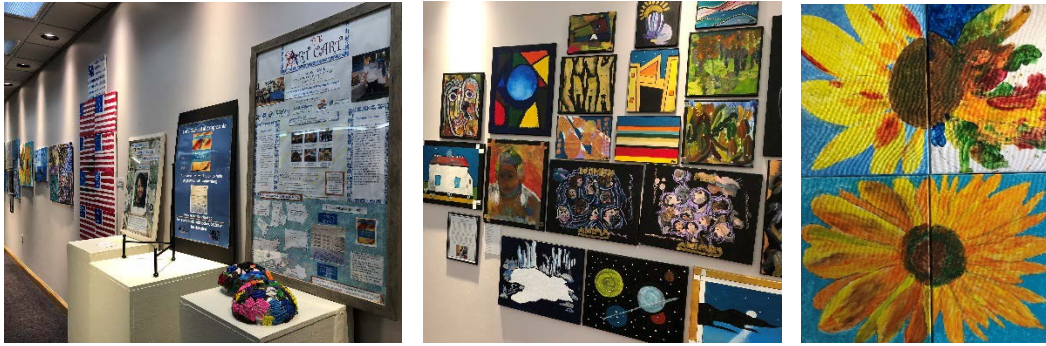


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Canton, MA – Akillian Gallery, Massasoit Community College, 900 Randolph St. Sept. 20 – Oct. 15, *Smile through Art*, a collaboration with The Art Cart, Worcester, MA. The Art Cart is a creativity and movement program for people living with Parkinson's Disease (PD). This exhibit displays many of the art pieces made at their Smile Through Art Workshops, using techniques that temporarily alleviate symptoms of PD. Sixteen artists from Massachusetts and Rhode Island are featured in this large exhibit of more than 100 works of art. Smile Through Art is a fundraiser for The American Parkinson's Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter (APDA-MA). APDA-MA sponsors the Smile Through Art Workshops throughout Massachusetts. This past year Chief Smiling Officer and Owner, Saba Shahid and her team traveled to several states to bring their programming to PD populations.

Saba Shahid holds a Masters in Biomedical Science and uses her passion for medicine to help those with Parkinson's Disease find happiness through art. Saba Shahid is a Professor of Human Nutrition at Massasoit Community College.

Join us for the Artists Reception, Saturday, Oct. 6, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Light refreshment served. Tickets \$10 available at the door, benefits the American Parkinson's Disease Association. Public welcome. For more information, call 508-588-9100 ext. 2124. (in Canton) [www.massasoit.edu/akilliangallery](http://www.massasoit.edu/akilliangallery)

Caption: Partial view of 2018 Smile Through Art exhibit in the Akillian Gallery.

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