

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Only a week away! Art For Animals, our major fundraiser for 2023 will take place on Thursday, June 15 at Flat Creek Inn in Hayward. I so hope you have it on your calendar with plans to attend with friends and family. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with easy listening music by DJ Wayne Basevich, a beautiful array of appetizers and champagne and punch. There will also be a cash bar. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffles and a live auction. All ticket holders will have a chance at the door prizes drawing. Unique to the event this year is a special raffle for a handcrafted dollhouse made for NHS by Jim and Marion Dier. The doll house is a two story, open sided house, complete with furniture, a family, a dog and cat and fully decorated.

Art For Animals has been a part of our fundraising efforts for the past 30 years. It was originally held at Maximillians in Stone Lake. Owners Max and Sonja Hintler would let us move all of the chairs out of the restaurant, rearrange tables, bring in tables, take the deer mounts off the walls and bring in our own appetizers. At the end of the evening it was the reverse. Yikes! But it was fun and worth the effort.

Since then we have held Art For Animals at Flat Creek Inn. Former manager Carol Tillman and current manager Robyn Stryker will setup the room, prepare the appetizers and support the event. What hasn't changed is that my dear friend BJ Schwartzhoff is co-chairing this event with me and Max Hintler will be pouring champagne. The champagne is being provided by one of our sponsors, Out of The Woods Winery.

Other sponsors include Hawksford/Larsen Dental Care, Frandsen Bank and Trust, Superior Choice Credit Union, David and Susan Cudden, Beehive Botanical and Susan Miley Law.

Another things that hasn't changed since the first Art for Animals, is the generosity of area artists, crafts people and businesses. There will be over three hundred items to bid on during the silent auction. In the silent auction you will find jewelry, original artwork, pottery, sculptures and household items. This year we have been given a variety of unique purses – some of them hand tooled leather. We will have a vintage section that has some very unique items in it such as handcrafted wooden lamp with a Flintlock Blunderbuss (replica). The Flintlock is from the 1960's. You may also bid on an Old Town Dirigo 10 ft. yellow Kayak!

We are posting some of the silent auction items on the Northwoods Humane Society Facebook page and on our website <https://www.northwoodshumanesociety.org/events--fundraisers.html>.

There are gifts certificates that will appeal to everyone. Dinner at the Ranch, McCormick House, White Stag Tavern, The Boulevard, Treeland's Resort and so many more. Beauty baskets from Titus Salon and Town and Country, a one night stay at Seven Winds Casino, passes to Wilderness Walk and the Fishing All of Fame, a stay at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, and a two night stay at The Riverside Motel.

Artists' Trudianne Temple is offering an afternoon or evening for 12 learning and doing Zentangle at the Boulevard – you pick the twelve and the date. Donna Post will offer painting classes and Deanna Persson will have a gift certificate for two for 2 collage classes in their studios.

Two more dining opportunities will be a five-course dinner for four in the home of Donna Post and you may bid on a Picnic On The Pontoon on Lake Lac Court Oreilles.

One more thing that hasn't changed.....I still get to auction off my husband, Mike, for a day of guided fishing. Along with a day with Mike, the high bidder will also get a handcrafted muskie rod by Steve Braddish.

Tickets for Art For Animals may be purchased in advance at Redbery Books in Cable, the NHS Thrift Shop, NHS Shelter or Art Beat of Hayward. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For more information call Deanna Persson at 715-934-2780.