

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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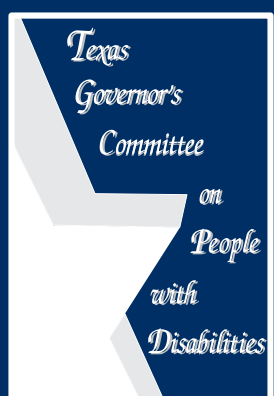


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About the Artist
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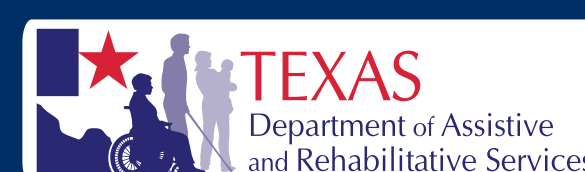
Colors create emotion and energy, according to John, who finds art expression very liberating. After going blind, John decided to boldly pick up painting primarily in oils, even though he had not painted before. He says, "When I run my hands over an object and feel the textures, my mind is filled with the colors of paints that have a similar texture." Teaching elementary age students to use a tactile painting method he developed, John finds great interest and excitement in young people. He successfully challenges conceptions of blindness and feels that painting gives us a meaningful opportunity to connect to one another. Next year John plans to pursue a Ph.D. in English with a concentration in creative writing with an ultimate goal of teaching at the college level. Soon he'll complete his master's degree at the University of North Texas. John fondly shares his best memory of his grandmother, Ruth, singing at this small church in Addison. The church was torn down years ago.

Dedicated to the loving memory of Ruth Bramblitt - a true Texas lady.



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