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**D&R Greenway and Eden Autism Services Partner for
'Nature through the Eyes of Eden Students'**
On view through July 31, Olivia Rainbow Gallery

Calendar Listing

Eden Autism Services 'Nature through the Eyes of Eden Students' at D&R Greenway Land Trust's Olivia Rainbow Gallery of the Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton, through July 31, featuring artwork by students of Eden Autism Services. Free. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed holidays – please call ahead to confirm availability at 609-924-4646 www.drgreenway.org

Press Release

Princeton, N.J. – “*Nature through the Eyes of Eden Students*” is on view at D&R Greenway Land Trust's Olivia Rainbow Gallery, Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton, through July 31, featuring artwork by Eden Autism Services students.

“We are delighted to partner with Eden Autism Services,” says D&R Greenway Land Trust President & CEO Linda Mead. “Both our organizations are vital to the health and well-being of people in central New Jersey and beyond. While Eden is a nationally recognized leader in improving the lives of children and adults with autism, providing everything from early intervention to consultation, D&R Greenway makes sure our communities have clean drinking water and places where children and adults can experience nature and lead healthier lives. Recent studies show how important walking in natural surroundings is for human development and the brain.”

“Eden is truly grateful for the important work of D&R Greenway,” said Peter Bell, President & CEO of Eden Autism Services. “Having places where our students and staff can experience the great outdoors is so beneficial to their well being. We see this as great partnership between Eden and D&R Greenway, both to raise autism awareness and to allow our participants to have the opportunity to enjoy and showcase their artistic talents; along with the opportunity to learn more about art, nature and preservation.”

Fittingly, the mural created by Eden students is nature themed, depicting all the seasons. “There are also individual pieces of art created by our students with their own unique interpretations of nature,” says Eden Director of Educational Services Rachel Tait. All the students in the Eden School participated in the exhibit. Two teachers prompted students to use their imagination to expand on the idea.

The exhibition will be in the Olivia Rainbow Gallery of the Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton. D&R Greenway's Olivia Rainbow Gallery is funded by Chris and Leslie Kuenne in memory of their 4-year-old, Olivia, who cherished art and nature. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed holidays and special occasions – please call ahead to confirm availability. www.drgreenway.org

D&R GREENWAY LAND TRUST IS IN ITS 26TH YEAR of preserving and protecting natural lands, farmlands and open spaces throughout central and southern New Jersey. Through continuous preservation and stewardship -- caring for land and easements to ensure they remain protected and ecologically healthy in perpetuity -- D&R Greenway nurtures a healthier and more diverse environment for people and wild species in seven counties. Accredited by the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission, D&R Greenway's mission is to preserve and care for land and inspire a conservation ethic, now and for the future. Since its founding in 1989, D&R Greenway has permanently preserved more than 18,750 acres, an area 20 times the size of New York City's Central Park, including 28 miles of trails open to the public.

The Johnson Education Center, a circa 1900 restored barn at One Preservation Place, Princeton, is D&R Greenway's home. Through programs, art exhibits and related lectures, D&R Greenway inspires greater public commitment to safeguarding land.

About Eden Autism Services

Eden Autism Services is a nationally recognized leader in improving the lives of children and adults with autism, their families, educators and other professionals.

Founded in 1975, Eden was among the first service providers to expand its program to address the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum from the point of diagnosis through adulthood. Eden's programs help to empower the individuals we serve to live full and productive lives.

The **Eden School** offers early intervention therapy, a year-round program for students aged 3 to 21 and a High School Employment Program. **Eden Adult Services** provides residential programs, recreational activities, employment training and placement. **Eden Outreach** provides early intervention services, professional development, recreational activities and consultation for individuals, families, and professionals who are not enrolled in an on-site program.

For more information about Eden Autism Services visit www.edenautism.org or call 609.987.0099