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“CHANGING MINDS: WORK BY PATIENTS AT
ST. PETER REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER”
AT THE ARTS CENTER OF SAINT PETER
MAY 13 - JUNE 12, 2016

SAINT PETER, MINN. – “Changing Minds: Work by Patients at St. Peter Regional Treatment Center” will be on display at the Arts Center of Saint Peter from May 13 - June 12.

The exhibition coincides with Mental Health Awareness Month and the 150th anniversary of St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, which is operated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. It will include works from patients at Minnesota Security Hospital and other forensic services programs on the campus.

“This show is great example of the support and inclusion we’ve enjoyed from the St. Peter community over the many decades. We’re very excited for our patients to have this opportunity to share their art with their neighbors, and so thankful for the Arts Center’s help bringing it all together,” said Carol Olson, executive director of forensic services for DHS.

Selected works of art from the treatment center’s permanent collection also will be on display, showcasing the history of Minnesota’s first and oldest state hospital. The institution opened in 1866 to provide treatment for and assist in the recovery of individuals who have mental health, chemical dependency and cognitive diagnoses.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Friday, May 13, 5-7 p.m. at the Arts Center. The Therapeutics, a band comprised of MSH patients and staff, will perform throughout the reception.

An additional event for exhibiting artists who are unable to attend the public reception will take place outside of gallery hours.

Since 1979, the Arts Center of Saint Peter has hosted creative performances, classes for youth and adults, exhibits and more, serving residents of Saint Peter and the surrounding region. The galleries are free and open to the public. Hours and information are at www.artscentersp.org.

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