

## MISSION STATEMENT

A diverse community dedicated to the support, mentorship and promotion of artists with disabilities. Creating a presence through artistic expression.

This mission statement was formulated through the identified needs of the group. Group members were asked at the July 15th meeting, held at Outsiders and Others, to write down their needs and points of interest within the new group we are forming (yet to be named). With this input we established four areas of potential focus / services.

1. **SUPPORT:** established through

- \* Support groups / types to be determined by demand
- \* Critiques / facilitated by members for members
- \* Resource information
- \* Trading skills

2. **MENTORSHIP:** established through

- \* Workshops / facilitated by members for members  
Types of workshops to be determined by demand; can include but are not limited to....
  - + Techniques in mediums
  - + Grant writing, Resume building, Artist statements

3. **PROMOTION:** established through

- \* Creating a web site / billboard
- \* Community projects
- \* Creating group venues
- \* Creating a larger annual festival of arts for artwork by artist with disability labels.

4. **PUBLIC AWARENESS:** established by

- \* Creating a presence through artistic expression.
- \* Promoting the work of artists with disability labels.
- \* Political Activism / dictated by individual interests.