

Timeline	Director's Showcase Activity
November	Announcement of the annual art contest, including the guidelines, entry form, release form and other pertinent information is distributed.
January 27	Deadline for the submission of the artwork and forms. January 20 for DCS to be delivered to designated DMH site or Provider Agency to be delivered to JC.
February	Artwork submissions are judged by community volunteers. Winners will be announced, and cash awards mailed within two weeks after judging. The purchase of artwork will also be available while the artwork is on display for judging.
March	Pictures will be taken of each piece of art and will be put available for viewing on the virtual art gallery on our website.
May	Artwork will be on display and for sale at the Mental Health Champions' Award Banquet—held on May 9, 2023. Payments will be made to every artist by the end of May if the artwork was sold.
June/July	Artwork is selected for the annual Traveling Showcase. 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 substance use disorders.
June/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. The notification will state the artwork will be retained until after the last traveling show in 2023.
July	Arrangements are underway to return the artwork not included in the Traveling Show. Arrangements are made with various sites throughout MO to display the Artwork. Some 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.
August – November	Traveling Showcase Artwork is displayed at multiple venues throughout Missouri starting in August.
November	Initiate the process for next year's Director's Creativity Showcase entries.
End of November	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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