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AUXILIARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2010
Hospital and Keller Lobbies and Mezzanine

Help will be needed all day.
To volunteer please call
Phyllis Hills at (860) 828-2993.

Thank You!

The UCHC Auxiliary would like thank everyone who attended the Harvest Moon Party that was held at Farmington Woods Golf Club Oct. 22. The Colbys were exceptional and were enjoyed by all.



Top left: "Sheriff" Irene Engel welcomes the Harvest Moon Party crowd.

Above: The dance floor is open as the Colbys play!

Left: Bidders inspect one of the silent auction tables.

A special thanks to the members of the planning committee for all their hard work and commitment to make this a special night.

A special thanks to our guests to the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Louis. They were gracious in recounting their experience at the Homewood suites and gave us an update of their baby's condition. We hope that all continues to go well for the whole family.

Crafty Birds Deliver Surprise Gift to Auxiliary

A Bristol woman with a knack for embroidering has helped raise money for the Auxiliary.

Using discarded hand-embroidered linen pieces, Melissa Brown crafted pincushions resembling small white birds, sold them, and gave the Auxiliary the proceeds.

"The linens are vintage, of the sort that our mothers, grandmothers would have stitched," Brown says. "They've a lot of charm reminiscent of a time when ladies learned to embroider, and had time to do so, for the decoration of their homes."

The linens had been donated to the Auxiliary Thrift Shop, but were never sold. Shop volunteer Susan Wilder decided to bring them to a meeting of the Friends of Counted Embroidery (FCE). Brown took the material home, not sure exactly what she'd do with them. The idea came this summer.

"I was involved in an online exchange of pincushions and the lady to whom I was to send one is in Sweden," Brown says. "I knew she likes birds and has a great sense of humor, is very talented, having won a number of awards at quilt shows both in Sweden and in the USA, so I made one and sent it to her. Then I thought, since the linens came from the Thrift Shop and had been

intended to benefit it, I'd make additional pincushions and see if I could sell a few as a way to give back."

Her creations are stuffed with ground walnut shells and bamboo and cotton fiberfill. She used vintage pearl buttons for the eyes, given to her by Heather Pulito of Glastonbury, also an FCE member. They came from the estate of a member of the First Congregational Church in Glastonbury, where the group holds its meetings.

"I intended to make four of them and sell them as a surprise to Susan," Brown says.

It didn't take her long to sell four. Then with the pieces she had left she was able to make four more. Priced at \$15, those went quickly too. A few buyers gave her \$20, and she ended up collecting \$130, which she turned over to the Auxiliary.

"The purchasers of the pincushions were all members of FCE. They literally plucked them up. Their support made the project the success that it is," Brown says. "This little project was something I did for the fun of it. And it was indeed fun!"

Facilitator Irene Engel says the donation will support The Family Place at Homewood Suites.



Melissa Brown's hand-made birds, crafted from discarded pieces of vintage linens, raised \$130 for the UConn Health Center Auxiliary. The material had been donated to the Auxiliary Thrift Shop.

CASTING FOR RECOVERY



The Casting for Recovery event Saturday, April 30, 2011, will be at Winding Trails in Farmington. We will have events prior to this date at UCHC. There will be a table at the Holiday Bazaar where we will have more information and fly pins for sale.

On April 12 and April 26 we will have fly-tying in the cafeteria lobby; on April 20 we will have casting in the courtyard. We will also be having an art show in March and April in the Celeste LeWitt Gallery.

On April 30, there will be a pig roast, fly tying and casting classes as well as a silent auction for art work and quilt squares. We will be entertained by the Blue Skye Boys from Vermont. We hope to see you all there!

The proceeds from this will be to sponsor some of our breast cancer patients to a retreat similar to the one Marilyn Elling and Irene Engel attended this summer in West Cornwall.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM UPDATES

Your support and donations to the Auxiliary has been much appreciated for the following projects:

- The Family Place at Homewood Suites
- W.H.A.L.E-Car seat project for babies

Please visit our website for more information: <http://auxiliary.uchc.edu>.

We would also like to thank all who took time to stop by during EXPO 10 to use your talent on decorating tongue blades for the American Mural Project. We had over 55 decorated and will be added to our past entries to be in the sculpture that will be housed in Winsted. If you would like more information, please visit

www.americanmuralproject.org.

The W.H.A.L.E. Program has given

out over 2,000 kits since we started in 2008. We have sent 553 from John Dempsey alone, and we are also out in Massachusetts and New York. We have supplied requests from other organizations to help spread this program in our state.

The Family Place at Homewood Suites is now into its third year. We have never had the unit empty since we opened. We average 100 families a year and have housed families from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

The penny boxes that we have around UCHC bring in about \$1,000 per year that goes toward our rent. We appreciate everyone's support for this program.

NEXT ART RECEPTION

The Art reception will be on Thursday, Dec. 9, featuring artists Glenn Affleck, Mary Lund, Diane Marinano and Richard Malinsky.

December 2010 Vendors

Main Building

Dec. 2	Jazz mi Taz	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec. 6, 7	Camellias Natural Product	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec. 8	Jones New York	rear of cafeteria	8:00-4:00
Dec. 9	Shell crafts	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec 10	Proud Peacock	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec 13	Pursenably Yours	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec. 14	D's Jewelers	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec. 17	Precious Cargo	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00
Dec. 20	Apple Lady	Food Court Lobby	9:00-2:00
Dec. 23	Designs by Diana	Food Court Lobby	9:00-3:00

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Dec. 1	Classy Crafts		9:00-2:00
Dec. 7	Leather Bag Outlet		9:00-2:00
Dec. 10	Rosies Chocolates		9:00-2:00
Dec. 13	Pursenably Yours		9:00-2:00
Dec. 17	Sparkle Jewelry		9:00-2:00
Dec. 21	Precious Cargo		9:00-2:00