

YOUR COMMUNITY

Spring brings in 'Wonderland' of great artwork

We all just sprang forward, and spring made its appearance on a warm and beautiful day Saturday. It is the perfect time to enjoy a wonderland of great artwork, which is where my week began.



Angela Ray

On Thursday, I attended "Down the Rabbit Hole" benefit dinner in room 100 at Golden Belt. Room 100 is just outside the indi-

vidual artists' studios in building 3 on the Golden Belt campus.

The event Thursday coincided with an exclusive preview of the exhibit, "Down the Rabbit Hole" by nationally renowned artist, Tama Hochbaum.

The exhibit, "Down the Rabbit Hole" was inspired by Lewis Carol's "Alice



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in Wonderland," which is a timely display as the Tim Burton directed film of the same name



Shane Ingram prepares the first course at the "Down the Rabbit Hole" benefit dinner on Thursday.

A look at what's coming up ...

The next major event for the Durham Arts Council is Art Walk, which is scheduled for April 17-18. For information about the event, visit www.durhamarts.org.

During the same weekend, both Chapel Hill Wine Company and Shane Ingram will team up with other area chefs for a Corks for Kids preview dinner on April 18 at Bin 54 Restaurant in Chapel Hill. The main fundraiser for Corks for Kids normally takes place in September.

As we look ahead to next week, Collage Dance Company will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Saturday at 3 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. The event will take place at the School of Math and Science at 1219 Broad St. in Durham.

As the community writer, I witness a number of people do phenomenal things through fundraisers, outreach programs, and partnerships. While they do not do it for the recognition, often their work is appreciated through some type of formal or public

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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Club Events

WHAT: Is your civic club having



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is currently in theaters.

The dinner Thursday was sold out. As I arrived, I was greeted by Sherry Devries,

the executive director of the Durham Arts Council, and Barclay McConnell, the artist services manager. Both were putting the finishing touches on the check-in table just before the rest of the guests started to arrive.

Michael Klinger, of Chapel Hill Wine Company, was also on hand throughout the evening. Chapel Hill Wine Company provided the wine for the dinner and also provided the selected wines at sale prices for supporters who were interested in making a purchase.

The evening began with passed hors d'oeuvres paired with a pinot noir sparkling rose wine. Chef Shane Ingram of Four Square Restaurant in Durham was on hand putting all the finishing touches on the meal. Four Square celebrated its 10th anniversary last fall.

When asked how he got involved with the benefit,

group that has received an honor or elected new officers? Know a Boy Scout who has received his Eagle? Send the information and, if possible, a photo.

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an event, awarding a scholarship or conducting a fundraiser? Let us know.

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Wish You Were Here

WHAT: Share your vacation with a photo and information about where you took your trip.

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Larry Loeser (from left), Bev Carr and Bill Kalkhof at the Rabbit Hole dinner.

hour, guests were seated for dinner with three courses remaining.

The proceeds from the dinner Thursday benefited the Durham Arts Council, which provides a variety of programming options for the community including artists' rehearsal and performance space, grants for organizations, and arts educational programs in the public schools.

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I would like to acknowledge the community support extended to me by two strangers in Chatham County, near Bear Creek on Friday. When my car broke down on a rural road with the closest store almost 10 miles away, a gentleman named Bruce pulled over to help me get my car off the road.

Minutes later, a young lady named Rachel stopped by to lend a hand and even gave me a ride to the Pittsboro General Store to wait for help. Even the employees at the Pittsboro Napa Auto parts lent their support. Bruce even stopped by a second time, hours later, after I got a new battery to make sure everything was OK. Now that's community support.

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Ingram shared that he was asked to participate. But, he also added that many staff members from the Durham Arts Council frequently support his restaurant so it was an easy decision to offer the organization his support.

The hors d'oeuvres consisted of vegetarian sushi along with pullet eggs stuffed with chicken liver mousse and red hot gelatin. Ingram answered questions from some of the guests wanting information about how the dish was prepared.

During the cocktail hour, supporters had a chance to mingle and view the featured exhibit. Along with

Hochbaum's artwork though, a number of the artists who have studios in Building 3 were present Thursday, displaying their work.

Larry Loeser enjoyed the evening with his wife, Bev Carr, and fellow Downtown Durham Inc. board member Bill Kalkhof. Kalkhof is president of the organization, and he shared that he supported the event because of the important role the arts play in downtown revitalization.

Carr added that she likes to have her senses stimulated and this event allowed for that stimulation through the art and the food. This was Carr's first visit to the Golden Belt Campus.

Following the cocktail