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There's No Place Like GAC...

2012 Fine Art Auction

GALVESTON, Texas, February 15, 2012—Galveston Arts Center is pleased to announce the 2012 Fine Art Auction with proceeds benefitting GAC's exhibition and education programs, and the restoration of the 1878 First National Bank Building. The auction will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012, from 5:30 to 7:30 at GAC's current location on the corner of 25th and Market Streets. The live auction begins at 6:30. The event is free and open to the public. Items may be previewed on Saturday between 11 am and 5 pm.

There's no place like home, and we miss ours, the 1878 First National Bank Building, *terribly!* We've done a lot of work on the building since Hurricane Ike, but we still have much more to do before we can return as the "center" of culture on the corner of Strand and 22nd Street. Your support of events such as this one help put us that much closer to reaching our goal of restoring the facility. So, dig out your ruby slippers and join us!

A preview party will be held on Friday, March 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$20 for GAC members. Galveston Restaurant Group has graciously donated hors d'oeuvres and beverages are courtesy Del Papa Distributing Company. There will be live entertainment and guests will be able to bid in advance on silent auction items. Work by artists who have recently exhibited at GAC will be available, including Mayuko Ono Gray, Michael Guidry, Jules Buck Jones, Isa Leshko, Bert Long, MANUAL, Kamila Szczesna, Sarah Williams and Ann Wood. Other artists donating work include Bill Davenport, Mark Greenwalt, Stewart Pagan, Margaret Smithers-Crump, Ann Stautberg, Saralene Tapley and Frank X. Tolbert², among others. Persons interested in attending the preview party should RSVP to 409.763.2403.

Galveston Arts Center is operating in a temporary downtown location on the corner of Market and 25th Streets. The exhibition gallery and selections from GAC's retail gallery, ArtWorks, are open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. Admission is free at all times.

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