



# ART SEEN: Box Art Sales Stay Strong for 2013 Benefit

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The 13th Annual Box Art Auction came out swinging on Saturday night when a crowd of supporters turned out and helped raise around \$60,000 to benefit East End Hospice (EEH). The Box Art Auction is a unique benefit on the East End in that area artists create a unique artwork based on a the humble box. Artists are invited to participate by curator Arlene Bujese. From there, all bets are off as artists strive to make art that stretches boundaries and, sometimes, competes against boxes made in the past.

Some artists have made a box since the fundraiser's inception. They include John Battle, Marilyn Church, Janet Culbertson, Eric Ernst, Jim Gemake, April Gornick, William King, Dennis Leri, Connie Fox, Walter Schwab, Roseann Schwab, Anne Sager, Randall Rosenthal, and Diane Mayo.

This year's benefit included works by around 90 artists, according to EEH. Contributing artists included Julie Small Gamby, Daniel Pollera, Frank Wimberley, Carol Hunt, Priscilla Heine, Stephanie Brody-Lederman, Casey Chalem Anderson, Stan Goldberg, Mary Laspia, Tracy Harris, Gabrielle T. Raacke, Don Saco, James Kennedy, Sarah Jaffe Turnbull, Toni Ross, Charles Waller and others.

Following are some of the people and artworks that made the 13th Annual Box Art Auction a success. All photos are by Tom Kochie.

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The live auction table.

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April Gornik with "Moon Box."

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“Moon Box” by April Gornik.

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“Pie On My Mind” by Gabrielle T. Raacke.

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Artist Linda Capello.

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“Clothespin Girls” by Kathleen Bifulco.

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Paddles ready for the live auction.

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Box by Eric Ernst.

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Stan Goldberg’s box sold for \$2,600.

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David Slater with “Red Rhino Room.”

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"Mystery" by Patricia Feiwel.

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Daniel Pollera's "Two Sails."

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"Hands of Time" by Stephanie Reit.

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Jim Gemake with "Da Da and Norma Jean."

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"Swan Lake" by Roseann Schwab.

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

All proceeds 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. EEH is about to break ground on an inpatient facility in Quogue, NY.

**East End Hospice** is located at 481 Westhampton-Riverhead Road, Westhampton Beach, NY 11937. [www.eeh.org](http://www.eeh.org).

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