



CALL FOR ENTRIES: *Art of Hope*

Deadline: August 31, 2023

DESCRIPTION

Creative expression has the power to heal. For many, the creation of art is a meaningful way to promote self-discovery, self-expression, and the cultivation of joy. *Art of Hope* is a place for those who have found healing through art, specifically as it relates to mental health.

Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana (MHANI) invites artists of all ages and skill levels from Northeast Indiana to showcase interpretations of mental health, mental struggles, and recovery in our fifth-annual *Art of Hope* exhibit. Works chosen for gallery display will be on exhibit from November 9th, 2023 through November 21st, then again November 27th through December 7th, 2023 at the Purdue Fort Wayne Visual Arts Building. Work will not be available to view during the campus's Thanksgiving Break. Artwork may also be available for viewing in online galleries and printed catalogues.

Sometimes, people struggling with their mental health have an even harder time because they feel like they need to stay quiet. They might be scared of facing negative judgements from others if they share that they are struggling. To address this stigma around mental health, artists are also invited to share their personal stories of struggle, recovery, and hope related to mental illness and wellness to accompany their artwork. By sharing their stories, contributing artists can help the community understand that mental health challenges are common, that recovery is possible, and that there is hope for those currently facing a mental health struggle.

Submission Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

Any artist who feels their work fits the mental health theme is eligible to enter. **Artists do not need to have a history or diagnosis of a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or other disability.** Guardian approval is required for artists under the age of 18 to submit artwork. Works must be original and ready to hang with wire supports and/or display on pedestals. Artists are allowed to submit 1-3 works of art. Artworks of any size will be considered for display. 2D and 3D works are appropriate; keep in mind that the gallery has limited space to display 3D works. Artwork must not contain images of violence, sexual conduct, or degradation of race, creed, or religion.

ENTRY FEES

There are no entry fees for this exhibition: however, artists are responsible for costs related to preparing their artwork and shipping/ mailing/ delivery.

TO ENTER YOUR WORK

An online application form is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/xLfWsCn2Y7>. Using the online application, artists will submit their name, title and description of the work, medium, size, and a high-quality photo* of their work along with any personal narratives (explaining struggle, survival, and recovery).

Sharing personal stories is optional. Stories may be published to promote the art gallery, spread awareness of mental health issues, and/or included in the exhibition catalogue. There may also be opportunities for artists to speak about their experiences during gallery events. Submission of narratives implies permission to publish these accounts in the exhibition catalog and elsewhere.

***Please remember that submitted photos will be used in the jurying process and the printed exhibit catalog. When taking photos of your artwork(s), take extra care to avoid glare, distracting backgrounds behind the artwork, and tilting or angling your art (unless it is intended to tilt or sit at an angle when displayed).*

You can review tips for photographing artwork in the following YouTube video:
<https://bit.ly/39AOmDL>

SELECTION PROCESS

We expect a large number of submissions. After entries are received, curators will select representative pieces to be exhibited at Purdue Fort Wayne Visual Arts Building. Works with incomplete submission information will not be considered. All works selected for display must be suitably prepared for display/hanging, including any specialized hardware or equipment required.

DEADLINES

August 31: Application form and photo of art entries submitted online

September 21: Notification of acceptance for display via email

November 6/8: Delivery of works: Works may be delivered to PFW's Visual Arts Building #118. Exact delivery times will be provided at a later date.

November 9: *Art of Hope* Opening Reception

November 9-21; 27-Dec. 7: Official length of the exhibition

December 8: Artists pick up work. Exact pick-up times will be provided at a later date.

SALES

Works need not be for sale in order to enter the exhibit (prices are not provided on gallery labels). Contact information for potential buyers will be passed along to the artist.

DISCLAIMER

Purdue University Fort Wayne and Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana will not be responsible for loss or damage of works during transit to or from the exhibition site. Accepted works *must* remain on display for the duration of the exhibition. Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana retains the right to reproduce images and narratives of accepted works for the purposes of press releases, website inclusion, marketing, and promotion of the event and organization. Submission of artwork implies that you understand and agree to these conditions.