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## 'RECOVERY IN ACTION' ARTS FESTIVAL NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES

An arts festival designed to showcase the works of people in recovery from addiction or mental illness is now soliciting entries.

All forms of art, including original artwork, music, sculpture, poetry and writing, are being accepted for the first-ever Recovery in Action Arts Festival, to be held Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 107 State Dr. in Norman. The festival is open to crafters, as well.

The event is being sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Thunderbird Clubhouse, as part of September's "Recovery Month" activities. The event will be open to the public, and is designed to help combat stigma surrounding mental illness and substance abuse, which, directly or indirectly, impacts virtually every Oklahoman.

Any artist in the state who is in recovery from mental illness and/or substance abuse is invited to participate.

This project was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Norman Arts Council Hotel Tax Grant Program. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Gretchen Geis at (405) 521-6365 or by email, <u>ggeis@odmhsas.org</u>.

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