

## 'The best art auction in town'

### Gala to benefit Tree House Episcopal Montessori School

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While sipping wine on 30A with a view of the Gulf is always fabulous, this posh fundraiser has a real star — an abundant art auction that features local and regional masterpieces.

The third annual Artful Night Under the Stars Art Auction and Gala returns to V Seagrove on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 6-9 p.m.

This year, organizers aspire to feature 60 pieces of original art for auction with all proceeds benefitting early childhood education efforts at The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School.

"In addition to being a great cause, this event truly showcases local artists and allows for partiers to buy a fabulous piece of art... or two... or three!" said Genevieve Torrey, event organizer and parent of two daughters who attend The Tree House school. "Last year we had lots of out-of-towners come, and they left the event with full trunks. Word is getting out that this is the event to attend to fill those blank walls!"

Playing for the first time at this event, the wildly popular local band The Courtyard Saints will take the stage during the evening festivities.

Thanks to the generous donations from local businesses, the art auction will have many "amenities" to make the evening unforgettable. For the second year in a row, Grayton Beer Company will have brews on tap, including The Original and 30A

Beach Blonde.

V Seagrove will provide mouth-watering heavy appetizers, desserts and a raw bar for the seafood lovers. Grove Fisher of Fisher Flower and Events spearheads the event designs including stunning table arrangements, flowers and overseeing every detail to perfection. Sunshine Shuttle and Limousine will give guests the royal treatment by providing door-to-door complimentary valet parking at V Seagrove. To make sure word gets out about the "best art auction in town," 30A.com joins on for the second consecutive year as a media partner.

In support of this charitable cause, Daniel W. Uhlfelder Law Firm generously donated the funds to bring The Courtyard Saints' musical talents to V Seagrove for the evening.

In addition to the local art pieces, auction items include restaurant and shop gift certificates, fine wines, home décor, massage/spa packages, photography sessions, legal services, medical services, jewelry, unique dining experiences, and fabulous vacation homes in fun and exotic locales.

Raffle tickets with a few surprise giveaways will be available for purchase during the event or for an upgraded VIP-level ticket price.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.30A-opoly.com](http://www.30A-opoly.com).

If you have any questions about the Artful Night Under the Stars Auction and Gala, please contact The Tree House at [info@thetreehousectk.org](mailto:info@thetreehousectk.org) or call 850-622-9771.



Artist Jane Whaley's 24-by-18-inch painting entitled "Wonderful Day on 30A" will also be featured at the auction.



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Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, generously donated not just one, but two art pieces of recycled glass and resin on painting canvas for the upcoming charity art auction. "Blue Flowers in a Vase" is valued at \$1,500 and measures 16 inches by 40 inches. Artists Gordie Hinds, Susan Lucas, Tres Taylor, Nicole Paloma, Janet & Steve Thomas with Thomas in Tandem, and Melissa Davis will also be represented at the event.

#### WANT TO GO?

**Date:** Saturday, Feb. 22

**Time:** 6 - 9 p.m. (auction bidding closes at 8 p.m.)

**Location:** V Seagrove, 2743 E. County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach

**Ticket price:** \$50 each, general admission; \$100 each, VIP generous donor admission (includes raffle tickets + more). Purchase tickets online at [www.30A-opoly.com](http://www.30A-opoly.com)

Artful Night Under the Stars

Saturday  
Feb. 22, 2014

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