



ART FOR THE AUCTION - Dallas artist Sue Hand painted an auction scene that sold for \$570 Sunday night. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Sue Hand donates her talent to library

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When Sue Hand was 11 years old, she stood by the block at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, admiring a collector's doll made by Mrs. Newman and wondering how it would feel to create something beautiful that people would want to buy and keep.

For the past two years she has realized her dream, as watercolor scenes of the auction that she painted while on site were featured items.

"When the auctioneer called me up to the block to introduce me, I was so nervous that my heart was fluttering," she laughed. "I've won international art awards, but being introduced at the auction was much better."

Primarily done on location, Sue's 1992 painting depicts the excitement of the bidding area and the play of the floodlights on the tents alongside Huntsville Road.

Several preliminary sketches Friday and Saturday night were necessary before she felt that she had properly captured the auction's atmosphere and the play of lights and shadows on

the library's grounds.

The painting wasn't finished until Sunday, when Sue and her husband, Joe, dried it in the heated mounting press before matting and framing it. The painting fetched \$570 when it went over the block that night.

"Painting at night is challenging because the lighting is much different from what I am accustomed to at the studio," Sue said. "Since the lighting changes the appearance of the colors, I must memorize each one's position on my palette."

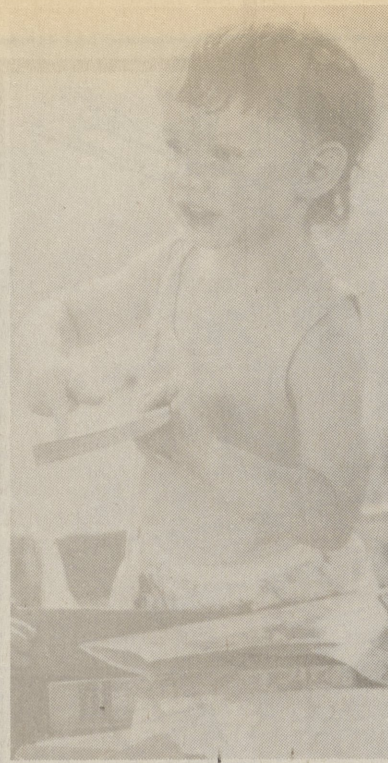
The Back Mountain Memorial Library has been a very special place for Sue and Joe Hand for many years. Before they formally began to date, they often met there to work together on term papers and school assignments.

"It was very romantic. We were only 10th graders," Sue laughed. "To give you a sense of how long ago that was, we just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary."

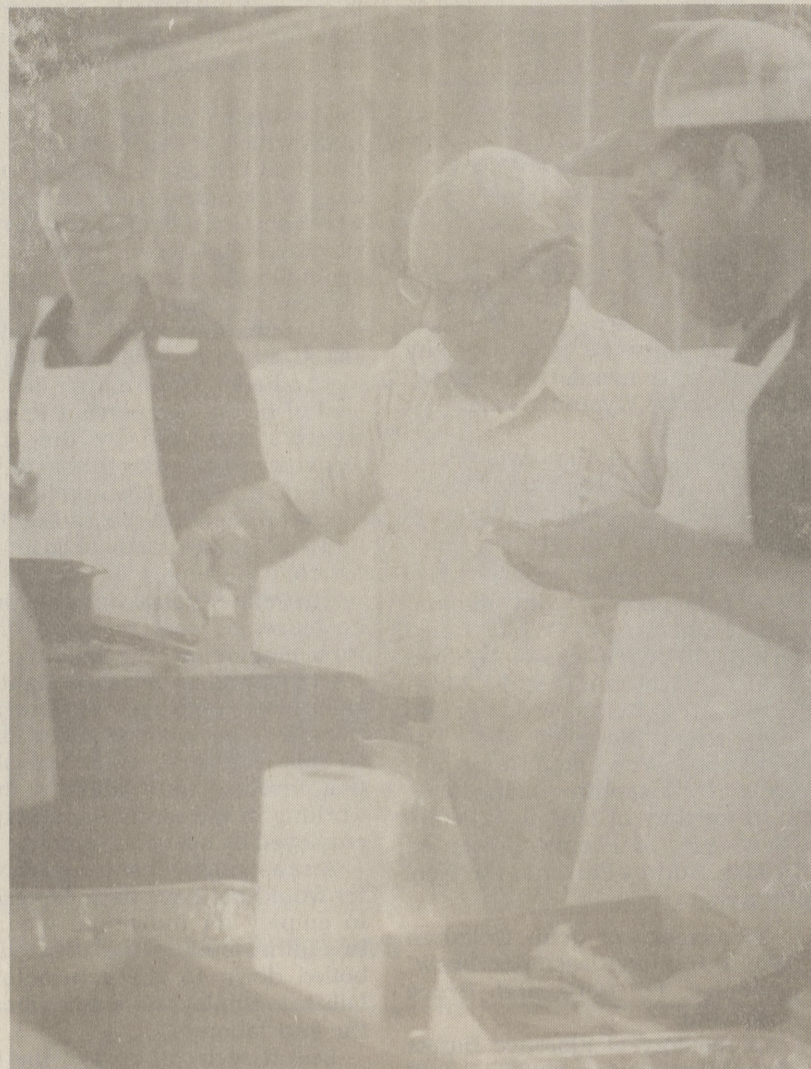
Sue Hand's library auction painting has a special image, a red ribbon, hidden in the picture, a personal spiritual symbol that she has included in all her art work since March. Once the owner finds it, Sue will be happy to explain its significance.



CHOICES, CHOICES - Florence Belenski of Harveys Lake looked over the Nearly Old booth.



THIS ONE'S FOR ME - Kristin Justice, 2, of Dallas picked her favorite from the book booth.



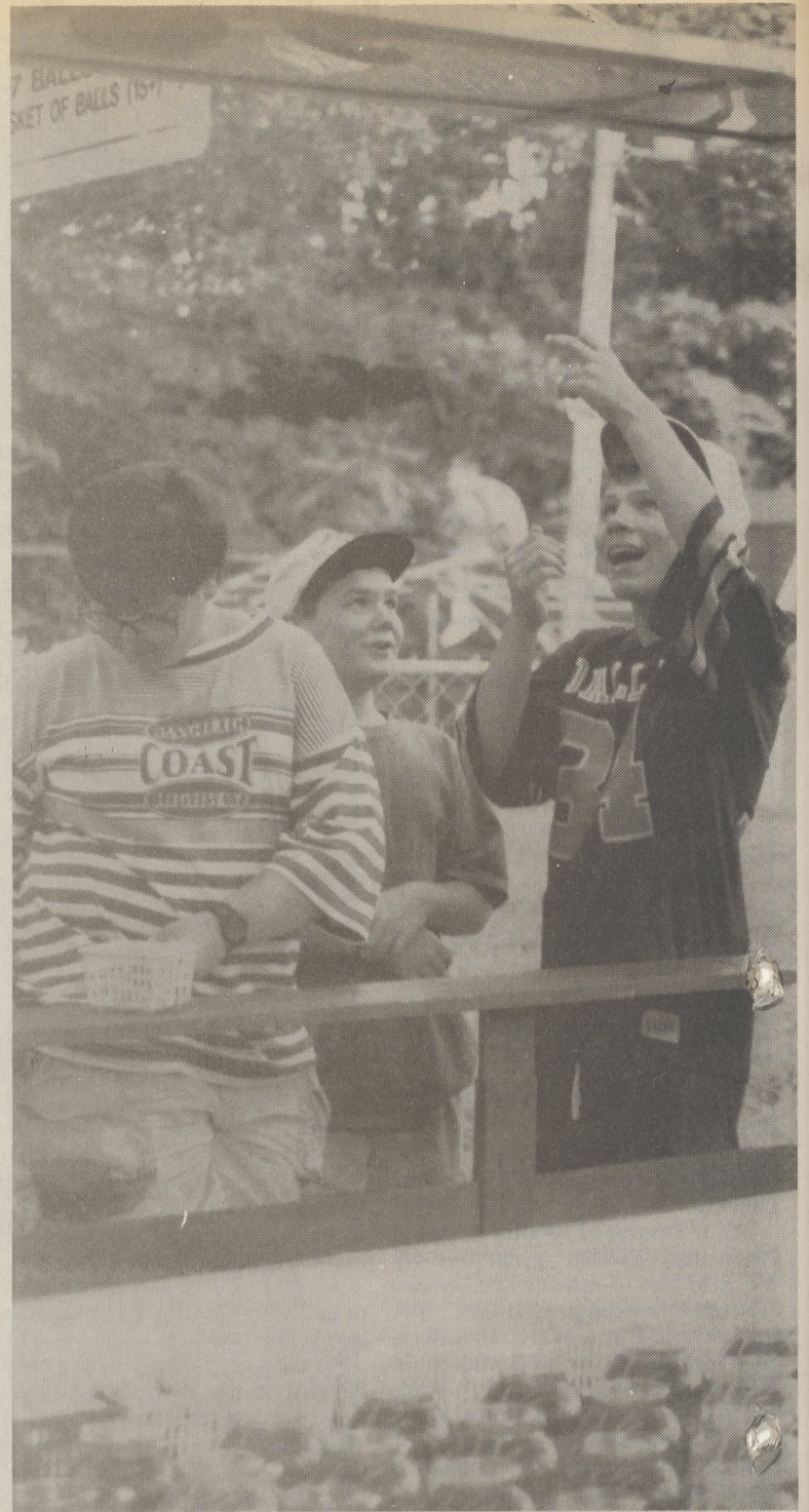
DISHING IT OUT - Members of the Dallas Rotary were kept busy all four days feeding the hungry crowds. From left, Arch Moore, Jim Alexander and Randy Lloyd manned the booth.

Auction antiques raffle winners

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction's antiques committee has drawn the following winners for its raffle:

- First prize: Andrea Sordani, Dallas: small victorian-style side table.
- Second prize: L. J. Kirchner, Dallas: copper and brass kettle
- Third prize: Shirley Richardson, Shavertown: art glass vase.

Photos by Charlotte Bartizek



GREAT FISH - Chris Appel, 12, Doug Wilhelm, 13 and Mike Dobranski, 13 checked out the fish they won at the auction.



IT WENT FAST - Welsh cookies made by the Women of the Rotary and homemade fudge by the Dallas Federated Women's Club added some flavor to the auction. Above left, Kay Whitehead and Becky Sickert get ready to hand out some cookies.

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