at the Access II office, 101 Industrial Parkway, in Gallatin. Please call Lisa at 660-663-2423 ext. 221 for more information and to reserve your time. Walk-ins are also welcome.

On **November 29th**, Access II will be on hand at the *Step Back in Time Christmas Festival* in Jamesport MO, taking Santa and Family Holiday portraits. We will also have some crafts for the children.



For more information, contact Brandy Gannan at Access II's office, (888) 663-2423 ext. 233.

Holiday Food Baskets

Access II Independent Living Center is now collecting donations from local business and members of the community to fill food baskets to benefit individuals with disabilities in our community for whom a holiday meal is difficult to come by. For information or if you or your business/organization would like to make a contribution please contact Lisa Reagh at (660) 663-2423 ext. 221

HALLOWEEN TRUNK-R-TREAT

This year Access II staff will be participating in the Trunk-R-Treat event at the Square in Gallatin. Please stop by and see us celebrate with our community with silly costumes and, of course CANDY. There will also be a decorating contest so come out and see what we have come up with. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Check out what else we've been doing:

ADA Anniversary Celebration

In honor of the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Access II hosted a FREE LUNCH for all members of the community. We served traditional cook-out fare including an assortment of cookies supplied by Casey's General Store. Please watch for announcements next summer as July 25, 2015 will be the 25th anniversary.

Access II Welcomes New Staff Members



Andrew Glodo

My name is Andrew Glodo. I am the new child advocate / employment specialist. I am a father of four children (1 boy and 3 girls). My experience in the IEP process comes from career of teaching as well as being the parent of a child with special educational needs. I have a diverse background of work experience and moved to Missouri two years ago, from Washington state. I enjoy being outdoors and I am involved in Scouting. It is indeed an honor to be working with such an awesome and talented team.



Debbie Golding

Hello! My name is Debbie Golding. I am the LPN here at Access II. I have been a nurse for 22 years. I live in Braymer and I have one son, Jason, and two daughters, Carmen and Kelli. I am the proud Nana to Ethan, Lincoln and Aria. I love spoiling them, then sending them back home! I enjoy cross stitching, reading, listening to music and spending time with my family. I feel very fortunate to be working with such a great group of people and I look forward to seeing what the future holds!

Access II Team Member Celebrates Milestone



In October, Access II staff was thrilled to celebrate the TEN YEAR anniversary of our Benefits Specialist, Marina Beebe. We are honored and privileged to work with such a compassionate, energetic and knowledgeable person who is always willing to assist her consumers as well as coworkers.

Consumer Spotlight: Deborah McGuire



Deb is a woman who makes you instantly feel comfortable. She is very social and is always putting others before herself. Deb, along with her husband, work taking care of their farm and home in rural Missouri. She enjoys planting flowers, collecting the chicken eggs, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren. Deb does all of these things without any sight. Although she was able to see as a child and young adult her disability has left her with no vision at all. Deb is passionate for life and it's apparent once you meet her. Deb quoted "There is not anything that anyone else can do that I can't, except maybe drive" and then began laughing her contagious laugh. Deb says her family and her sense of humor are what drives her. Deb's outlook and passion for life is a blessing to all that come in contact with her.

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Calendar of Events

October

31 Trunk-r-Treat, Gallatin Square

November

20 Staff Day ó Center Closed

27 Thanksgiving ó Center Closed

25 Board Meeting

28 Cold Turkey Day ó Center Closed

December

18-19 Holiday Food Basket Pick-up Days

24 Staff Day ó Center Closed

25-31 Christmas Holiday ó Center Closed

January

01 New Year's Day ó Center Closed

15 Staff Day ó Center Closed

27 Board Meeting

Office Hours

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday

Check out our website at www.accessii.org ~ We will be undergoing changes!