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Auction proceeds benefit center project

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You could own a piece of art from a Snohomish County artist of the year, such as a sculpture of glass and recycled river rock from Reg Akright. Or a hand-blown glass vase from Merrilee Moore. Or an oil on canvas from the late Genevieve Tuck.

To get one of these rare treasures, you'll have to participate in the annual H'Arts Auction on Feb. 27 at the Everett Events Center.

The artists have donated works for this event, with all the proceeds benefiting the Arts Council of Snohomish County's campaign to build the Schack Art Center.

"The artists have truly stepped up with tremendous generosity by donating an amazing collection of artwork for the auction," said Judy Tuohy, arts council executive director. "For any art collector or anyone wanting to collect, this is a 'must' event."

More than 400 art pieces are available for auction — including pieces by internationally known glass artists Dante Marioni and Preston Singletary — as well as a variety of art experiences, services and products ready to go to the highest bidder.

The artwork comes in many mediums, such as hand-blown glass, paintings, sculptures, prints, photography, mixed media, Japanese tansu, pottery and jewelry.

Artwork by 2010 Artist of the Year Jules Anslow is also on the auction block.

A preview of artwork in the live auction will be available online at www.artscouncilofsnoco.org starting Monday.

After 28 years, H'Arts — "Helping the Arts" — has become the premier Snohomish County art auction.

This year, every dollar spent at the H'Arts Auction will go toward the Schack Art Center.

In 2006, the arts council initiated a \$6 million capital campaign to build a multi-use regional arts center in downtown Everett. Today the campaign is in the home stretch with nearly 85 percent of the money raised.

The Schack Art Center will include the Visual Arts Education Center for arts council programs, as well as affordable housing for working artists and their families constructed by Artspace Projects.

When completed later this year, the 80,000-square-foot facility will serve as a place where artists live, work and collaborate, as well as a place for art exhibits, classes and workshops.

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The H'Arts Auction

The event begins at 5 p.m. with the silent auction, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the live auction at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Everett Events Center, 2000 Hewitt Ave., Everett.

Tickets are \$85. Call 425-257-8380 to reserve tickets by Feb. 20.

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