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**Local Artists Explore “Transformation” to Support  
Doctors Without Borders  
Collection to be on display and available to bidders in Half Moon Bay,  
October 24 – November 14, 2012**

**September 11, 2012, Half Moon Bay, CA** – In support of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Doctors Without Borders Fundraising Art Auction, forty-three local artists have banded together to create and donate a variety of artwork including: paintings, photographs, sculptures and collages on the theme “Transformation.” All art works will be on exhibit and available to bidders through a silent auction at the Pasta Moon Music Box Lounge, 315 Main Street in Half Moon Bay. A preview reception will open the show on October 24<sup>th</sup>, including participating artists talking and strolling through the exhibit. The silent auction will conclude at the closing gala on November 14th. A detailed schedule is provided below.

Doctors Without Borders is an independent international medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural or man-made disasters, and to those excluded from health care in nearly 60 countries. In 1999, this renowned organization won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work. All purchasers will receive a tax-deductible letter from Doctors Without Borders.

According to Judy Shintani, artist and founder of the annual event that has raised thousands of dollars for the medical organization, “this year’s theme ‘transformation’ was selected because so much of what Doctors Without Borders does involves transformation, of the mind, the body and the spirit. The doctors in the program are almost always transformed by their experiences of bringing quality medical care to people caught in crisis regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation.”

“Doctors Without Borders goes to support those in need,” said Judy Shintani. “For example donations of \$100 would buy antibiotics to treat nearly 40 wounded patients, \$50 would pay for vaccinations for 50 people against meningitis, measles, polio or other deadly epidemics, and \$250 would go towards a sterilization kit for syringes and needles used in mobile vaccination campaigns,” said Shintani.

“It is impressive to see 40+ creative interpretations of the theme – including a video, assembled collages in boxes, and exquisite Japanese lacquer work,” said Shintani

An example of contributed artworks include:

- Diane Moomey (El Granada) painted a powerful watercolor of women’s figures – a time lapse" of one figure from conception to springing forth full-grown. Diane expressed appreciation for being able to participate in this event as a way to give back to the medical community where she has experienced their kind, caring generosity.
- Robert Buelteman (Montara) is an award-winning artist who uses neither camera nor lens nor computer to create photograms that are an interpretation and celebration of the design of being, resulting in art that transforms not only the subject, but the viewer as well.
- Deb Clark’s (Half Moon Bay) playful wearable art, titled “Save the Bees,” brings awareness to the fact that one-third of the human food supply depends on insect pollination, mostly by bees. Their work transforms our world. A packet of seeds is included to plant bee’s favorite – borage.

According to Shintani, the art benefit is thrilled to have Pasta Moon Music Box Lounge as the venue again this year. “Pasta Moon has a wonderful reputation as a first class restaurant and entertainment venue on the coastside. It is a long time favorite of the locals and visitors. We appreciate their generosity and support of the Coastside artists and Doctors Without Borders again this year.”

This year’s committee producing the event consists of Coastside artists and residents Judy Shintani, Jennifer Clark, Susan Friedman and Laura McHugh.

**Participating artists include:**

Ann Hollingsworth, Anne Ingraham, Bill Long, Carla Periat, Carole Brehm, Charie Harris, Clifford Hunt, Colleen Murray, Dean Drumheller, Deb Clark, Deborah Penrose, Diane Burns, Diane Lee Moomey, Don Baldwin, Ellen Joseph, Ellen Vogel, Jan Tiura, Janet Jarvis, Jennifer Alpaugh, Jennifer Clark, Judy Johnson-Williams, Judy Shintani, Kathy Bristol, Laura McHugh, Leslie Hunt, Lisa Petrides, Lora Groves, Margaret Lindsey, Mauro FF, Nancy Margulies, Nancy West, Pamela Martin Noyes, Randall Reid, Rashid Bousellum, Richard Kirchner, Robert

Buelteman, Sheila Edwards-May, Susan Alvaro, Susan Friedman, Susana van Bezooijen, Vicki Cormack, Victoria Woodrow and Win Dell'Ario

**Event Details (All Events at Pasta Moon Music Box Lounge, 315 Main Street, Half Moon Bay CA).**

**Transformation- 6th Annual Coastside Doctors Without Borders Art Auction**

**Auction sales proceeds to "Doctors Without Borders" a 501(c) (3) organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.**

**Exhibition: October 24 – November 14, 2012**

**Preview Reception, 6-8pm, October 24; Exhibition stroll with artists**

**Silent auction bids: run of exhibition until 8pm, November 14**

**Closing Gala, closing of silent auction, music and refreshments, 6-9pm, November 14**

**Pasta Moon Music Box Lounge, 315 Main Street, Half Moon Bay, CA;  
<http://pastamoon.com/>**

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