

**John M. Williams**  
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**Awards**

**Award of Distinction, Talented Artist and Cultural Historian** The Folk Art Society of America, November 7, 2015

**First Place in Works on Paper** Art Abilities Exhibition and Sale, November 2, 2012

**Exhibitions**

**2016**

*Spectrum - Artists of AANE* Peabody, MA ArcWorks (September 8 - October 21)

*Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams* Provincetown, MA Gallery Voyeur (July 28 - August 2)

*Family Ties* Belmont, MA Belmont Gallery of Art, (April 3 - May 8)

*Cuban Art* Washington, DC Engage Cuba Offices, (2016)

**2015**

*3 Artists* Cambridge, MA Lesley University (April 1 - 30)

*History Comes to Life* Naples, FL The Depot Museum (April 1 - May 31)

*The Art of John Williams* Fort Myers, FL Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (February 6-24)

*Art Ability Exhibition and Sale* Malvern, PA Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital (November 2, 2014 - January 25, 2015)

**2014**

*Animal Art* Belmont, MA Belmont Gallery of Art (September 14 - October 17)

***Myths and Legends*** Solomon, MD Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center (February 7 - May 4)

***Collage Art by John M. Williams*** Permanent exhibit Lexington, MA Lurie Center for Autism (Massachusetts General Hospital) (April ongoing)

***Art Ability Exhibition and Sale*** Malvern, PA Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital (November 2, 2013 - January 26, 2014)

### **2013**

***Pieces of History - The Collage Art of John M. Williams*** Solo exhibit Washington, D.C. Off-Rhode Studio (September 14-28)

***Seeing with a Different Eye*** Watertown, MA Artist Collaborative Gallery Ongoing exhibition

***Art Ability Exhibition and Sale*** Malvern, PA (November 2, 2012-January 29, 2013) **Awarded 1st Prize in Works on Paper** Jurors: Adeline Vlas (Philadelphia Museum of Art), Alida Fish (University of the Arts, Philadelphia), Tu Hunyh (Curator, Philadelphia City Hall)

### **2012**

***A New Perspective on the Civil War*** – solo exhibit Winchester, MA Winchester Public Library (January 4-31)

***Outsider Art Show*** New York, NY Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (January 27-29)

***Works by John Williams*** – solo exhibit Outsider Folk Art Gallery Reading, PA (March 2-31)

***Slotin Folk Fest*** Atlanta, GA Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (August 18-19)

***Seeing with a Different Eye*** Boston, MA Boston University (October 13, 2012)

## **2011**

***Outsider Art Show*** New York, NY Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (February 11-13)

***Visions of the Past*** Peabody, MA ArcWorks Center for the Arts (March 3-31)

***Painting with Paper*** – solo exhibit Burlington, MA Frameworks (May 19-June 30)

***Three Ring Circus*** – Highlights from the William and Ann Oppenheimer Folk Art Collection Curator: Kathy Johnson Bowles, Longwood Center for the Arts, Longwood University, Farmville, VA (September 9, 2011 – January 6, 2012)

***See You, See Me -- The Art of the Portrait*** Juror: Jennie Summerall Belmont, MA Belmont Gallery of Art (September 30-November 13)

***SOFA Exhibit*** Chicago, IL Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (November 4-6)

## **2010**

***Lincoln in Exeter: A Sesquicentennial Celebration*** Exeter, NH (March)

***Changing Lives and Perceptions*** Lynnfield Town Meeting House, Lynnfield, MA (April 24-25)

***War and Peace, Images of Conflict and Resolution in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*** Lynn, MA LynnArts, Inc. (August 28-October 9)

## **2009**

***Salem Arts Festival*** Salem, MA (June 5-7)

***Seeing with a Different Eye II*** John Hancock Hall, Boston (October 3)

## **2008**

***Seeing with a Different Eye*** - traveling exhibit sponsored by the Asperger's Association of New England (January – June)

Venues:

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center - Cambridge, MA (January 7-February 1)

Concord Free Public Library - Concord, MA (April 2 – April 30)

Honan-Allston branch of the Boston Public Library - Allston, MA (May 3-May 31)

The Massachusetts State House - Boston, MA (June 3 – 13)

***Members Juried II Exhibition*** – Concord Arts Association Concord, MA  
Juror: Fabio J. Fernandez, Exhibition Gallery Manager, The Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston (February 14 – March 16)

***Senior Student Art Show*** UMASS Lowell - Lowell, MA (May)

***Perspectives*** - A collaboration of ArcWorks and the Asperger's Association of New England - The Gallery at Southside Danvers, MA (October 1 – February 1 2009)

***A Different Vision, Changing Lives and Perspectives*** - sponsored by ArcWorks - The Gallery at Grosvenor Park Salem, MA (September)  
The Salem Cinema Salem, MA (December)

**2007**

***Arches Fifth Biennial Student Print Exhibition*** – juried show sponsored by Arches Paper Company and The Boston Printmakers  
808 Gallery at Boston University (February 18 to April 1)

***Seeing with a Different Eye – Art by Adults with Asperger's Syndrome***  
Exhibit sponsored by the Asperger's Association of New England  
John Hancock Building - Boston (September 28)

**Collections**

***Ray Charles***, Harriet Finkelstein Collection, Boston

***General Thomas J. Jackson, General Robert E. Lee*** William and Ann Oppenheimer Folk Art Collection, Longwood University, Farmville, VA

***John Brown, The Gathering Storm*** Paul Yandura Collection Washington, D.C.

***General George B. McClellan*** private collection Chicago

***General P. G. T. Beauregard*** private collection Chicago

***Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack*** private collection Chicago

## **Commissions**

*Elephant* 2016

*Sam Houston* 2015

*El Mapa de Cuba* 2015

*Julius Caesar, Leonardo da Vinci* 2009

## **Publications**

*Artscope*, "Gallery Voyeur Reaches Out - A New Idea Pops Up in Ptown,"  
September/October 2016, pp. 65-66

"From the Perspective of a Person With Autism Spectrum Disorder," article  
by John M. Williams, *Primer on Autism Spectrum Disorder* Edited by  
Christopher J. McDougle, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 475-483.

*Esterio Spotlight*, "Conveying His Sense of the World Through Art" by Doris  
Lemcke February 15, 2015

*The News Press, Fort Myers, FL*, "Artist with Asperger's Syndrome Finds  
Calm in his Collage Portraits" by Charles Runnells February 6, 2015

*Drawing Autism* Edited by Jill Mullins, republished in paperback by  
Akashic Books, 2014. *Pharoah* featured on cover

*Lurie Links, Painting with Paper: Making Order out of Chaos* Cover  
article, The Newsletter of the Lurie Center for Autism Volume I Summer  
2014

*East City Art Reviews: Pieces of History at Art Enables' Off-Rhode Gallery*  
by Eric Hope September 23, 2013

*Huffington Post, John Williams, Outsider Artist, Creates Moving Historical  
Collages* by Priscilla Frank April 13, 2013

*UMASS Lowell Magazine*, "Close-up Class of 2008: Channeling Art"  
Winter 2011

*Folk Art Messenger*, "Profile of an Artist: John Williams" Summer 2010

*Elko Daily Free Press*, “People with Autism Find Outlet in Artwork”  
June 15, 2010

*Boston Globe* “Book Features Artists with Autism” May 23, 2010

*Drawing Autism* Edited by Jill Mullin, Mark Batty Publisher, 2009  
Contains images by John M. Williams

Catalog for exhibit, “Seeing with a Different Eye” 2008

*Boston Globe*. “With multitude of visions, artists work and live outside lines” by Joel Brown November 27, 2008 p. 6 Globe Northwest

### **Educational Brochure**

President Lincoln's Cottage, Washington, D.C. Brochure: 2014-2015 School Programs Grades K-12. Features *Abraham Lincoln* portrait by John M. Williams (18 x 24" on back of brochure)

### **Video**

NECN *Autistic Man Finds Career in Art*. April 23, 2015.  
<http://www.necn.com/entertainment/Center-Stage-277617741.html>

### **Speaking Engagements**

*My Collage Process*, Collage workshop, BRIO Intergrated Theatre, March 5, 2016

*My Art Process* Lesley University Symposium on Autism Spectrum Disorders April 11, 2015

*ArtTalk* Sydney & Berne Davis Art Center February 10, 2015

## **Education**

University of Massachusetts - Lowell Bachelor of Fine Arts 2008  
Internship - Concord Arts Association 2008

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