



FREDERICKSBURG ALLIANCE OF ARTS & ANTIQUES, INCORPORATED

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Dear Friends and Fellow Artists,

Art Past Dark is taking great shape this year, with the new two-weekend format. We have about eight open studios on the first weekend and many gallery events planned for the second. The Gala, renamed the Opening Celebration, will be held at the Hangar Hotel on Saturday, November 1. With a theme of "Red, White, and Blues" and a date just a few days before the national election, this year's event will include a skit and other fun entertainment. As always, the success of this fund-raising part of Art Past Dark depends on you! We look forward to your participation and generous support.

The sponsoring organization, Fredericksburg Alliance of Arts and Antiques, Inc., encourages you to donate an item for the auction, which will continue the tradition of a Silent Auction and, for several select high value pieces, a Live Auction during the Opening Celebration. The kind of artwork we seek includes framed paintings, drawings, sculpture, photographs, and other handcrafted items like ceramics, jewelry, etc. Auction information and a Donation Form are enclosed in this packet. Please try to send in the form by October 12.

Like last year, donating artists may also display an additional piece in the "Q-Hut Show" at the Hangar Hotel during the Art Past Dark event, with sales going directly to the artist. Details of this exhibiting opportunity are covered in the attachments. Also, donors will be offered a complementary ticket to the Opening Celebration, a \$50 value.

Thank you very much for considering this request for donations. We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours truly,

Chuck and Barbara Mauldin
FAAA Board Members

Proceeds from the auction help fund grants to student art programs at public and private schools in Gillespie County. We recently distributed \$4300, which equals or exceeds the amount the schools have budgeted for art! A half page ad was again published in the Fredericksburg newspaper to announce these awards and to thank the many artists and donors who made it possible. Here's the ad in case you missed it:

Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post, Wednesday, August 27, 2008

Proceeds from Art Past Dark 2007 Awarded

The goals of the Fredericksburg Alliance of Arts & Antiques (FAAA), sponsor of Art Past Dark, are as follows:

1. Promoting Fredericksburg and the surrounding area as an arts destination
2. Assist local practicing professional artists in promoting themselves and their work --- as well art related businesses and organizations in the community
3. Create community awareness and support of our youth interested in the arts

In support of goal number three, the Board of Directors of FAAA is proud to announce the distribution on August 23th of \$4,300 from the proceeds of Art Past Dark 2007 to the following schools and organizations for support of their youth art programs:

Ambleside School	Fredericksburg Elementary School	Heritage School
Boys and Girls Club	Fredericksburg Middle School	St. Mary's School
Doss Independent School District	Fredericksburg High School	Stonewall Elementary School
Fredericksburg Christian School	Harper Independent School District	

The Board would also like to sincerely thank the following artists and donors who donated art pieces for the live and silent auctions at the Art Past Dark 2007 Gala and thereby helped raise the funds distributed to the schools:

Janyth Banfield	Barry Bradley	Eula Marie Gray	Nancy Martin
Clifton Barr	Linda Budd	Delia Hunt	Chuck Mauldin
Ben Beckendorf	Nancy Bush	Peggy Joyce	Tom Miller
Al Bein	Dwain Cheeseman	John Laurence Karasek	Dennis Roberts
Leona Bennett	Lorna Cox	Valerie Kneeland	Julie Roseberry
John Bennett	Kathleen Dalrymple	Donna Lafferty	Carletta Smith
Cathy Benny	Susan Ehlers	Mary Lindsey	Melissa Starry
Walt Biddle	Rosemary Estenson	Marion Loucks	C. S. Talley
Bonnie Bondurant	James Fox	B. Brown Marsh	Bev Tomek

Mark your calendar for "Red, White, and Blues" on Saturday, November 1, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the 2008 Art Past Dark Opening Celebration and Art Auction at the Hangar Hotel.

Art Past Dark Auction

Artwork suitable for auction includes framed paintings of any media, drawings, sculpture, photographs, and other handcrafted items like ceramics, jewelry, etc. The item may be donated by the artist or a patron. Five to ten pieces will be offered at the Live Auction. The remaining art will be offered by silent auction during the Celebration event. An FAAA Committee will select the artwork for the Live Auction. Expect a variety of media to be offered with a preference for pieces with higher retail prices and name recognition.

All auction items will be offered at a minimum opening bid, which will be determined by the donor. FAAA strongly recommends setting a low minimum bid - no more than half of the retail value, preferably lower - in order to encourage bidding and ultimate sale. All proceeds from the sale go to FAAA. Items not sold will be returned to the donor (preferably picked up directly after the Celebration), although it is the goal of FAAA to sell every piece!

Donated artwork will need to be delivered on October 27, 3:00-6:00 PM, to the Hangar Hotel Conference Center at the Airport. Let us know if this date is not convenient – other arrangements can be made. The Airport is south of town on Highway 16. Please drive around to the far side (south side) of the large building that is next to the hotel building. Doors between the two buildings will not be open.

Last year we purchased top-quality panels and lights for displaying art at the Auction. However, easels may be needed for oversized pieces (and will be needed for the Q-Hut Show). Tables will be available for displaying sculpture, ceramics, etc.

You will pick up your complementary Celebration ticket at the art take-in. Additional tickets may be purchased at that time. Tickets will also be on sale at The Grasshopper and Wild Honey and Artisans at Rocky Hill in downtown Fredericksburg. Please invite your art-loving friends and collectors to attend the Celebration.

Artists are encouraged to meet and greet the attendees at the Celebration on Saturday night. As a promotional aid, artists may provide a very brief biographical description, optionally with a photo (not a full resume'). These will be displayed next to the artist's work. If you submitted a bio last year, we should have it and will use it unless you wish to update it. Email Chuck if in doubt.

Please fill out the enclosed Donation Form and return it by October 12 to Chuck Mauldin at the FAAA address shown on the form. If you have any questions or need more information, call Chuck or Barbara at (830) 990-1242 or email us at chuck@chuckmauldin.com.

Art Past Dark Q-Hut Show

By donating an item for the auction, artists may also display at least one additional piece in the “Q-Hut Show” in Quonset Hut B at the Hangar Hotel. Proceeds from sales at the Q-Hut will go to the artists. A credit card service will be available for these sales with a 10% commission fee. A few pieces have sold at past Q-Hut Shows.

The Q-Hut Show will be advertised on the Art Past Dark website and in the program guide.

This year, the Q-Hut Show will be open only at night during the Celebration. This allows participating artists time to visit the open studios during the day rather than man this show. Also, the sales that occurred from both of the past Q-Hut Shows happened during the night’s event. There were some visitors during the day, but no sales.

For the Q-Hut, the display responsibility falls on each of us as participating artists. So, easels of either table or floor type are needed to display paintings and drawings. We will have tables available, but cannot hang on the walls.

Artists may bring one medium or two small paintings for the Q-Hut. Think of this as having an “easel’s-worth” of space available.

Artwork that is not sold at the Q-Hut, and any display equipment, should be taken home at the end of the Celebration.

Q-Hut artwork will need to be delivered on October 27, 3:00-6:00 PM, to the Hangar Hotel at the Airport – same as Donated art. It is not necessary to fill out a form for your Q-Hut art. Simply indicate if you plan to participate on the Donor Form and bring your stuff to the take-in. If you have any questions or need more information, call Chuck or Barbara at (830) 990-1242 or email us at chuck@chuckmauldin.com.

Art Past Dark Auction - Donation Form

Information in **bold** will be used on the identification label at the Celebration

Artist's Name	
Donor Name	
Donor Address	
Phone No.	
Primary Art Membership or Gallery Representation	
Title of Artwork	
Media of Artwork	
Size of Artwork	
Minimum Bid	
Art Retail Value	
Additional artwork for the Q-Hut Show?	Yes No
Easel provided by donor for Q-Hut Show?	Floor easel Table easel Not Applicable
Will use complementary Gala ticket?	Yes No

Biographical info can be sent separately.

Return form by Friday, October 12 to:

Fredericksburg Alliance of Arts and Antiques
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THANK YOU!!!