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The Andover Branch Office of The Savings Bank is featuring a display of artwork and jewelry created by budding artists associated with The Center for Emerging Artists for The Arc of East Middlesex. The artwork is on display at the Andover branch until April 8th.

Maria Consoli, right, Branch Manager of the Andover Office, welcomed the artists and their instructors (at left of photo) Heather Weikel, Marketing Specialist, The Arc of East Middlesex; Christine Chisholm, Instructor; Hoang Nguyen; Kim Putney; and Sean Cusack; and (at right of photo) Mo Taha; Todd Dehart; Kiely Holden; Amy Ruitter; Director, Center for Emerging Artists; Alfred Resteghini; and Maria Consoli, Branch Manager.

The display at The Savings Bank also includes paintings, greeting cards, jewelry, T-shirts and trivets created by some of the center's 97 Reading participants and 45 Beverly participants, as well as pieces from the center's Natural Elegance line of jewelry, collaboration between the artists and a professional jewelry designer.

The Center promotes the sale of participants' finished products through exhibitions and local gift shops with 40% of the purchase price going to the artwork's creator.

The Center for Emerging Artists was created in 2000 as part of the Arc of East Middlesex, a non-profit corporation founded in 1954 by parents of children with mental retardation. The Center is supported by the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, private foundations and individual donors. The Center is part of the day habilitation program, which encourages creativity and promotes the talents of artists with developmental disabilities. Members of the program learn how to use a variety of different artistic mediums from acrylic painting and watercolor to decorative furniture painting and jewelry making.

For information about the Center for Emerging Artists, or the exhibition at The Savings Bank, contact Heather Weikel at 781-942-4888, ext 5029 or ceapromo@thearc.org.