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Call for Artists: **THROW AWAY THE KEY**



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Entry Deadline: **July 31, 2018**

9MusesArtCenter invites members to participate in ***Throw Away the Key***, an exhibit that visually expresses how it feels to look beyond illness toward a forgiving future. Sometimes unspoken experiences lie at the root of behaviors. Beliefs can be misinterpreted by others forcing secrets to bury themselves deep within. This exhibition invites artists to free themselves by sharing the truth that lies within. Having the courage to move forward in life through the shadows of one's past can be challenging. Yet, this is also the place where wishes, dreams, and hope lie. Whether chosen or forced, the secrets of life are recorded and securely fastened in different ways by different people. Memories remain locked in the center of each person's soul. Make your voice and heart heard through art.

9MusesArtCenter is a program of the Mental Health Association of Southeast Florida designed to provide adults with mental health disorders an opportunity to improve mental health through the Fine Arts, Support Groups, and Peer Activities. 9Muses has been promoting mental health awareness throughout the community over twenty years and functions as a peer-run organization. Positive interaction promotes self-empowerment and increases mental health awareness which strengthens individual recovery.

Eligibility: The exhibit is open to all members in good standing at 9MusesArtCenter. Work of all mediums explored through class involvement is welcomed. Submissions must be original work by the artist and must be created within the past 12 months. Accepted works must remain through the posted exhibition dates and will remain on hand for a traveling exhibit. 9MusesArtCenter has the right to refuse any work misrepresented in the application. Images of accepted work will be used for marketing and document.

Paintings are limited to 24" x 36"

**Sculptures must not exceed 12"(w) x 12"(d) x 20"(h)
Opening reception date is tentative and subject to change**

Submit all entries to Nicole Storrs, by Friday, July 31st, 2018. Email additional inquiries to nicole@mhasefl.org.