

## LaForge Memorial fundraiser shows latest artwork

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LAKEPORT &ndash; Artwork being offered in the latest fundraiser auction and raffle for the Barbara LaForge Memorial Fund will be shown at the Lake County Arts Council's Main Street Gallery during the First Friday Fling.

The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the gallery, 325 N. Main St., Lakeport.

The Lake County Arts Council has become a supporter of the fundraiser, begun earlier this year by artist Gail Salituri of Inspirations Gallery. Salituri was a friend of LaForge, who was murdered in her downtown frame shop in October 2002.

Salituri is raising funds to donate in her friend's memory to the Lake Family Resource Center for its domestic violence shelter project.

&ldquo;Our financial goal is slightly under \$2,000 and we hope to have those funds by this month to make our first donation to the Lake Family Resource Center by Christmas time,&rdquo; said Salituri.

On display this Friday night will be a framed lithograph of a San Francisco cable car by noted local watercolor artist John Clarke. The 16-inch by 20-inch lithograph, which retails for \$300, is a raffle item, with tickets selling for \$5 each or five for \$20.

Clarke's &ldquo;Golden Gate Bridge&rdquo; lithograph will be featured in the silent auction, with the opening bid set at \$110.

New to the auction will be the work of photographers Lyle and Deanna Madeson. Their framed photograph of a sailboat on Clear Lake, valued at \$125, will be a raffle item.

Salituri's original oil, &ldquo;Springers Pond,&rdquo; will be included in the silent auction, with the opening bid at \$300. The painting, valued at \$1,650, measures 18 inches by 24 inches.

Main Street Pizza has donated a gift certificate for merchandise in their new restaurant which will be raffled on Friday.

All custom frames are donated by Sheri Salituri, director of Inspirations Gallery and Frame Shop.

Winners in the raffle and silent auction will be announced Nov. 15.

Donations can be made to the Barbara LaForge Memorial Fund at 165 Main St., Lakeport, or to any Westamerica Bank.

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