

Director's Creativity Showcase Timeline of Activities

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Early October	Announcement of the annual art contest , including the guidelines, entry form, release form and other pertinent information is distributed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An e-mail is sent from the Missouri Mental Health Foundation, by DMH staff, to DMH facilities, staff and partner organizations
January 25th	Deadline for the submission of the artwork and forms. <i>NOTE: Periodic reminders are distributed between October and January, via e-mail, to the group identified above.</i>
March	Artwork submissions are judged by community volunteers. <i>The artwork is judged the first part of March, while on display at the Missouri Department of Mental Health – Central Office in Jefferson City for a 2-day period. At this time, the artwork is also available for purchase (after judging is completed).</i>
March	Certificate and cash award sent to the award winners
March	Participation Certificates are sent to artists
June	Artwork on Display & For Sale, if applicable -- at the annual Mental Health Champions' Banquet in Jefferson City.
June	Artwork is selected for the annual Traveling Showcase. <i>Making the artwork available for public viewing is one way we can help reduce stigma and raise awareness of issues impacting individuals and families living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and addiction disorders.</i>
July	Notification to Artists: Traveling Showcase Artwork -- letters are sent to the artists and facility contact persons notifying them their artwork was selected for the annual Traveling Showcase. <i>The notification will state the artwork will be retained until January, after the last traveling show in December. In January, arrangements will be made to return the artwork to the artist.</i>
July/August	Arrangements are underway to return the artwork not included in the Traveling Show. <i>Some of the artwork is returned via a mail delivery company, while larger and more delicate pieces are returned by DMH or facility/organization staff based on their travels to the general location of the artist.</i>
August – December	Traveling Show Artwork is displayed at multiple venues throughout Missouri.
Early October	Initiate the process for next year's Director's Creativity Showcase entries
January	Arrangements are underway to return the artwork from the prior year's Traveling Showcase.

This event is sponsored by the Missouri Mental Health Foundation and the Missouri Department of Mental Health.



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