**Inclusive Arts Vermont**

**Verbal Description: Artist Talk with Paul Betz**

**Featuring: Heidi Swevens and Paul Betz**

**Overview:** This is a 49 minute discussion between Heidi Swevens, Director of Community Partnerships, and artist Paul Betz. Megan Bent, Digital Content Manager, is present for the talk and her audio can be heard when providing verbal descriptions of images and video. The video spotlights who is speaking. After introductions and verbal descriptions, Megan shares her screen to display 1 video and 4 photographs by Paul.

**Heidi Swevens:** hasblue eyes and pale skin with short brown hair. And is wearing an autumn colored flannel, button down flannel. Behind them is blank walls and shadows and various lights.

**Paul Betz:** is pale skinned with short brown hair and glasses. He is sitting in a wheelchair and is wearing a grey sweatshirt with fish on it. He is in his home and behind him are some kitchen cabinets and a cat tree.

**Artworks:**

**Mossy Crevice**

A color photograph of a rock, a large rock covered in moss. Bright green vibrant moss. It takes up about three quarters of the image and then coming out of the top of the rock is a wooded hillside with some trees. You can see the very bottoms of the tree trunks going upwards and nice leafy green vibrant foliage among the trees.

**Video**

There’s an audio of a banjo strumming in the background. It’s a slideshow of images. Some images show Paul taking photographs with his camera set up that is attached to his wheelchair. And other images are photographs he has taken of the the Vermont rural landscape. Some of the featured photos show a barn, an evening landscape of a lake, a red apple on top of a rusted car, and a geometric staircase. There’s also text that is embedded into the video.

(Banjo music plays in the background of Paul’s video)

“My Story: Capturing Simple Beauty

Meet Paul Betz. A local Vermont Artist

Paul love to capture Vermont’s natural Beauty

Rusted Barn, photo by Paul Betz

In spite of his challenges Paul creates art his way

Paul’s experience and perspective help him to develop his own distinctive method and style

His unique view of the world shines through his work

Apple Orchard, photo by Paul Betz

Geometric Treehouse, photo by Paul Betz

Well folks, that’s a wrap!

Check out Paul’s work: [bestbetzphotography.com](http://bestbetzphotography.com)

Instagram and Facebook too!

**Photo 1 (Dark Underlit Jellyfish)**

Moon jelly fish inside a tank. They are floating throughout the whole image. And they are lit by a blacklight so all the jellyfish are kind of glowing in the water.

**Photo 2**

A large aquarium tank from the top. Its like a circular tank and inside of the tank is lots of different brightly colored coral in the water. And in the bottom left corner there is a diver in a wetsuit with a tank on their back. Around the tank is kind of like a platform where people at the aquarium can view down into the tank and there are people lined up around that rim of the tank on the platform looking down into the coral and the diver.

**Photo 3**

Most of the image is black but in the very middle is a window looking inside an aquarium tank. Swimming by the window is a sea turtle. And the turtle is mid fin-flip and the turtle is looking right at the camera as well as it swims by. And behind the turtle is different pieces of brightly colored coral.