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Woman Loses Eyesight, Learns to Paint

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Toni Schiff (Legacy.com)

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but what if an artist is unable to see her own creations? That was the case for **Toni Schiff**, who had a long career as a teacher and therapist before ever picking up a paintbrush. She spent her professional life working on behalf of human rights campaigns and children in particular, but her life took a turn when she lost her eyesight to diabetes in her 50s and developed Parkinson's disease in her 60s.

Despite these physical setbacks, Schiff maintained her lifelong interest in the arts, and took up painting. She became a prolific painter, enjoying her works through the eyes of others and exhibiting in Provincetown, Rhode Island. She kept painting up until her death in 2013; currently her portfolio is on [permanent showcase at POBA.org](#), a website devoted to preserving the legacies of artists of all kinds.

Share Toni Schiff's story with your friends, and remember that it is never too late to follow your passion.