



Art event benefits homeless Seacoast families

SPECIAL TO THE BEACH NEWS

STRATHAM | Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network's day center in Stratham will hold an art auction on Sunday July 23, to benefit its continuing mission to provide shelter to homeless families.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with bids on displayed art accepted until 2.30 p.m.

Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network began operating in late 2003 and comprises a network of more than 300 volunteers collaborating in providing hospitality to homeless families in the Seacoast area. Thirteen local congregations rotate the responsibility of hosting guest families for one week at a time, providing both overnight accommodation and meals.

The recently renovated day center, located on Emery Lane in Stratham, provides a safe and welcoming environment for families during the daytime. During 2005, 15 families (consisting of 21 adults and 28 children) that had fallen between the cracks in state housing programs, were served by the network.

The art auction taking place on Sunday, July 23 features Exeter resident and acclaimed local artist, Shan-

ti. Shanti's work ranges from her renowned abstract



'Battlescenes II — Baghdad in the Eve (aftermath)' by Shanti

expressionist series, "Battlescenes," to more traditional impressionist landscape pieces. For a sneak preview of her work please visit www.theartist-shanti.com.

The public is invited to

take part in supporting the worthy cause of ending the plight of homelessness for Seacoast families, and enjoy the art of Shanti on Sunday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network day center. Bidding for the auction ends at 2.30 p.m.

In addition to viewing and bidding on the art, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy refreshments and meet the program director of Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network, Samantha Buley. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see these works locally and meet the artist. Forty percent of all proceeds from works sold will be donated to Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network.

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