

Mental Health Consumers, Family Members, and Community Members of All Ages

You are invited to participate in and attend the

# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Mental Health Arts Festival

## Art Show & Creative Writing Contest

Enjoy paintings, drawings, sculptures, jewelry, and more with live music and Door Prizes! A Free Community Event that supports the talents of Local Artists living with mental health diagnoses by showcasing their amazing Poetry and Art. This year's show is dedicated to the memory of Supervisor John Benoit.

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

**12 Noon to 4 PM**

**Taj Mahal Building, Riverside County Fairgrounds**

82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, California 92201

Enter at **Gate 4** off of Arabia Street

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Artwork Awards: \$50 Grand Prize, \$30 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$20 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Creative Writing Awards: \$30 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$20 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

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Hosted by **Riverside County Desert Behavioral Health Advisory Board**

Sponsors: Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health, & TOGO'S

### Exhibitor/Contest Rules:

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**Artists** You may drop off 1 to 3 pieces of your art at the Taj Mahal Building from 9 AM to Noon on Monday May 8. An Artwork Registration Form must be attached to each piece. They are available at the Peer Centers, The Path, the Clinics or by e-mail request to [JLQMD@att.net](mailto:JLQMD@att.net) with subject line "Art Show Registration Form". Forms will also be available at the Taj Mahal to fill out at drop off. **All Artwork must be turned in between 9AM and Noon on May 8.** Artwork brought in after the 12 Noon deadline will not be accepted. All Artwork must be picked up or taken from the Taj Mahal Building after the Art Show ends on May 9 by 4PM. *You must be present or have a representative present to receive any Contest Awards.* **Artwork may be sold/purchased at the Show with direct payment to the Artist.**

**Authors** the **DEADLINE for e-submission of writing entries is Thursday April 27, 2017.**

Writing Entries DO NOT need a Registration Form. But each entry must include the following information: 1) a title, 2) your full name and contact information, 3) Your Representatives name if you are not attending. *You must be present or have a designated representative present to receive any Contest Awards.* Suggested Topic Ideas: "Lemonade from Lemons" or "What Makes Me Happy". **E-MAIL to:** [JLQMD@att.net](mailto:JLQMD@att.net) with subject line **"Creative Writing Contest"**. **In Person:** On or before April 27 you can hand in submissions to Amber Duffle at the Mental Health Adult Services Clinic, 47-825 Oasis Street, Indio, 92201.