ReNewal: A Showcase Event for Nurses’ Art Expressions

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

2020 has been declared the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife” by the World Health Organization (WHO) and it is also the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. These significant events call for special recognition and celebration of the nursing profession! How can you and your organization help to make it special?

From April 3 to May 24, 2020, the Hektoen Nurses and Humanities and the Hektoen International Journal of Medical Humanities (www.hekint.org) will sponsor an exhibit at the International Museum of Surgical Sciences (IMSS) at 1500 Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. The exhibit title is: Nurses’ Relaxation and Renewal through the Arts.

We are inviting all nurses, nursing students, nursing retirees, etc. to submit pictures of a wide variety of artistic talents including drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, collage, ceramics, sculpture, poetry, short prose, photography, fiber arts (embroidery, crochet, crewel, knitting, needlepoint), glass, jewelry, music, dance (performance/composition), theater (performance/playwriting/production), and other artistic endeavors that engage nurses in relaxation and renewal of their energies! Details and submission instructions may be found on the submission form included with this packet.

We invite you to publicize this event and encourage your nurses to submit their art for consideration. During the 7-week exhibit works may be displayed as wall-hung art, in display cases, or on a continuous video loop. The exhibit space will allow nurses to network with those who share their interests but not necessarily their nursing specialty. All submitted works will also be considered for publication in Hektoen International, a digital journal of health humanities with a large, international readership.

You will be notified about a number of related arts programs at the museum during the exhibit on topics such as the history of nursing, storytelling, arts and collage workshops, music and dance performances, children’s arts workshops, and poetry programs. We hope that this initiative may prompt your organization to highlight the talents of your own nursing employees during the “Year of the Nurse” by organizing an exhibit in your own facilities. You can also schedule a private celebration for your organization directly with the museum during the exhibit.

We invite you to consider co-sponsorship with Hektoen International Journal and Hektoen Nurses and Humanities for the Nurses’ Relaxation and Renewal through the Arts exhibit. There are three levels of sponsorship: Platinum $1000; Gold $500; and Silver $100. A sponsorship form is included in this packet. Benefits of sponsorship include an invitation to the opening reception on April 3, 2020; sponsors’ names on all digital and print publicity and the printed exhibit program; recognition in the digital post-exhibit catalogue; and shared display space for your organization’s publicity material at the IMSS during the exhibit. Note: Publicity for the exhibit will begin mid-January 2020.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this invitation to celebrate 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife and 200th Anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth!