

ART 100 BOSTON offers affordable artwork in time for the holidays

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Approximately 500 people packed the Piano Craft Gallery at 793 Tremont Street on Friday night, December 2, to browse a diverse array of visual art, sip cocktails and meet the artists at the opening of the third annual ART 100 BOSTON, an exhibit and sale encompassing the works of over 60 artists, with



"Oops, I stepped on a piece of art!" by Remi Picó.
Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Thanksgiving at the Pine Street Inn



(Left) Guests are served a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Pine Street Inn. (Right) Pine Street Inn President Lyndia Downie looks on as Boston Police Commission Bill Evans, Senate President Stan Rosenberg and Mayor Marty Walsh carve turkeys. Pine Street Inn prepared and served close to 2,000 holiday meals.

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You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the South End Business Alliance. The Board will make brief comments on activities and initiatives, and coffee and pastries will be served.

Capital One Cafe invites you to an evening of celebration of the South End Community. Socialize and network with others in the community and meet our non-profit community partners in the South End (SEBA, More Than Words, Peter's Park, Animal Rescue League and ABCD). The event will be hosted in partnership with the Ink Block Apartments in their lobby community space. Enjoy complimentary local food and beverages. Must be 21 and older to attend. Registration is required and space is limited so an early registration is recommended.

South End Community Appreciation Night

Wednesday, December 14th
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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

"Ask Dog Lady" is not shy about dispensing advice for caring for our dogs. You ask like crazy, but, really, our dogs ask for nothing—except food, regular walks and old moldy tennis balls. In their simplicity, dogs leave so much to our imagination about how else we can pamper these beloved innocent animals.

The holidays provide the ideal excuse to bestow gifts—above and beyond the daily walk and bowl of

kibble. If Dog Lady could be Santa to dogs (and their humans), here are perfect presents—from the practical to whimsical—she would stuff down the chimney. What you will not find on this list are coats and clothes as Dog Lady is still an old-fashioned girl and believes all dogs— even those with short-haired coats— are happy nudists. If you have any question about your dog in the cold, make sure to ask your veterinarian:

- Fabulous Beds. Every dog has its day and its bed. Sure, an old blanket thrown on the floor will suffice but you should create a comfy niche for your pack animal. Well-behaved dogs need their space— as much as they want to share yours.

During this era of canine indulgence, every purveyor of pooch products sells dog beds but nobody does dog beds like Orvis, the country

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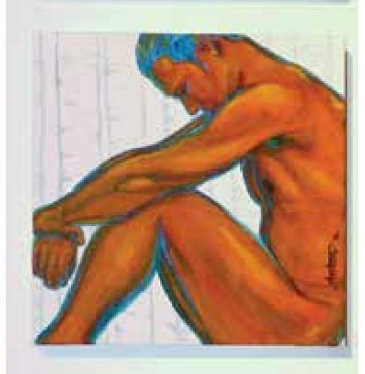
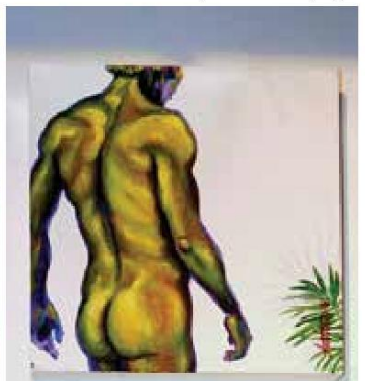
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each piece priced at \$100. According to Pares Mallis, gallery director and founder/curator of ART 100 BOSTON, 300 pieces were sold on opening night netting a total of approximately \$3,000. "I was very happy with the turnout on Friday night. There was a good crowd over the weekend, but I expected more than 20 visitors a day," Mallis said in a follow-up e-mail. Cocktails flowed courtesy of sponsor Bombay Sapphire Gin and co-sponsor Bark Thin provided chocolatey snacks.

In addition to the exhibiting artists and their friends and families, longtime residents of the Piano Factory including photographer and jazz musician Arni Cheatham, artist/illustrator and Piano Factory historian Thom Donovan and abstract painter James DeCrescentis mixed and mingled. Former resident David Mynott II offers a collection of delicate nature images in the show. Mallis envisioned ART 100 BOSTON as a win-win for artists and for art enthusiasts. "In 2014 I created ART 100 BOSTON as an alternative to the established art market. Concurrently, I felt it would address the artist's need to experiment with ideas, materials and styles without commercial pressure. Each of the works exhibited is priced at the symbolic value of \$100 during the exhibition to encourage art collection and to monetarily



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(Top Left) Susan Kommit's "dust bunnies" (Top Center) Elizabeth Boates, center and her spaceships (Bottom Left) Works by Antoinette Marcoux (Bottom Center) Photographer Hank Hauptmann, right. Photos by Michele Maniscalco



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Location 101

Recently, a press release from Boston Parks & Recreation and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services inviting the public to a meeting about improvements to Ramsay Park located in the South End. Constantly, as in city press release, Ramsay Park at Jim Rice Field is identified as being in Boston's South End, it is not.

Perhaps, the City of Boston has been misinformed because this park was dedicated to Capt. David L. Ramsay who came from Sterling Street which is now Melnea Cass Boulevard in Lower Roxbury.

Lower Roxbury often gets lost at City Hall. I grew up in this neighborhood and know it

well. It is not the South End and David L. Ramsay, a Vietnam War hero was killed in battle on August 17, 1970 was from Roxbury. The official address of the park is 1999 Ball Street another street that disappeared under the park.

Today, the zip code for my old neighborhood is 02118 a South End zip code but it is still Lower Roxbury even without being 02119. anymore.

I never knew Captain Ramsay a decorated USAF fighter pilot but I attended that dedication of this park back on November 20, 1999 because I was a Lower Roxbury person and came to honor his service and sacrifice

for his country.

It is well past time to correctly identify David L. Ramsay Park at Jim Rice Field as being in Lower Roxbury. It is also well past time for the City of Boston to recognize who Ramsay was and why he is honored in his hometown of Lower Roxbury.

How can the city rehab this park if they don't even know where it is located? I am proud of my Lower Roxbury roots in my old St. Philip's Parish.

I am also proud of Dave Ramsay, the man, a hero from Roxbury.

-Sal Giarratani

Dog Lady

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Toys for Children in Need

Coldwell Banker collecting toys

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage encourages members of the community to drop off new unwrapped toys at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices located at 137 Newbury St., Back Bay; 84 Chestnut

St., Beacon Hill; 505 Tremont St., South End (formerly Hammond Residential); and 633 Tremont St., South End. Coldwell Banker offices are accepting donations now through Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

"We are proud to continue this annual tradition during the season of giving. Our neighbors have generously donated toys and other gifts in the past, and we hope they will do so again this year. Their contributions will help bring holiday cheer to children and families that are facing difficult times," said Merit McIntyre, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England. "We are so appreciative of any donations."

The Home needs gifts for children ranging in age from birth to 22 years, with an urgent need for gifts for the 14- to 18-year-old teenagers in its care. To help meet the chal-

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Additionally, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is donating a \$60 gift card for every touchdown the Boston College Eagles scored during the 2016 football season to Big Wishes.

Every year, dozens of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices throughout Massachusetts collect donations for Big Wishes. The company's charitable foundation, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, has been a consistent supporter of The Home for

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Little Wanderers.

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inspire the artist to continue to explore new concepts and mediums," Mallis explained.

The works on display and sale represent a wide array of media and moods. Eva Mallis exhibits colorful street-life photos and artist Kamal Sen, whose main focus is painting, said that architectural forms came to remind him of abstract painting, which led him to paint on top of photos of architectural structures. Fanciful works include Remi Picó's installation, "Oops! I stepped on a piece of art", a series of shoes with black and white geometric designs painted on the soles that is mounted directly on the wall; Anthony Astone's satirical shadow-boxes; Michael Cames's LPs painted with brightly colored, psychedelic designs and Antoinette Marcoux's quintet of copies of iconic works such as Vincent Van Gogh's self-portrait, Grant Wood's "American Gothic" and James MacNeill Whistler's "Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1", popularly known as "Whistler's Mother", all with horse's heads. Elizabeth Boates offers a collection of colorful, miniature rocketships conceived while she was planning a birthday party for her son.

Sober and provocative works include a series of photographs of climatological phenomena such as floods and storm surges that artist Morel Orta describes as "threats to society. These things don't happen normally, but they are going to happen more in the future," he said. Hank Hauptmann, whose photographs of ordinary street scenes have unusual twists, will donate 75 per cent of the proceeds of his sales to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. He said, "[The DAPL pipeline] was rejected by people who are living in Bismarck because it is unsafe so the Army Corps of Engineers moved it south, near the reservation. These people are fighting for something and they got rejected. Because winter's coming soon and they need supplies and money and I think they should get that." He continued, "But that's what my donation is about, that is not what my work is about. I'm a photographer, and a lot of these pictures were made over the course of 8 or 9 hours a day, and it can take 1,000 to 1,200 pictures to get one good one."

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