

# Auxiliary

# Update

Spring 2009

## ACE 2009: 25 Years of Handcrafted Art

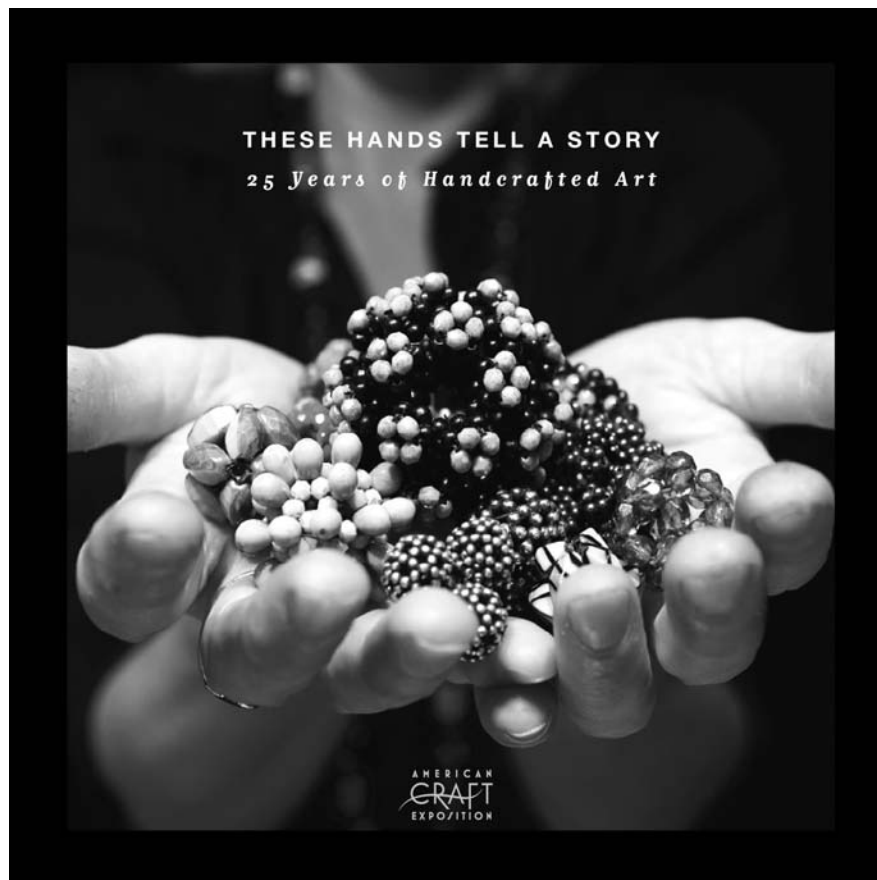
The American Craft Exposition committee is proud to announce the publication of *These Hands Tell a Story: 25 Years of Handcrafted Art*. This beautiful book will be available for purchase at The Auxiliary's May 13 Annual Spring meeting. Books are \$25 each or five books for \$100. Thank you to Mary Lu O'Malley, Karen Ribbon and Susan J. White for their work and leadership on this project. Thanks also to special friends of ACE for their underwriting support of this book commemorating ACE's 25th anniversary. Official book launch events will be held in July.

Jurying for this year's craft show was held the weekend of March 21 and 22. The jurors included David Paul Bacharach and Josh Simpson—two artists who have been with ACE from its inception in 1984—as well as Judy Gordon and Chris Robb, ACE's founders. Rene Harris and Michael Bauermeister were

also jurors. This highly qualified jury has once again chosen the finest American craft artists for ACE.

ACE will return this summer to the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion on the campus of Northwestern University. The show will be held from August 28-30. The Benefit Preview Party will take place on

Thursday, Aug. 27. ACE Chairs Barbara Balsley and Diane Pekow have been busy planning special programs and events to commemorate this landmark year. They plan to continue last year's innovative Emerging Artist Gallery and online auction. For the first time in many years, strollers will be allowed in the pavilion. ACE has moved into the electronic age by increasing its visibility on the Web, including on Facebook. Look for the ACE newsletter in your e-mail in-box and forward it to all of your "e-friends." For the latest ACE information, visit [americancraftexpo.org](http://americancraftexpo.org).





## President's Letter

There is an old proverb that says, "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow." After a long winter made even harder than usual by a depressing economy, spring is officially here. Things are looking brighter and more optimistic, hopefully good signs for all of the upcoming programs and events

sponsored by The Auxiliary of NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) at Evanston & Glenbrook Hospitals and the NorthShore Foundation.

The Foundation continues to develop and grow exciting new programs. A pilot program called Physicians' Philanthropy Champions educates physicians on how to cultivate and build long-term relationships with patients who have the commitment and capacity to philanthropically support NorthShore. Early results from this pilot are very encouraging.

The Foundation also helped to establish the Connection Council to better connect and coordinate the activities of all the volunteer entities that support NorthShore. In doing so, we are also aware of how important it is for these groups, which include the three Hospital auxiliaries, the Associate Board, the Alcove Gift Shop at Highland Park Hospital and the Myra Rubenstein Weis Resource Center, to maintain their separate identities and programs. We have an ad hoc committee working on furthering this vision. You should have received via e-mail the first edition of *Community InterActions*, a newsletter that showcases the activities of all of NorthShore's volunteer groups.

One of the important functions of our Auxiliary is raising funds for the many vital programs that we support. Corporate contributions for our two events remain high, a pleasant surprise in these challenging economic times. Elsewhere in this *Update* you'll read more about the incredible efforts underway for the Gala and the American Craft Exposition (ACE).

The **Gala** will be held **June 20** at The Fairmont Chicago and promises to be an exciting night of music, food and fun. Beginning **August 27** with the Benefit Preview Party, our **2009 American Craft Exposition** marks the 25th anniversary for this internationally respected fine craft exposition.

I strongly encourage you to support these critically important (and very fun) events.

As our community and country are face significant challenges, we know that The Auxiliary has proven over and over again that we can and will rise to the occasion. That will be my closing request to all of you—The Auxiliary needs your active support during the incredibly busy months to come. We need you to take the initiative and spring into action!

Best regards,

*Susan N. Nystrom*

## Gala 2009: A Magnificent, Memorable, Music-Filled Event

The 2009 Gala  
*Ragtime to*  
**Rock 'n' Roll**

Celebrate the music and dance of the '30s, '40s, '50s and beyond at **Ragtime to Rock 'n' Roll**, the 2009 Hospitals' Gala, on June 20 at The Fairmont Chicago. Join us for a fabulous evening of fun where memories of the jitterbug and twist come alive! The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Dinner, a live auction and entertainment will follow, along with the return of the Heads and Tails game that was so popular last year. Then we'll "rock the night away" to the music of Orchestra 33!

Proceeds from this year's Gala will fund development of a **Guided Patient Support (GPS)** Program at NorthShore's Kellogg Cancer Care Center. Specially trained nurses will guide newly diagnosed cancer patients along the many paths they must follow throughout treatment—appointments, tests, complementary therapy, nutrition, insurance and support groups, to name a few. Please join us in supporting this program to help the growing number of patients with cancer and their families who depend on our Hospitals for care. Invitations will be in the mail shortly, or you may reserve your space online at [northshore.org/gala](http://northshore.org/gala).

## Nursing Scholarship Supports Future Healthcare

Each year, The Auxiliary of NorthShore University HealthSystem at Evanston & Glenbrook Hospitals offers a \$5,000 college scholarship to a high school senior in NorthShore's core service area who plans to pursue an education in nursing. Through this scholarship, The Auxiliary demonstrates our commitment to nursing excellence and to the future of healthcare.

Students with a desire to further their education in nursing at a college level are encouraged to apply. The criteria for the scholarship are: academic achievement, involvement, character, need and a strong interest in nursing. All applications are due May 1, 2009. Contact The Auxiliary Office at (847) 570-5095 with any questions or to request an application. Interested students may apply online at [northshore.org/nursingscholarship](http://northshore.org/nursingscholarship).

## Welcome New Members

Mrs. Helene J. Rasenick

Ms. Kim Havlic

Mrs. Bharti Patel

## Reaching Out to Children in Our Community



Children at St. Francis Xavier School in Wilmette show their finger casts.

Have you noticed a bunch of second graders with casts on their fingers? Don't worry, their fingers aren't really broken. It's a sign of spring that comes each March when The Auxiliary's Hospitals to Children program is in full swing! Presented by Auxiliary volunteers, the Hospitals to Children program is designed specifically to teach second graders about the hospitals in their community. The program describes the hospital as a "city under one roof." A PowerPoint presentation takes the students on a trip through the Hospitals of NorthShore University HealthSystem and illustrates three situations in which they might have to go to the hospital. Students have time to ask questions and investigate items brought by the volunteers, such as X-rays, blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes. Students may have one of their fingers put in a cast—always a favorite activity. At the program's conclusion, students receive a coloring book, a letter to their parents and valuable information about keeping emergency numbers and parental consent forms available for caregivers.

If you have questions about the program or would like to volunteer to help with a presentation, please contact The Auxiliary office at (847) 570-5095 or Wendy Yamada, 2009 Hospitals to Children Co-Chair, at (847) 441-8081.

## Angels in Our Midst

From January 26 to 28, Auxiliary members and Angel signers worked hard to get the 2009 Angel Campaign off the ground. Thanks to Madonna Tideman for opening her home for three very snowy winter days! Volunteers signed, stuffed and filed over 2,000 letters that help generate a large portion of The Auxiliary's fund-raising dollars. To date, The Auxiliary has raised over \$278,000 for breast and ovarian cancer research at NorthShore and for the GPS Program at Kellogg Cancer Care Center. If you have not yet made your Angel Campaign contribution, please send in your check today, or donate online at [northshore.org/auxiliary](http://northshore.org/auxiliary). Angel donors are listed in both the Gala Program Book and the ACE Directory. Thank you to all who participated with getting the letters in the mail and to all those who have contributed to the 2009 funding goals.

## Gala Invitation Committee Needs Your Help

The 2009 Gala Invitation Committee will be meeting from Monday, April 20 through Thursday, April 23, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., at Dale McBride's home in Glenview. All are welcome! Any amount of time you can give to help assemble invitations for mailing would be appreciated. This is always a fun volunteer opportunity with great conversation and camaraderie. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. Sign-up by emailing Colleen Remsberg at [cer@ydim.com](mailto:cer@ydim.com) or by contacting Cathy White at The Auxiliary Office at (847) 570-5041 or [cwhite1@northshore.org](mailto:cwhite1@northshore.org). A reminder and map will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

## Inside NorthShore

In January 2009, Rush North Shore Medical Center in Skokie became part of NorthShore University HealthSystem and was renamed Skokie Hospital. "This merger gives our communities enhanced access to healthcare, clinical programs and medical research of the highest caliber," said Jeff Hillebrand, Chief Operating Officer at NorthShore.

At the time of the merger, NorthShore's auxiliaries welcomed the Women's Board of Skokie Hospital as their newest fund-raising and friend-raising group. Established in 2000, the Women's Board of Skokie Hospital sponsors Community Health and Wellness programs and provides critical philanthropic support for Skokie Hospital. Watch your mailbox for an invitation to a special celebration event that the Women's Board will host at Skokie Hospital on Wednesday evening, May 27.

## Strike!

The Associate Board of NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) hosted its second annual Bowling Night on March 6 at Seven Ten Lounge in Chicago. The event was a great success, doubling attendance from last year with 140 attendees, and raising



Abbey Jefferson, Infant Special Care Unit Nurse and Associate Board member, with guests at their Bowling Night

\$1,000 for the Infant Special Care Unit. The Associate Board will continue its membership recruiting efforts throughout the year by offering a variety of social, philanthropic and community service activities that appeal to young professionals and welcome everyone. For the latest information or to become a member, visit their Web site

at [northshore.org/associates](http://northshore.org/associates) or contact (847) 570-5306 or [kbeckering@northshore.org](mailto:kbeckering@northshore.org) with questions.



Susan Nystuen and Sandy Miller admire first prize winning holiday decorations at Evanston Hospital.

## The Annual Spring Meeting

Westmoreland Country Club

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

9:00 a.m. Check In

9:30 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Program

Member reservation: \$25

Guest reservation: \$35

RSVP: (847)570-5049

Kenneth Anderson, D.O., Chief Medical Quality Officer,  
NorthShore University HealthSystem, will present:

*Through the Looking Glass ... Designing Highest Quality Care at NorthShore*

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at Evanston & Glenbrook Hospitals  
1301 Central Street  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

## Save The Dates:

**May 6, 2009**

**Myra Rubenstein Weis Luncheon**

*Highland Park Country Club*

**May 13, 2009**

**Annual Spring Meeting**

*Westmoreland Country Club*

**May 21, 2009**

**Wine and Hors D'oeuvres Membership Event**

*Whole Foods Market-Northbrook*

**May 27, 2009**

**Connection Celebration**

*Skokie Hospital*

**June 20, 2009**

**2009 Hospitals' Gala**

*The Fairmont Chicago*

**August 28 – 30, 2009**

**25th Anniversary American Craft Exposition**

*Henry Crown Sports Pavilion*

*For more information on any of these activities, please call The Auxiliary Office at (847) 570-5095 or e-mail [auxiliary@northshore.org](mailto:auxiliary@northshore.org).*

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## *Neiman Marcus Event Kicks Off 2009 Gala*

*Clockwise from top left:*

**Gala 2009 Invitation Chairs Muffy Lerner, Dale McBride  
and Colleen Remsberg**

**Board members Melissa David and Susan J. White  
enjoy breakfast with friends.**

**Auxiliary Board Member Bharti Patel (center) with friends  
Bachi Billimoria and Bharathi Shetty**

**Gala 2009 Co-Chairs Stella Caprini and Amita Khandekar**

**Board Members Elizabeth Collins, Marcy Alspach and  
Annmarie Trapp**

**President-Elect Kathleen Shinkle with her guest  
Betty McGarrity**

**Auxiliary members and their guests socialize in the  
Zodiac Room.**



## *ACE Kick-Off*

*Clockwise from top left:*

**Board Members Barbara Weiss and Susan Levin**

**Committee members enjoy Chris Robbs presentation on the early years of ACE.**

**Show Director Helen Coleman with Board Member Susan Hodges**

**ACE 2009 Co-Chairs Barbara Balsley and Diane Pekow**

**ACE Founder and Kick-Off Hostess Chris Robb with 2009 ACE Show Director Chair Linda Lane**

**Dr. Stephen Sener shares information about recent developments in breast cancer research**

**Board Members Ann Burnstine and Sharon McGee**

**Show Director Karen Ribbon gives an update on the book, *These Hands Tell A Story*.**

