



**Dear Artist,**

April 2009

We are excited to announce the Chequamegon Bay Arts Council's 2009 fundraising auction – the **Art of the Box**. This event, to be held on Friday, July 24, is our 8<sup>th</sup> annual auction. But we'd like to shake things up a bit this year.

As always, most of our auction items will be visual arts. This year we want to think outside of the box. Are you an artist who would consider creating an art experience for our event? Perhaps a studio tour, a class or two, or a lunch/dinner followed by an afternoon of painting. Are you a musician who could offer a few hours of music to a lucky bidder? Team up with friends who like to cook and create dinner and a concert. The possibilities are endless, but be creative and theme your idea around a box.

This year's auction will also take on a slightly different format. In order to keep our event fresh and fun, we are featuring a silent auction to compliment our traditional live auction. We hope this new format will give buyers and supporters a variety of ways to participate, and we also want to shorten the amount of time people need to sit in chairs in the Bayfield Pavilion on what is traditionally a hot summer night.

You, the artist, will decide whether your contribution fits into the silent or live auction. When you turn in your art piece or description of what you are offering, place a value on your work. Boxes valued below \$250 will be part of the silent auction. Boxes valued at \$250 or above will be part of the live auction. Our auctioneer assures us that both formats offer equal opportunity to bring an exciting contribution to CBAC.

But we're not changing everything. *Artwork must be designed specifically for the auction.* Artists may still choose to receive 30% of the sale price of their auctioned work. The remaining proceeds support CBAC's three different grant programs.

We hope you choose to be part of our event this year. Through this fun annual event, we want to highlight the work of artists who help our cause. We also want to work together to provide much needed support for our local arts organization, which in turn improves the quality of life in the Chequamegon Bay area by enriching arts opportunities for everyone and supporting both established and up-and-coming artists, as well as students, in the region.

To enter a piece in the auction, please complete the top portion of the enclosed form and send it by **May 1, 2009** to: CBAC, P.O. Box 25, Washburn, WI 54891. Completed art pieces and descriptions of experiences and their packaging must be brought to the Washburn Cultural Center no later than June 30th.

It is the creative efforts of our local artists that make this event such a success year after year. We look forward to your participation!

For more information or questions,  
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