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Old friends and fans will have noticed that, for Art Enables, 2009 brought a lot of new things with it.

New staff for one thing. **Stuart Naranch** joined Art Enables as Production Manager, bringing experience in the Peace Core (Bangladesh), studio art (sculpture) and arts management (MA from Carnegie Mellon). **Beth Baldwin** came next as Program Coordinator with her degree in theater arts and her real-life experience as an arts-entrepreneur (voted Best Local Crafter by the *City Paper* in 2009 and 2010).

Then there's the **new media**. Look for us now on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube thanks to Operations Manager **Stephanie Bonifant**.

Woodburning is just one of the **new techniques** the artists are experimenting with and for Max it's for sure the best one. Charles is in the forefront of the **new products** with his traffic-stopping shrinky-dink earrings although Violet's retablo gives him a good run for his money.

New venues for program artwork in 2009 included Warehouse Theater in DC, Paula Rose Gallery in Fredericksburg, and HAI Gallery in New York.

The DC Commission for Arts and Humanities brought us **new fame** when they featured us in their October newsletter—with a video they filmed during our Annual Outsider Art Invitational no less.

But our favorite **new thing** has got to be Chris' dog who gets to come to the studio every once in a while and has won even Eileen's heart.



Art Enables is an arts-entrepreneurial program for emerging artists with developmental and/or mental disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy or bi-polar disorder. The program offers these hard-working artists

- a fully equipped artist studio including a full range of professional art supplies
- advice and technical help from artist instructors framing, marketing and business support
- coffee breaks, colleagues, laughs and solidarity

The artists in turn offer their fans and buyers *The Best* (and most affordable) *Outsider Art inside the Beltway*.

Art Enables is a 501(c)3 non-profit

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