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Wake up Call by Jeffrey Miller

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The Art Of Recovery

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



Murrey Cove by Robert Stanley

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

DMH 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 who use a

variety of artistic media as a means of expression and recovery.

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

DMH 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 its clients – 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.

A widely acclaimed program, The Art of Recovery received the 2006 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's award for the arts, the highest Arts honor in South Carolina.

To inquire about purchasing a piece from The Art of Recovery gallery, call (803) 898-8582 or (800) 763-1024. All proceeds from sales go directly to the individual artists.

To view The Art of Recovery galleries online, please visit

www.scdmh.org