

Local artist to have show at State House

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MILLINOCKET—It would be quite an honor for an artist to have artwork displayed at the State House in Augusta. That will happen for artist Bryer McDougall on Tuesday, May 28.

McDougall won the right to be included in an art show at the State House through a voting process that took place earlier in February.

McDougall is a client with Living Innovations in Millinocket and was one of several artists to display his work in a traveling show, according to Laura Rollins, Employment Specialist with Living Innovations.

The traveling art show went from Brewer, Machias, Millinocket, Houlton, Newport, and Belfast. Each art piece exhibited was unsigned so that it was unknown which artists that people would vote for at each showing.



The self-portrait by Living Innovations artist Bryer McDougall which will be on display at the State House in Augusta on May 28. (Contributed photo.)

There were a total of 327 votes cast and McDougall's painting, a

self-portrait in which Rollins explained that McDougall stated that it "shows how his brain is messed up".

McDougall received 46 votes to finish in first place and earn the right to have his painting displayed at the Hall of Flags in Augusta.

"It was an honor," Rollins declared. "Any person could enter and our local hero got it."

The second annual traveling show's theme was "Lest we forget".

McDougall was delighted to win and this award and recognition is part of what his community can be proud of.

"Thanks to all who give support to us from the community," Rollins remarked.

McDougall leads an active life. In addition to painting he has helped out in the community handing out backpacks to students at area schools. McDougall also works for Katahdin General.