TEA Paint Your Pain Contest

Have you ever wanted to express how you feel about having EM through a painting, drawing or other form of artistic expression?

Now is your chance to do so!

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TEA received a request from the research team at Yale's Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research (the group that is working toward new and effective treatments for EM) for artwork depicting the pain suffered by someone with EM.

In response to this request, TEA has established the **TEA Paint Your Pain Contest**:

All submissions must be your original creation and depict your expression of living with erythromelalgia.

Please submit a photo of your artwork electronically to DeborahTEA@aol.com and TEA.cynthia.hockaday@gmail.com.

Deborah and Cindy will be working together to get your images to our team of judges. If for any reason you cannot email your photo of your work, please contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

TEA will have an independent panel, all with some artistic background picking our winner! Our team will be voting based on your art submission alone, with no knowledge of your name or personal story. Only Deborah and Cindy will know whose art photo belongs to which TEA member.

TEA is looking for volunteers to participate on the panel of judges. If you would like to be on our panel of judges we ask that you have some appreciation for all different forms of creative expression. We also ask that you let Deborah and Cindy know of your desire by May 15th, 2012. Anyone on the panel that is choosing the winning submission cannot be a contestant or related to a contestant.

Contest Rules:

1) All submissions need to be submitted by July 1st, 2012 and include your name and email address.

2) The research team at Yale would like to proudly exhibit the photo of our winner's art piece. The winner's digital photo of their art will be used as an illustration during erythromelalgia education and awareness. By entering the contest, each contestant consents to allow their artwork to be used in any way by TEA and Yale University.

3) The photos being submitted must be previously unpublished and will become property of TEA to post on its web site. After the contest is over the contestants still retain the rights to use and publish their artwork if they desire.

4) All submissions must be your original creation and depict your expression of living with erythromelalgia.

5) The panel of judges chosen winner will be final and uncontested.

6) No contestant can be a judge and no judge can be a contestant or be related to one in the spirit of fairness.

7) By submitting your photo to TEA for this contest you are confirming agreement with all of the guidelines and requirements documented in these rules.

The winner of this contest will have their work displayed by Yale. He/She will also receive one year of free membership to TEA along with 10 TEA bracelets.

So express yourself and get your inventive artistic juices flowing!

TEA cannot wait to see all the amazing creations our members come up with! Good luck to all!
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