

Give the gift of art during this holiday season

■ Proceeds from annual art fundraiser support youth programs at Josephy Center

JOSEPH — The sixth annual Gift of Art fundraising auction supporting the Josephy Center's youth art programs happens Nov. 23.

Preceding the auction, this year's event begins with a new fun family day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Josephy Center, 403 Main St., Joseph. Children can get their faces painted, try the cupcake walk, bid at a kids' auction table, play games, sip hot chocolate and create personalized art to give away as holiday gifts.

As part of the fundraiser, visitors can purchase participation tickets for one or all of the creative "art stations," including clay ornaments, jewelry making, painting, print-making and more. Tickets are \$1 each and most stations cost one to five tickets, depending on the craft.

The family event ends at 4 p.m. with the announcement of the youth art auction winners.

Then the crafts will be put away and appetizers and wine come out to kick off the silent art auction, where adults can bid on works from their favorite local artists such as Leslie LeViner, Mike Koloski, Ted Juve, Pam Beach and Nancy Clarke.

Bidding is open all day and winners will be announced that



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The annual Gift of Art event supports Josephy's youth programs.

evening at 6 p.m. (Bidders do not need to be in attendance to win.)

In the spirit of giving the gift of art, there will also be a place to drop off new art supplies to be distributed to local families before Christmas.

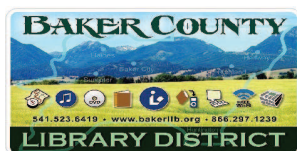
The youth programs depend heavily on fundraising dollars to keep class fees low and pay for quality instruction, supplies, scholarships and student internships.

Funds raised during this event will pay for Friday Youth Art class-

es, a "Mommy and Me" class, Building Healthy Families' after-school programming at three schools and alternative education classes.

If you are an artist or have artwork you would like to contribute, email coordinator@josephy.org or call 541-432-0505.

The artwork will remain on display and for purchase until Dec. 20, and other art for gifting is available for sale in the Josephy art shop, which is open from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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