

Bazaar time in Dallas

Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, held its 10th annual bazaar last weekend, with enough fun and food for all the hundreds of people who attended. After a sketchy start, the weather cooperated with two beautiful nights that added to the enjoyment. In photos, clockwise from right: Julia Randazzo and Nicole Cavanaugh enjoyed ice cream, one of many treats at the bazaar; Father Kevin Mulhern said his job sometimes includes cleaning up; Scott Skammer, Ted and Matt Ruch, Melissa Rukstals, and Hillary Mosca manned the popular potato pancake grill; Tina Urban and Angie Murray put it their time at the funnel cake pans, and had a good time while doing it; Angela Reno, Angela Galeano, Kelly Dessoye, and Andrea Menio enjoyed the evening at Dallas's own sidewalk cafe for the weekend.



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Volunteers

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terest for over 25 years has been the Odds and Ends tent. "I get to see people that I might not see throughout the year. A lot of friends stop by the tent to visit and that's really nice," she said. "We try so hard every year to get new people to volunteer. It's a great cause."

Volunteers for the tent are needed on July 5 and 6 to help move the accumulated treasures from the basement of the library out to the tent. "Even if people could give an hour or two of their time, it would help. They don't have to carry the heavy stuff, just unloading the boxes under the tent is a big help."

The funds raised through the auction help with yearly library expenses. This year's

sale is especially important because the library lost nearly \$47,000 in state funding.

"What is a community without a library," asked Kutz. "This auction really brings the community together. So many people who have left the area like to plan their visit home to coincide with the auction. It is a really wonderful thing we have here and I hope it will continue for many, many years."

Volunteers are still needed for set up and clean up. "People like to be asked," said Barbara Lemmond. So, consider yourself asked and call the library at 675-1182 to volunteer. If you can't get to a phone, just show up at the library, and there is sure to be some way you can help out.



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Three long-time Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction volunteers are pictured, from left, Barbara Lemmond, Sybil Pelton and Pauline Kutz. Combined, they have about 90 years of auction experience.

Art show to make debut

By KELLY CLISHAM
For The Post

The folks at the Back Mountain Memorial Library have elevated fund-raising to an art form — literally. While the library's auction has been a sign of summer in the community for more than 50 years, this year's event is featuring a new attraction in the form of an art show coordinated by local artist Martha Sampson.

Sampson, a painter and teacher, was born and raised in Clarks Summit. She spent 26 years in Dallas before moving to Florida, then returning to Northeastern Pennsylvania to tend to family obligations. She now lives about halfway between Dallas and Tunkhannock, and though she's officially retired, she says, laughingly, "I'm not. I'm not very retired."

A former public school teacher, Sampson now divides her time between organizing exhibits for the Endless Mountain Council of the Arts where she also gives lessons, teaching private art classes in her home, and pursuing her own artistic endeavors.

Though Sampson's palette, or in this case palette, is quite full, when she was approached about the idea of an art show at this year's auction, she agreed to take charge. The show will feature the work of 15 local artists, both professional and amateur, as well as one of Sampson's own pieces. All of the artwork will be for

sale, with the library and the artist each receiving a portion of the proceeds.

Sampson is also coordinating an art show for the EMCA Gallery that will take place at the end of August.

This busy artist and teacher also shares a passion with many of the auction's guests — a passion for reading. "I read all the time. I find books everywhere." Of course Sampson delves into art books to keep herself inspired and keep her teaching skills current, but she also enjoys historical novels. She counts Rosamunde Pilcher and Maeve Binchy among her favorite authors.

Sampson also holds a special place in her heart for "Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art" by Madeline L'Engle. She says the book is a must for "writers, artists and other creative people," and has given it as a gift many times.

Right now, Sampson is putting her gifts of organizational and artistic talent into making sure the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction's premier art show runs smoothly. While it's still too early to say whether the art show will become a part of the long-standing auction's tradition, Sampson does have high hopes for this year's event.

"I'd love to see the show bring in lots of revenue for the library and the artists. I'd like a lot of people to see a lot of fine arts."

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