



SNEAK PEEK: The Box Art Auction Returns to Benefit East End Hospice

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After years of glib overuse, the concept of “thinking outside the box” has become little more than a tired cliché. But for the artists who support the mission of East End Hospice, the idea of thinking *about* the box—and, more specifically, what kinds of things a creative person can do or make with a small, unadorned box—seems in no danger of getting old or tired anytime soon.

It was back in 2000 that some 100 area artists were asked for the first time to take a small box and create a unique work of art that could be put up for auction to benefit Hospice. Today, the Box Art Auction, Hospice’s only annual benefit held in East Hampton, remains a highlight of the late summer season.

This year’s Box Art Auction will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Ross School Center for Well Being on Goodfriend Road in East Hampton, with a silent auction beginning at 4 p.m. and the live auction at 6. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served, included in the price of the \$75 admission ticket.

For those seeking a preview on the boxes they might like to place a bid before the main event, the artworks will be on view at Hoie Hall at St. Luke’s Church, 18 James Lane in East Hampton, on Wednesday, Aug. 28, and Thursday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A free “Meet the Artists” preview reception will be held at Hoie Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.



Box art by Ronnie Chalif.

“Artists on the East End have once again contributed their time, talent and singular creativity to produce these unique works of portable art for this most worthy cause,” Benefit Chair Arlene Bujese said in a press release.

All participating artists are given small donated cigar and wine boxes, and use the boxes inside and out as a canvas or base. Art Boxes completed for 2013 can be viewed online at www.eeh.org.



Box art by Daniel Pollera.

Bujese noted in the release that among the prominent artists who have created memorable boxes for this year's auction are: Connie Fox, April Gornik, William King, Julie Small Gamby, Daniel Pollera, Randall Rosenthal and Frank Wimberley.

Artists who have participated in the auction for the past 13 years include, among others: John Battle, Marilyn Church, Janet Culbertson, Eric Ernst, Jim Gemake, April Gornick, William King, Dennis Leri, Connie Fox, Walter and Roseann Schwab, Anne Sager, Randall Rosenthal, and Diane Mayo.



Box Art by Jane Parkes.

Participating for the first time this year will be: Tina Andrews; R.J.T. Haynes of Cornwall, England, and East Hampton; sculptor Sarah Jaffe Turnbull; Jane Parkes; Toni Ross; Doug Reina; and Charles Waller.

The benefit's Honorary Committee includes Hilaria and Alec Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Conklin, Eric Fischl, April Gornik, Sheldon Harnick, Barbara Layton, Steven Long, the Hon. Paul F. Rickenbach Jr., Mercedes Ruehl and Susan Kennedy Zeller.

All proceeds will benefit East End Hospice, which provides care and support for terminally ill patients, their families and loved ones living on the North and South Forks of Long Island and in Brookhaven Town. Hospice is about to break ground on an East End Hospice inpatient facility in Quogue.



Box art by Carol Hunt.

BASIC FACTS: East End Hospice's 13th Annual Box Art Auction takes place on Sept. 7 at the Ross School Center for Well Being, Goodfriend Road, East Hampton, NY 11937. The Silent Auction begins at 4 p.m. and the Live Auction at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75; includes wine and hors d'oeuvres

The Box Art Auction Meet the Artists Preview Reception take place on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hoie Hall of St. Luke's Church, 18 James Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937

The Boxes are on view at Hoie Hall on Wednesday (Aug. 28) and Thursday (Aug. 29), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m each day. To place an absentee bid, contact Theresa Murphy at the East End Hospice development office, 631-288-7080, or via email, tmurphy@eeh.org.

For information or to buy tickets, visit www.eeh.org or email gifts@eeh.org or call 631-288-8400.

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