

Art Bazaar: Better each year!

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On November 9 and 10, OLLI's sixth annual Art Bazaar delighted more than 400 shoppers as well as 39 arts and crafts presenters. Organized by Sharon Kopstein, Gay Lambirth, Barbara Mueller and Sheila Murphy, with beverage and dessert options coordinated by Linda Bushar, the popular event was free and open to the public.

OLLI members purchase table space to display and sell a broad variety of their talents, including studio arts, fiber arts, jewelry, pottery, sculptures, soaps, cards, garden ornaments, book art, knitted socks, scarves, hats, drawings, ornaments, wood boxes, art collages, photography, alcohol ink paintings and more. Proceeds from the sale of table space and refreshments provide a hefty boost to OLLI's scholarship fund, this year to the tune of \$2200.

First-time exhibitor Sandy Kinzie commented after the event, "We enjoyed our first OLLI Art Bazaar and did well. We sooo appreciated the helpful volunteers and warm reception from the other vendors and the whole OLLI group. We thought that the turnout was great considering the weather. It was a lovely social time as well and so fun to see what our other OLLI members do in their spare time."

Big kudos go to OLLI staff and facilities crew members as they are pressed into service, providing site setup, preparation, signage, strong shoulders and moral support.

It's over for this year, but be on the lookout for "save the date" messages next year to get a jump on your holiday shopping.