

Voices Art Gallery

At the
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center

About the Gallery

The Voices Art Gallery was created in 1999. Inspired by the artwork of Merrill Shapero, the gallery was created to provide people living with cancer the opportunity to share their story. Mr. Shapero's artwork was our first show, displaying 10 watercolors that journal his experiences as a hospitalized patient. These artworks touched patients, families, and staff. It was clear that future shows would offer a variety of ways to understand how cancer affects our lives. Through generous funding of FRIENDS, the gallery was built in January of 2003.

Our Mission

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center recognizes the power of the arts in the healing process. In creating artwork, each individual has the capacity to communicate through various media the experiences he/she has been through. The Voices Art Gallery was designed to give the opportunity to individuals to share their experiences in living with cancer. The artworks chosen to be displayed will tell individual stories, inspire, encourage and educate others who are experiencing cancer.

Entry Information

If you would like your artwork to be considered for display in the Voices Art Gallery, please read the following information carefully and complete the enclosed application form. So that we have time to prepare for an exhibit we ask that the completed application be submitted to the Gallery Coordinator at least eight (8) weeks prior to the exhibit opening date. The UM-CCC reserves the right of determining the final exhibition schedule.

How many works of art can be submitted?

Artists can submit up to 25 pieces of artwork (space permitting) for individual shows. For group shows, artists' submissions will vary depending on the number of artists in the exhibit. The UMCCC reserves the right to eliminate pieces to allow for the maximum number of exhibitors in the space available.

What type of art can be submitted?

All media are accepted, within the display capacity of the gallery. The UMCCC reserves the right to decline art that cannot be conveniently displayed.

You will need to submit a CD (or email) of at least 4 jpeg digital photos or send 4 regular photos of your art and an artist statement.

Art Content Guidelines

All artwork presented for exhibition in the Voices Art Gallery is selected by the Gallery coordinators. Based on the following criteria, as well as the gallery's mission statement, all exhibitions are designed to be aesthetically accessible to the general public.

The major criteria used in this selection process are as follows:

- The work should be recognizable as a work of art by UMCCC's average customer.
- The work should not display segmented body parts as primary content.
- The work should be engaging and of interest to the UMCCC's average customer.
- Artwork that celebrates life and living is given priority over work that may be more abstract, controversial, or challenging.
- All artwork exhibits must be consistent with the Education, Healing, and Community Service missions of the UMCCC.
- All exhibits portraying overt sexual, pornographic, or violent connotations will be rejected.

Exhibitions seeking exception to any of the above listed criteria must be approved on a case by case basis.

**These guidelines are in accordance to University of Michigan Health Systems as designed by Gifts of Art.*

How to prepare your art

All two dimensional art must be mounted/matted, framed and under glass (or plexiglass) and properly wired, ready to hang. The maximum size is 4ft.x 4ft. Three dimensional artwork must be prepared for standing or resting safely in its intended position. The maximum size is 1ft. x 1ft.

Liability

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will exercise professional care in handling all artwork but can not assume liability for loss or damage, however caused, while works are in our possession or in transit.

Contact the Gallery staff at (734) 615-7288 to discuss any concerns you have regarding the eligibility of your art for inclusion in a Voices Art Gallery exhibit.

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Application Form

Artist Contact Information:

Name_

Address_

City/State/Zip

Telephone

Email address_

About your Artwork:

Total number of works you wish to submit:

Media of artwork(s):

The Voices Art Gallery staff will need to review your work to make sure it complies with UMHS guidelines for content (see guidelines in entry information). **Please submit 4 jpeg digital photos, or photographs of artwork you wish to be considered for display in the Voices Art Gallery.**

Artist Statement:

Please write a brief artist statement. The statement is to be no more than 200 words and might explain in what ways your art work relates to and impacts your cancer experience. If your work is chosen for display, your artist statement will be included with the exhibit.

Submit completed application form, artist statement, and CD or photos to:

University of Michigan
Margaret Nowak, Art Therapist
C425B Med Inn
1500 E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5843

Or email application form, artist statement, and 4 jpeg digital photos to: mrnowak@med.umich.edu

Application is also available on line at www.cancer.med.umich.edu/files/submit-art.pdf



