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## **CANANDAIGUA VA LOCAL VETERANS ART SHOW**

Artwork by Veterans will be on display to the public at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center on Wednesday March 6, 2013 from 10 AM to 1 PM. It is estimated that over 40 pieces of art from among 15 different categories will be exhibited. Categories consist of fine art such as painting, drawing, sculpture and photography; applied art that includes ceramics, woodcarving, needlework and leatherwork; and craft kits such as string art, fabric art and wood building. Local artists will judge the artwork to determine first, second and third place in each category. The first place winning pieces will advance on to the national level where they will compete with entries submitted by Veterans from other VA facilities around the country.

The competition is an annual event that provides Veterans receiving treatment at VA facilities the opportunity to participate in creative self-expression in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music as part of their therapy, and to gain recognition for these artistic accomplishments. First place winners from the national competition will be invited to attend the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, hosted this year by the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System in Reno Nevada the week of October 21-27 with the art exhibit and stage show performance on Sunday, October 27.

If you wish to enter artwork into the competition and have questions please contact the Canandaigua VA Recreation Therapy Department at (585) 393-7371. Artwork had to be created after March 3, 2012 and be entered by February 22, 2013.

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