

Please include a print or digital photo of all entries.  
 Do not send original artwork.  
 Label all photos with contact information and title of piece.  
 5 entry limit.  
 Email entries accepted.  
 List the price of the artwork or designate it as *Not For Sale (NFS)*.  
 Include artist statements for each entry (optional).

| Title of Entry | Media | Size | Price or NFS | Photo Included           | Artist Statement (Optional) |
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**Valeo Expressive Therapies**  
**Creations of Hope**  
**2401 SW 6th**  
**Topeka KS 66606**

# Creations of Hope

An exhibit by artists experiencing mental illness  
 October 7–November 23, 2011



Images from Creations of Hope 2010

**Call For Artists**  
**Submission Deadline:**  
**August 10, 2011**



**The Upstage Gallery**  
 720 SW Jackson  
 Topeka, KS 66603  
 (785) 233-4295

Sponsored by Valeo BHC in partnership with The Upstage Gallery. Made possible with support of the Topeka Community Foundation.

## Creations of Hope

Valeo Behavioral Health Care is sponsoring the 7th annual “Creations of Hope“ art exhibit. This is a juried art exhibit open to all artists experiencing mental illness. The exhibit will be displayed through the months of October and November in celebration of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Selected entries will be exhibited at The Upstage Gallery located in downtown Topeka and will be featured on the “First Fridays” gallery walk.

Through “Creations of Hope” we aim to provide an accessible and empowering opportunity for artist experiencing mental illness to enter the art community. Additionally we strive to raise awareness and widen views of mental illness in the public by providing an event that celebrates creativity, strength, and hope.

### Juror Information:

**Pam Renovato** is a life long artist working in both traditional two-dimensional mediums and in digital art mediums. She has more than 15 years experience as manager and curator in diverse gallery settings. Currently Pam works full-time developing websites for artists and galleries and actively exhibits in the Topeka area.

**Mark Brenneman** is the president of NAMI Kansas and serves on several leadership committees and advisory boards for mental health advocacy and services. Additionally, Mark is an alumni of the Creations of Hope exhibit and a senior at Washburn University studying Fine Arts with an emphasis in painting.

### Location and Date:

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The Upstage Gallery  
720 Jackson St.  
Topeka KS

(The Upstage Gallery, located inside the future lobby of the historic Jayhawk State Theatre, serves to further the mission of the Jayhawk’s renovation campaign and provides a non-profit venue for local artists.)

Opening Reception Oct. 7, 2011, 5-8 p.m.

### Contact Information:

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### Submission Instructions:

- No submission fee required.
- Limit 5 entries.
- Exhibit is open to artists who experience a mental illness.
- Send completed entry forms and print or digital photos of the artwork to the address listed on the entry form.
- Email entries will be accepted. Please include all entry form information in the text of your email.
- Label all photographs with your name, contact information, and title of the piece.
- Artist are encouraged to submit artist statements to be displayed with their artwork.
- Original artwork from any media will be accepted.
- You will be notified of acceptance by Sept. 2 and will receive further instruction on the delivery and preparation of artwork. Artists are responsible for all shipping costs.
- Entries selected for the exhibit will need to be framed and matted or prepared for display.
- If assistance is needed with the submission process please contact Cara Weeks.

### Sale and Awards:

- Artwork selected for display may be sold by the artist with a 30% commission going to support The Upstage Gallery.
- One Purchase Award will be selected by Valeo CEO, Glea Ashley and will be added to the permanent “Creations of Hope” collection at Valeo BHC.
- Creations of Hope is not a fundraiser for Valeo BHC. All proceeds, except the gallery commission, go to the participating artists.

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## Creations of Hope Submission Form

### Artist Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Method \_\_\_\_\_

### Send Entries to:

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