



## Sand art booth raises funds, teaches responsibility

I was pretty much hesitant when Glenn and Peggy Harvey (New Goods) approached me four years ago and asked if I would like to volunteer to chair the library auction's sand art booth (which Glenn had done previously). At the time, I was undergoing a personal family crisis, but I knew I should turn my sadness into a positive thing and decided this was my chance to show my three children and the community children an example of what it is to volunteer your personal time for a worthwhile cause.

wonderful library auction committee members who give so much of themselves to this cause. The chance was that I knew I needed to attract enough children to make a worthwhile contribution to the library with the proceeds from the booth. I am proud to say that not only has the chance paid off in countless ways for me, my children and community children, the library also has benefited from these proceeds.

The children who volunteer in the booth gain self-confidence and learn responsibility. A lot of work goes into the preparation of the booth (more than anyone

realizes). I begin the inventory of supplies in January, checking to see whether the colored sand needs to be replenished and if so, get in touch with a company in New Jersey to order as many as twenty 35 pound bags of colored sand that are brought to the library on an 18 wheeler truck in the month of June. If the glue used to glue on the bottle lids needs to be purchased I also begin to do this in January or February when there are sales on the material.

I stay in touch with those who volunteer in the booth during the six months before the auction so I know whether they will

return to help out. During the month of May I place signs in the library as well as in the newspapers announcing the need for donations of jars and bottles with lids, and the rest is history!

A few years ago, when the announcement was made of the goal of a new addition to the library, a "Children's Wing," my motivation continued...and so in the past few years I also decided that it would be wonderful if we could get celebrity items to go over the block in order to bring in more proceeds. I took on the

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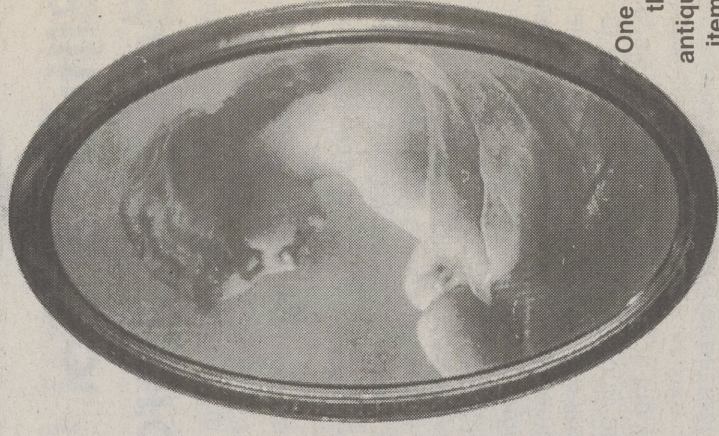
The action crowd in 1949, at the old Risley barn on Lehman Ave., being tempted to bid on some plates.

## Hungry? You never have to leave the grounds for good eats

You don't have to leave the auction grounds when hunger pangs strike. The Dallas Rotary Club and other organizations volunteer their services to feed the mass of hungry auction-goers, and they have something for any taste, as long as you like "auction food." Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, all proceeds go directly to the library.

The delectable delights are underwritten by 24 local businesses that contribute \$100 each to buy the food. So enjoy every bite of your hot dog, go ahead and buy another hamburger. It all goes for a good cause.

Wayne Schmolle came up with the idea a couple of years ago, and attracted donations to purchase such items as bbq sandwiches, chicken fingers, batter-dipped haddock, chili and fresh fruit salad, to name just a few. After collecting the food, the Rotary enlists other organizations to help man the booth, so there's always somebody to serve those hungry auction mouths.



One of the antique items.



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