



Bartcat, Jenniter Sassani



My Happy Place, S. Smith, youth art

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Butterflies around climbing roses, David S. Patterson

The Art Of Recovery

A program of the
S.C. Department of Mental Health



Famous robots I have known: Mr. Meltdown,
Tray Stone

The Art of Recovery, a program of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH), gives individuals living with mental illnesses the opportunity to exhibit and sell their works of art.

SCDMH unveiled The Art of Recovery to showcase the talents of those receiving services and the role that art can play in the recovery process.

Pieces are submitted from across South Carolina by participants currently receiving services from SCDMH. The program accepts artists of all ages. These artists use a variety of artistic media as a means of expression and recovery.

The program seeks not only to empower patients, but also educate the public about, and dispel the stigma associated with, mental illness.



Bowl of strawberries, Allen Purvis

SCDMH staff volunteers mat, frame, hang, transport, and display pieces in venues throughout the state. Works rotate on a frequent basis, creating an ever-changing, *living* gallery.

Art is a powerful representation of the person within – his or her pain, fear, recovery, triumph. The Art of Recovery is dedicated to sharing the works of patients – giving them a means to find their voices and make them heard.

The vibrant, striking pieces each artist creates not only reflect the breadth of skill and range of experience of individuals living with mental illnesses, but also bring a message of hope to those who view them.

Since its inception, pieces from The Art of Recovery have traveled across South Carolina, featured in public galleries, libraries, community centers, and at meetings and conferences across the state. The program continues to search for more venues to display the art throughout the year.

This widely acclaimed program received the 2006 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award, the highest Arts honor in South Carolina. It has also been an official exhibitor at the internationally known Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, SC, since 2013.

To inquire about purchasing a piece from The Art of Recovery, call (803) 898-8581 or (800) 763-1024. All sale proceeds go directly to the individual artists.



Top: *Wolf*, Kema Howell
Bottom: *Before there were rainbows*, Patricia King