

Memo to all BRAA members:

Re: **YMCA Food & wine Auction: Friday June 6, 2008, 6 – 9 pm**

This is our fourth year teaming with the YMCA to help raise funds at the Food and Wine Auction-Benefit. We are supportive because our paintings add class to this event in addition to generating funds for the YMCA as they improve their space and do good work in the community. It has been established that the artist may make a direct contribution or can request a 50-50 split of the sale. Any item will be returned should it not sell for the minimum established.

Like most donations for this benefit, our art should also follow the food and wine theme. Aside from the obvious, my imagination takes me to settings where food and drink might be prepared or consumed. Colors of food and drink, empty plates, glasses and bottles also come to mind, which then reminds me of exquisite drawings of bottles by Morandi. Consider having some fun in the cubist style of Braque and Picasso depicting some of these items in a still-life painting. When you slice a piece of fruit or watermelon, doesn't a painting come to mind? Do you already have something on hand that falls into a food or drink category?

The benefit of participating with one or more of your paintings includes a complimentary ticket for a very fun evening on Friday, June 6. Everyone agreed the food tasting was excellent last year! Although our paintings are an important part of this event, many other wonderful items are being donated and will be part of a silent or live auction. Dozens of people in our community give of their time, cooking talents and gifts of goods to make the evening a success.

We only need about 6 or 7 paintings, so the first artists to contact me are the first in. Please call Carole Davis at 951-1700 or ccarrerad@aol.com. I'm happy to answer questions before you promise your work.

Thanks for helping me help them.
Carole