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### SAVE THE DATE

- Cove Pop Up at Flying Shuttles Studio**  
Saturday, September 7th • 10am-4pm  
250 Main St., Pawtucket
- Warren Folk Festival**  
Sunday, September 8th • 1pm-7pm  
30 Cutler St., Warren, RI
- Providence Artisans Market**  
August 3rd & October 5th • 9am-2pm  
Adjacent to Hope St. Farmers Market  
Lippitt Memorial Park  
1015 Hope St., Providence  
(Weather permitting)
- Fine Furnishings Show**  
November 8th-10th • Fri. 5pm-9pm,  
Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-4pm  
Waterfire Arts Center, 475 Valley St., Providence  
Admission - \$10

For more information, visit our website: [www.bvcriarc.org](http://www.bvcriarc.org)

## A way of life through art

**B**ig, bright buildings  
**R**ising across the skies  
**E**scaping the Earth's Atmosphere  
**N**ight lights glow on the streets  
**D**aybreak hides the moon  
**A**wakening the artist



This is the profile of one amazing artist at Flying Shuttles Art and Weaving Studio. It not only spells her first name, Brenda, but it expresses the quality of her work, her vision and her passion to pursue a

career that brings her great joy and financial stability. As she explains it, "Art is my life....and I have been doing it since I was three years old."

Brenda has been selling her artwork at Flying Shuttles for 13 years. Recently she decided she wanted to go out on her own. With some assistance, she developed a business plan with goals that would allow her to become more financially stable.

In Brenda's portfolio and business plan, she states this in her artist's reflection:

*Art work is my dream come true. It's my special place where I go and be true to my heart and soul, a way to express who I really am...I express my deepest thoughts and my feelings about how wonderful colors are and show different ways to express them on paper.*

Brenda is not only passionate about art; she is also a promoter of the City of Pawtucket highlighting and collecting images of historic buildings, things past and encouraging a future of revitalization. Her vision includes designing a building-wide mural for the recently purchased Grant Building focusing on each of the businesses in the newly renovated space called "Still on Main." During our interview Brenda pointed across the street and said, "There were some amazing old

buildings and businesses at one time here and across the street, so I would include the old and the new together in the mural hoping that people would come back to the city and see the changes."

What is inspiring about Brenda's business plan and work ethic is her own personal desire to support causes that are important to her. She would like to be able to contribute to animal rescue organizations including programs that help animals with disabling conditions. She would like to help support her family as well and cares about feeding children in need.

Brenda had several goals in her business plan including: to increase her art sales by 10%, to research, develop and test market one new art product and to set up an Instagram account to promote her art and invite followers. She successfully completed this last social media goal and is well on her way to establishing a strong following of fans and supporters on Instagram! You can follow her at [www.instagram.com/brendawilkinson.art/](http://www.instagram.com/brendawilkinson.art/)

An individual supported by the Arc of Blackstone Valley is looking for an employment opportunity in the following area:

EMPLOYMENT CORNER

DO YOU HAVE A LEAD?

Call Armand Gaudet at (401) 727-0150 if you have a lead or email him at [agaudet@bvcriarc.org](mailto:agaudet@bvcriarc.org)

CLEANING SERVICE:

This job seeker is interested in working in a retail establishment performing general cleaning tasks. She is able to use public transportation but would prefer a local job (Pawtucket area). She has been working as a cleaner for over six months but is looking for a position that can give her 15-20hrs/week. She learns job tasks quickly and works independently in an efficient manner. She would be an asset to any operation.

For more information about our programs, call (401) 727-0150, go to our Web site at [www.bvcriarc.org](http://www.bvcriarc.org) or e-mail contact [@bvcriarc.org](mailto:@bvcriarc.org).

The Arc of Blackstone Valley is committed to supporting people with developmental disabilities secure the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play





## Letter from the CEO

Each year in April, I am amazed at the Annual Awards Ceremony where we acknowledge staff members who, in many cases have worked for The Arc for several decades. This year we celebrated Cathie Gilligan and Michael Rich, both of whom have been with The Arc for thirty-five years! This ceremony also recognizes individuals and groups who are outstanding in their work and support of the Arc community. Please take a minute to look at our column featuring the recipients of our 2018 Special Awards and staff members who were recognized for their Years of Service.

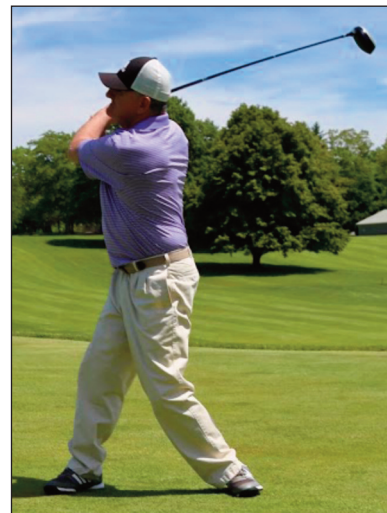
We certainly have had a wonderful start to the summer season with a perfect day on Monday, June 10th, for the 38th Annual Arc of Blackstone Valley Golf Outing and Live Auction.

Thanks to the hard work of Board Member Melanie Cherry, we had a wonderful day of golf and a successful Live Auction



The staff and volunteers pose for a shot on June 10th!

which generated over \$50,000 to support recreational and community activities, the Holiday Party and boating excursions with Sail To Prevail. A big shout out to our major sponsors this year: Starkweather & Shepley, Tufts Health Plan, Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux & O'Gara, and USI Insurance Services. Our emcee Alison Bologna of NBC TV 10 WJAR and auctioneer Bill Simas of Funny4Funds made the evening extra special with great speeches and humor throughout the Live Auction.



Eagle golfer Jim Marcoccio takes a big swing!

The Arc Board of Directors continues its work with our consultant Dr. Jennifer Meade to develop a strategic plan. Dr. Meade meets with the Board regularly and is beginning to meet with staff as well. We look forward to her final report and recommendations by December of 2019.

My sincere gratitude to the entire Arc family!

Sincerely,  
*John J. Padien III*  
Chief Executive Officer

## The 2018 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

recognized many individuals and businesses that went above and beyond expectations in their work on behalf of or in support of The Arc.

Here are a few of our awardees this year!



John Arruda and Kathy Hunt present a Special Recognition Award to Ed Breault, owner of Crown Collision Center



**Employer of the Year**  
Floriano and Joshua Pereira (father and son) of Out of Eden Landscaping received the Employer of the Year Award



**Community Involvement**  
Paulette Boucher received the Community Involvement Award



**Team Service Accomplishment**  
The Earl Avenue Group Home staff received the Team Service Accomplishment Award

### 2018 Awards

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**  
John Blais  
Ed Breault

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD**  
Paulette Boucher

**TEAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD**  
Earl Avenue Group Home

**SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL**  
Michelle Rattray

**EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Out of Eden Landscaping

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Lengsy Leon Prum

**PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Ann Hoag

### Years of Service

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS**  
Catherine Gilligan  
Michael Rich

**THIRTY YEARS**  
Daniel Gordon  
Elizabeth Goyer  
Heather Miguel

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS**  
Lisa Brien

**TWENTY YEARS**  
Suzanne Casto  
Georgette DeBurgo  
Antonio Fernandes  
Karen Gilbert  
Cheryl Grant  
Bonny Reynolds

**FIFTEEN YEARS**  
Linda Russo  
**TEN YEARS**  
Vitnela Depina  
Miriam Morrison  
Denia Tavares  
David Weldon

**FIVE YEARS**  
William Campbell  
Stacey DaCruz  
Armand Gaudet  
Sharhini Kirby

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