ACE 2008: Find a Piece of Yourself

Mark your calendar for the 24th annual American Craft Exposition, August 22 – 24, 2008 at the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion on the Evanston campus of Northwestern University. This year, the Exposition will bring 159 of the nation’s finest artisans to exhibit and sell their museum-quality pieces to benefit breast and ovarian cancer research at ENH. Special demonstrations will feature fiber artist Renee Harris, ceramics artist Paul Eshelman and jewelry artist and metalist Biba Schutz. New in 2008: twelve rising stars will occupy an Emerging Artist Gallery, a specially constructed exhibit area sponsored by Rachel D. Kohler and Mark Hoplamazian.

Plan to attend the Joan Kowing McGregor Collectors’ Hour, sponsored by Clyde Smith McGregor, on Thursday, August 21, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., to be the first to see and purchase one-of-a-kind craft pieces, including jewelry, ceramics, fiber, furniture and more. The Benefit Preview Party follows from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. On Friday evening, our new “Fashion and Friends” event will feature Emerging Artist and Project Runway semi-finalist Kat Szymanski who will moderate a design challenge with participants assembling wearable craft.

The Show’s annual raffle will include a beautiful blue vessel donated by Natalie Blake (showcased on this year’s poster), an exquisite piece of jewelry donated by Rob Greene and a $1,000 gift certificate from Neiman Marcus. For out-of-town family and friends, or anyone who wants to shop in advance, be sure to check out the new online auction with exclusive pieces, beginning August 1, 2008 at www.americancraftexpo.org.

**BENEFIT PREVIEW THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**
Joan Kowing McGregor Collectors’ Hour . . . 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
$150 (includes Preview Party)

Preview Party .......................... 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
$100

**EXHIBITION AND SALE**

Friday, August 22 . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, August 23 . . . . . . . . 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, August 24 . . . . . . . . . 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

3-Day admission $15, Advance Tickets (through August 19) $12.
Tickets available by phone at 847.570.5095 or online at www.americancraftexpo.org

**ONLINE AUCTION**

August 1 - August 31
www.americancraftexpo.org
President’s Column

What an exciting Spring and Summer for the Auxiliary!

In May, a new event — A Profile in Strength — highlighted ACE and raised awareness about breast and ovarian cancer research. 2008 ACE Co-chairs Dana Turban and Sandy Miller invited Robin Roberts from ABC’s Good Morning America to speak about her experience with breast cancer.

As the morning began at Michigan Shores Club, we could not imagine the impact that Robin Roberts would have on the women in our audience. It is hard to describe their reactions. Women who had suffered from breast cancer shared personal stories with a room of 400 strangers who quickly became their supporters. Along with the main presentation, this sold-out event featured a “VIP Meet and Greet” and an excellent “Q & A” session with Robin Roberts and three ENH physicians. In a special way, people learned about The Auxiliary, ENH and all that we do for the community and our patients.

On June 14, The Auxiliary celebrated our Gala in grand style. Claudine Gerbel and Heather Blackwell, the event chairs, created an energy that could be felt throughout the evening. With the cool blues of Russia, multi-colored feathers of Rio, red roses and greens of Italy, and the cabarets of Paris, the incredible décor was an international feast for the eyes. The Gala focused positive attention on ENH, raised funds for Alzheimer’s care and treatment, and brought together members, friends, family, businesses and community members for an unforgettable evening.

It is great to be part of The Auxiliary Board of Directors. I hope that you will join us. Those who are on the Board, please make your committee selections for the 2008 – 2009 year, and forward your completed information to Susan Nystuen, our President-Elect. There are great choices for everyone. All Auxiliary members are welcome to serve on Auxiliary committees. Each of our committees fills a vital role in achieving The Auxiliary’s goals of fundraising and service in our communities.

Also, please remember that it not too late to make a donation to our Angel Campaign for either or both of our great goals: the Alzheimer’s and Memory Assessment Center and Breast and Ovarian Cancer Research.

Finally, I would like to thank Sue Weindruch for her service as Director of The Auxiliaries of ENH. While we know that Sue will enjoy more time this summer, we will dearly miss her. Even though she has agreed to continue to work part time for us to prepare for this year’s ACE, we feel her absence already. Throughout her years as Director, Sue maintained a superb, well-honed and highly respected office that allowed The Auxiliary to accomplish and exceed its goals. Her passion for ENH and the Auxiliaries has been contagious, and we are deeply grateful.

I look forward to seeing you all at ACE. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Janet Emmerman
Auxiliary President

The Party of the Summer

The Auxiliary held the party of the summer at the Hilton Chicago on June 14. The Hospitals’ 36th annual Gala, benefiting the Alzheimer’s and Memory Assessment Center at Glenbrook Hospital, was truly An International Affair.

Approximately 750 guests were treated to international delicacies in the elegant Grand Ballroom from stations that included Italy, Asia, France and Latin America. A silent auction featured Chicago sporting events, wine and scotch baskets, a Neiman Marcus Gift Card and adventures to Aruba and Mexico. High-kicking Can-Can dancers led the party into the International Ballroom for dinner, a live auction and grand entertainment. The live auction featured an Exclusive Resorts vacation, a Mercedes lease from Loeber Motors and custom designed earrings from Lester Lampert. New to this year’s Gala was a fast-paced “Heads and Tails” game where guests took a chance to win two business class tickets to London provided by American Airlines. The crowd was then treated to performances by a rhythmic Flamenco Ensemble, an upbeat Ukrainian Ensemble and colorful Carnivale Dancers. The movable feast continued back in the Grand Ballroom with international dessert stations, dessert martinis and dancing to the City Lights Orchestra. Many thanks to Co-Chairs Heather Blackwell and Claudine Gerbel for all their hard work.

A Beautiful Robin Inspires Hope

On Saturday, May 31, a picture perfect spring day, Robin Roberts encouraged and inspired a full house of 400 Auxiliary members and friends at Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette. Ms. Roberts’ courage, hope and humor filled the room as she shared the struggles and triumphs that she has experienced since being diagnosed with breast cancer in the summer of 2007. After hearing her personal story, guests were invited to direct questions to Ms. Roberts and a panel of ENH physicians joining her on stage: Wendy Rubenstein, MD, PhD, Director of the ENH Center for Medical Genetics, Stephen Sener, MD, Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Evanston Hospital, and Elaine Lee Wade, MD, Associate Director of the Breast Cancer Center at Glenbrook Hospital. The doctors’ responses to questions about care and recovery became conversational as audience members recounted their own stories of facing cancer.

The Auxiliary’s ACE Committee developed A Profile of Strength with Robin Roberts to raise awareness in the community about the importance of high quality medical research and care in the struggle against breast and ovarian cancer. The event also cast a bright light on the American Craft Exposition and its work to raise $2.75 million for breast and ovarian cancer research.

A delicious luncheon with lively table discussions and gift bags provided by Alberto Culver helped to cap a very special morning.
New Gala Funding Goal: Cancer Patient Support

The Auxiliary Board has selected Creation of a Total Patient Support Program for Evanston Hospital’s Kellogg Cancer Care Center as the funding goal for our 2009 and 2010 Galas. Headed by Dr. Bruce Brockstein, Medical Director of Evanston Kellogg Cancer Care Center, this exciting project will allow Kellogg, a regional leader in cancer care, to address critical needs of its cancer patients. Proceeds from the Galas will be used to hire new staff to meet these needs: Patient Navigators will advocate and coordinate care details for oncology patients; Financial Assistants will help address finance and insurance issues prior to the start of therapy; and Psychosocial Fellows will coordinate emotional support services. The project will benefit from new state-of-the-art facilities at Evanston Hospital. Dr. Brockstein hopes to expand the services to Glenbrook and Highland Park cancer care sites in the future.

Associate Board News

The Associate Board of ENH had a busy and successful spring recruiting 19 new members at a bowling night in Lincoln Park and a social evening at Texas de Brazil’s new Chicago restaurant. With a current roster of 90 members, the group has grown tremendously from 30 members just three years ago. Members rolled up their sleeves in July to help Orchard Village, an organization supporting adults with mental handicaps, fix fences, plant flowers and do yard work to improve a home for a family in Skokie. Committees are currently at work on the 4th annual benefit, which will be held at the sleek James Hotel in Chicago. Save November 15, 2008 and plan to join this exciting group of young professionals for A Night in Venice: A Masquerade. Visit www.enh.org/associates or contact Kate at 847-570-5306 or associateboard@enh.org for additional details.

2008 Nursing Education Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2008 Nursing Education Scholarship recipient, Christine Mattappillil. Christine, a recent graduate from Glenbrook South High School, will attend Marquette University’s College of Nursing in the fall. Christine’s many fine qualities stood out in this year’s strong pool of applicants.

Christine’s Honors English teacher, Cheryl Hope, commented that “Christine is much more than a student of gifted intelligence and powerful accomplishment: she is an exceptional human being. She is the kind of person others follow naturally, and that is the way we want it because her integrity is unwavering.”

Christine accepted the $5,000 scholarship with much gratitude and characteristic optimism. Looking forward to her college years, she remarked, “By discovering our calling in life, I am convinced that we can all make the world a better place!”

2004 Nursing Scholarship Winner Bridget McFadden wrote The Auxiliary to update us on her nursing education and experiences at Illinois Wesleyan University...

One of my favorite college experiences took place in March, when I traveled with a group of nursing students to New Orleans to work with a health care clinic in the Lower 9th Ward. Canvassing the ward, we provided people with clinic information, took blood pressures and checked blood glucose. I loved conversing with people, hearing their stories, and knowing that I had impacted them in some way. The week taught me how lucky I truly am and not to take anything for granted. It also taught me how strong people are capable of being and what a positive attitude and having hope can accomplish.

Inside ENH

On July 14, ENH announced a new academic affiliation agreement with the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. This new affiliation will make ENH hospitals the primary off-site learning environment for Pritzker School of Medicine. “The abundance of combined yet very different experiences and a shared commitment to medical education, clinical investigation, and the effort to connect patients to the very best treatments will usher in a new generation of healthcare on the North Shore and beyond,” said Mark R. Neaman, ENH President and Chief Executive Officer. The academic partnership became effective July 1, 2008. Medical students, residents and fellows from Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine will continue their rotations at ENH through July 2009 to assure a smooth transition for each of our medical education training programs.
Save The Dates:

August 21, 2008
ACE Preview Party
Henry Crown Sports Pavilion

August 22-24, 2008
2008 American Craft Exposition
Henry Crown Sports Pavilion

October 8, 2008
Annual Fall Meeting
Dr. Mark Talamonti, Chief of Surgery,
Making the Right Choice
Sunset Ridge Country Club

November 15, 2008
Associate Board Benefit
A Night in Venice: A Masquerade
James Hotel, Chicago

For more information on any of these activities, please call The Auxiliary Office (847) 570-5095, e-mail auxiliary@enh.org or visit www.enh.org/auxiliary.

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Time to Re-Member

Now is the time to renew your Auxiliary membership!
Your membership renewal gives you an ongoing connection with The Auxiliary’s excellent programs and events.
Help keep our Auxiliary growing and vibrant – renew your membership today.

A warm welcome to our newest members and generous donors:

Robin Roberts: A Profile of Strength

Clockwise from top left:

Honorary Event Chair Ellen O’Connor with Robin Roberts

Associate Board Members Colleen LaMotte and Andrea Mitchell

VIP Guests “Meet and Greet” Robin Roberts at a special champagne reception

Auxiliary President Janet Emmerman and President-Elect Susan Nystuen

Hope Martin and Dana FitzSimons

The audience filled every seat in the room

ABC News Chicago’s Cheryl Burton, Robin Roberts and Event Chair Mary Hoppe

Associate Director Kathy Riley with her daughter Kate
Gala 2008
Clockwise from top left:
Bob and Barbara Balsley and
David Donnersberger, MD
Auxiliary Board members Kathy Leighton
and Brenda Kuo
Michael Loeber of Loeber Motors,
Mercedes winner Mindy Fauntleroy,
and Julie Loeber
Guests purchase “heads and tails” tokens
as the evening begins
Wendy and Keith Yamada
Sonya and Dr. Zorin Grujic, Pattie Aaron,
Dr. Michael Mercury, Dr. Victoria Braund,
Lois and Dr. Nicholas Vick
Mike Flannery and Marcia Devine,
Annamarie and Tom Trapp and
Dr. Thomas Bleck
Ukrainian dancers
Gala chairs Heather Blackwell and
Claudine Gerbel