

Color the Night

Everyone's an artist for a night during annual fund-raiser April 27

Art lovers who wonder what it would be like to collaborate on a piece of art can get a taste at Color the Night, the annual fund-raising gala for the Marilyn Sunderman Foundation.

Six of the most talented artists in the Southwest will be at Bistro Bella Terra at the Hyatt Pinon Pointe on Friday, April 27, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.—not simply to display their art, but to create it on the spot.

Gala guests will get a chance to become intimately involved in a painting or sculpture, by making suggestions and sometimes even picking up a paintbrush or a knife to contribute to a work in progress. It's an exhilarating experience that's fun for everyone.

Sculptor Barbara Brown, creator of the prototype javelinas for "Javelinas on Parade," is one of the participating artists in this year's event. "I like to do things that benefit the art community," says Brown. "The Marilyn Sunderman Foundation funds [creativity] scholarships and grants, which is extremely worthwhile."

Brown knew Marilyn Sunderman, the late painter, portrait artist, poet and writer who inspired the foundation, and considers it a double honor to further her vision. Brown will bring one of her javelinas (the baby Oscar) made out of stoneware for people to paint.

"I am going to get the painting started, but there will be plenty left for other people to do," she says.

At the end of the night the piece will be up for auction, along with the work of the other featured Color the Night artists, including

- painter David DeVary, known for his "cowboys and cowgirls with attitude," who symbolize the good feeling associated with an idealized American West,

- watercolorist Bill Fravel, who abandoned an award-winning architecture career to paint visionary landscapes and seascapes,

- mixed-media painter Cary Henrie, whose layered landscapes are rich in texture, dimension and a dreamlike sensibility. Henrie was voted one of the top 10 artists to watch in 2006 in *SouthWest Art Magazine*.

- bronze sculptor Clyde "Ross" Mor-

gan, who portrays the variety of human experience in precise anatomical and historical detail. Many of his monumental works are in public spaces, including Uptown Sedona; and

- bronze sculptor James Muir, who recently opened a studio in Tequa Plaza in the Village of Oak Creek. Muir favors allegorical subjects filled with symbols to express social, political and spiritual values.

This year's event is being sponsored by Mike Zito, owner of Bistro Bella Terra. Zito is donating his beautiful venue and attentive wait staff as well as a wonderful array of foods, exciting music, and non-alcoholic beverages to celebrate the restaurant's one-year anniversary.

In addition to a live auction of the participating artists' works, there will be a silent auction and other fun activities, including roving caricaturist Bob Cleland. Patrick Schweiss, executive director of the Sedona International Film Festival, will be the master of ceremonies for the evening. The auctioneer will be Bob McAlester.

Color the Night parking will be available at the Crestview Community Church on the north side

of 89A at Airport Road.

"Because of limited parking at the Hyatt, attendees should use the offsite parking facility," says Harvey Bershader, MSF vice president and Color the Night event chair.

The Sedona Trolley will provide transportation to and from the event throughout the evening, beginning at 5 p.m.

Event proceeds will go to support the MSF's mission to inspire and promote creativity and to heighten public awareness of its value to the community.

Each year, the foundation awards thousands of dollars to teachers in Camp Verde, Cottonwood and Sedona to integrate creativity and the arts into their curriculum. It also provides community grants and scholarships.

For more information, contact Bershader at 204-9914 or sedredox@swiftaz.net. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket cost is \$100, \$75 of which is tax-deductible.

Marilyn Sunderman Foundation is a non-profit corporation affiliated with the Yavapai College Foundation, a 501 (c)(3)

If You Go

What: *Color the Night*

When: April 27

Where: Bistro Bella Terra, Hyatt Pinon Pointe, Sedona

Time: 5:30-9 p.m.

Cost: \$100 per person (\$75 deductible donation)

Featured artists: Barbara Brown, David DeVary, Bill Fravel, Cary Henrie, Clyde "Ross" Morgan, James Muir

Other highlights: Food, music, caricatures, live and silent auctions

Transportation: Parking at Crestview Community Church, 89A and Airport Road; Sedona Trolley will run throughout the evening.



Barbara Randall, above, adds a stroke to artist John Farnsworth's painting. Sculptor Barbara Brown, left, creator of the prototype javelinas for "Javelinas on Parade." Bronze sculptor Clyde "Ross" Morgan, below.

