

ATTENTION EDUCATORS!

2012 WILLIAM ALBRECHT MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AWARD



Detail from
"Scale Drawings
Marker and Pastel "

6th Grade
Patwin Elementary School,
Davis
Teacher: Sue Britz

As part of its 2012 Sunflower Art Competition NAMI-Yolo plans to award a \$400 prize to one educator who best demonstrates how he or she uses the Sunflower Art Competition to educate students about mental health. William Albrecht was a young man who was inspired by a few exceptional teachers to excel in music, art and writing before his life was cut short by bipolar disorder. NAMI-Yolo established this prize in 2009 to honor his memory and to recognize insightful educators who strive to help eliminate the myths and stigma that surround mental illness.

To qualify, applicants must be a teacher working with any age group of students in a school or non-school setting and must use the art project as a method to educate the students about mental health. The art work must meet all the guidelines of the competition, including using a sunflower theme. For complete details, deadlines and application forms please visit www.namisunflowers.org or call the NAMI-Yolo voicemail at 530-756-8181 and leave a message. For general information about mental health resources please visit www.namiyolo.org.

Application Guidelines

1. You must be an educator working with any age group of students in a school or a non-school setting.
2. Create an art project with your students which incorporates a sunflower theme. Use the project as a method to educate your students about mental health.
3. Demonstrate how you incorporated mental health education into your sunflower art project by writing a short paragraph or essay, no longer than one page in length. You may include supporting documents such as a photo of activities, comments from students etc.
4. Submit your application for the Mental Health Education Award along with your class artwork at the Davis Art Center; 1919 F. St, in Davis either Thursday, May 26th or Friday, May 27th between 2pm-7pm.

This year's award will be presented at the Sunflower Art Reception, Saturday June 9th at the Davis Art Center.

Information about the Sunflower Art Competition, entry forms and the Education Award application can be found on the NAMI-Yolo Seeds of Hope website: www.namisunflowers.org or at the Davis Art Center. For more information or to have entry forms mailed to you, phone the NAMI Helpline at 530-756-8181.

NAMI-Yolo's hope is that as students become better educated about mental health, there will be a reduction in the myths, misconceptions and prejudices surrounding mental illness that can lead to denial and delay treatment. Mental health education can lead to improved recognition, earlier treatment and better outcomes for people who develop a mental illness and for greater understanding and compassion.

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