

Not Just 'For the Birds'

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Lowcountry Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for its annual fundraising extravaganza, the Habitat Birdhouse Auction, coming up on Friday, April 25th. But before the fun can be had, or the funds raised, Habitat needs your help! The birdhouse auction is great cause with lots of opportunities for community involvement...



It's for Woodworkers!

Are you good with your hands? Habitat's looking for volunteers to build birdhouses. They can be as simple or elaborate as you please! (We're also looking for dog houses, bat houses, butterfly houses, garden sculpture... you get the idea.) Designs are available and there's plenty of wood to spare. Call Greg at 812-9559.

It's for Artists!

If you're an artist, or would like to be, have we got the canvas for you! Take a small, plain, wooden birdhouse and turn it into something spectacular! The sky's the limit! Just don't get too attached. They're for auction. If you're interested in painting a birdhouse, call Kelly at 263-1514.

It's for Bragging Rights!

This year, for the first time ever, Habitat will give awards to artists in several categories, including: Whimsical, Patriotic, Lowcountry-esque, Unusual, and Best in Show. Vote for your favorites!

It's for Fun!

That's right. It's not just a birdhouse auction, it's a party! There'll be live music, terrific food and drink, a totally outrageous auctioneer, and great company. Don't miss one of Beaufort's favorite springtime celebrations! (Tickets on sale soon.)

It's for Celebrities!

This year, Habitat's thrilled to feature Celebrity Birdhouses, designed and signed by some very special Habitat supporters. Walter Cronkite... Jim Lovell... Hank Aaron... even local literary lovebirds, Pat Conroy and Cassandra King. And the list is still growing. This is your chance to own a real collector's item.

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Habitat for Humanity is a brilliant concept, wonderfully executed. A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization, Habitat works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit with no interest charged. Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build Habitat houses. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of labor, "sweat equity," into building their homes and the homes of others. Their mortgage payments go into a revolving Fund for Humanity that is used to build more houses.

If you believe in LowCountry Habitat for Humanity and would like to get involved in its biggest annual fundraiser, the Birdhouse Auction, please call the numbers above, or call the Habitat office at 522-3538.

Grayco will, again, be a major sponsor of this year's event, along with other generous members of the community. Any business or individual interested in sponsoring the Habitat Birdhouse Auction should call Kim McDermott at 379-4565.

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At this year's Birdhouse Auction, Habitat plans to honor a member of our community, an individual who has had a great impact on our habitat here in the Lowcountry. To that end, Lowcountry Weekly is asking its readers to nominate people they'd like to see honored. Nominees can include community leaders, business people, teachers, public servants, volunteers, artists... anybody who has made an outstanding contribution to this beautiful place we call home, going out of their way to "feather our nest," so to speak.

Please send your nominations to editor@lcweekly.com