

Survivors of Abuse Recovering (S.O.A.R.) Society

A Community-Based Peer Counselling Service for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse in Hants, Kings & Annapolis Counties



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Fundraising Art Auction at Designer Café in August

S.O.A.R. (Survivors of Abuse Recovering) is a volunteer-run charitable society with two objectives. The primary objective is to provide peer counseling services and support groups to adult male and female survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The second objective is to provide education and insight into survivor issues to the public through workshops, seminars and presentations to community groups and organizations. We are now in our 18th year!

S.O.A.R. is entirely dependent on fundraising, donations and project grants to operate. We are planning to hold a charity fundraising art auction at the Designer Café in Kentville in August. We are seeking local artists who are willing to support our work by donating artwork for this event. We are open to many forms of media being displayed. We thank the Designer Café for donating the space to hold the silent auction during August!

We understand that artists are often called upon to give generously of their work and time, and we do not want to put undue burden on the arts community. If you do feel moved to donate an artwork to the auction, you can specify on the attached form if you need to recover expenses for materials used to create the piece. We realize that the primary value is in the creative product itself, and we hope the public will respond enthusiastically!

S.O.A.R. (with your permission) will promote your work on our web site with a photo, background information on the artist, and a link to the artist's web site (if available). We hope that the promotion we do in local media will benefit you as well as S.O.A.R.!

The works will be displayed for several weeks in August. The format of the auction will be a Silent Auction, with a "Buy Now" option for a predetermined price so that tourists and others who will not be around at the end of the auction can purchase items immediately.

All proceeds will be donated to S.O.A.R. with the exception of credit card charges for purchasers who use this form of payment, payment of production expenses to artists, and minor organizational expenses.

If you would like to be a participating artist, please fill in the attached form and give it to the person who gave you this letter, or send to the address above (unless the postal strike is on!), or fax to 678-6205. We can also arrange to pick up the form and the artwork at your convenience. If you have questions, please email me at mlchaddock@gmail.com. The phone number above is voicemail only, but we will respond if you leave your phone number.

Remember to specify on the form:

1. The "fair retail price" – what you would expect the item to sell for in a gallery.
2. The "Reserve Price" – The minimum amount that you would want the item to sell for.
3. Please include a brief bio for the display and the web site.

We deeply appreciate any assistance in our work from the arts community, and from the public who will purchase the artworks. Thank you for encouraging us and enabling us to continue our mission.

Sincerely,

Mary Lee Chaddock
for S.O.A.R. Fundraising Committee