

Shelter Valley art auction June 10

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features works of local artists

Valley Voices, the grassroots citizens' group dedicated to the preservation of the natural beauty of the Shelter Valley area northeast of Grafton, is holding an auction of original works by Northumberland County artists on Saturday, June 10, at 4 p.m. at the Grafton Village Inn.

At this time, 38 artists have donated works to be sold at live and silent auctions. There will be something for every pocketbook - from original paintings, drawings, pottery, stained glass, and metalwork by renowned figures in the local arts scene to reasonably priced "clothes-line art", i.e. unframed, matted art work.

Fundraising art auctions are great places to learn about the astonishing variety of talent in the Northumberland creative community. There will be plenty of time to find out about the artists and their work at the preview on the Friday before the event. The live auction itself will be under the gavel of Les Brittan.

This will be a fun event at the Grafton Village Inn with door prizes, entertainment by the accomplished pianist Shelagh Purcell, delicious finger food, and a cash bar.

All proceeds will be used by



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Artist Michael Glover has donated a painting of Shelter Valley called "Valley Voices" for the June 10 auction to help raise money to raise money to fight government approval of a proposed gravel pit. Carol Hanley, chair of the Shelter Valley Art Auction committee, received the picture recently.

Valley Voices to continue its battle to protect Shelter Valley against the licensing of a proposed 140-acre gravel pit.

For further information about Valley Voices and the art auction

please visit their website at www.valleyvoices.ca. For Tickets, to donate art or to volunteer to help, reach Carol Hanley at chanley@eagle.ca or 905 344 5947

FISHING DERBY DRAWS RECORD CROWDS



The Warkworth Community Service Club's annual Children's Fishing Derby drew a record number of entrants last Saturday - 197 boys and girls, including seven-year-old Taylor Morrison, of Castleton, and her family, parents Wayne and Chi and brother Grayson. It was warm and sunny again the following day when another 127 youngsters showed up at Ryken's Pond north of Castleton. Over the two days 199 rainbow trout were pulled out of the stocked pond. Zac McBride, 12, of Baltimore, recorded the largest catch Saturday - 3 kg (6.6 lbs). Christina Stevenson, 9, of Vermonville, caught the heaviest one on Sunday; it weight 2.65 kg (5.8 lbs). The two will receive trophies and prizes. *INDEPENDENT MAA 3/06*

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