



Gallery 220 celebrates 'Year of the Rabbit'

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BAY St. LOUIS, Miss. — Gallery 220 and Clay Creations will sponsor an evening of food, drink, art and music from 5 until 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at 220 Main St. in the historic building at Toulme and Main in Old Town Bay St Louis.

Organizers will usher in the Year of the Rabbit by auctioning art to benefit Hancock County Food Pantry.

Seventeen artists have re-imagined Chinese chairs and created works of art that will be offered at a silent auction at the event, which will feature live music, a buffet of dishes with a Chinese theme, wine and soft drinks.

A \$5 donation will be taken at the door, and a "lucky joss envelope" will be given to each person. All envelopes will contain good wishes for the Year of the Rabbit, and some include tickets for door prizes.

Artist Scott Blackwell will exhibit one of his special creations, the first Chinese New Year dragon to grace the streets of Bay St Louis, and admirers are encouraged to have their photo taken with the lucky dragon.

Artists who have donated their time and talents to transform the chairs include Judy Lee, Amy Kramer, Barbara Brodtmann, Lori Gordon, Cairo, Michelle Allee, Scott Blackwell, Julie Nelson, Ken and Brenda Spence, Mary-Pat Forrest, Brian Bush, Deb Johnson, Ann Kearney, Carol Bowman, Janet Densmore, Nonie Johns, Jenise McCardell, Mark Currier, Laurianne Manchester, Dixie Boyd, Mark Buszkiewicz and Regan Carney.

Information, call Lori Gordon at 228-342-0877. Chairs can be previewed at <http://chinesenewyearat220.blogspot.com>, or at their temporary locations.

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The chair created by Scott Blackwell for Gallery 220's silent auction. (Courtesy Lori K. Gordon)