

Women's News

Paint the Way for Breast Cancer Research

By Eileen A. Schwartz

Breast cancer is a disease that affects us all.

During the month of October, the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah has planned multiple events to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

Hadassah is a worldwide organization with 350,000 members in the United States with a 1,000 members locally. The Hadassah

Medical Organization is known for its ground breaking cancer research and October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Women ages 21-121 are invited to have their Ta Tas painted by volunteer artists on October 3 at the Levine JCC from 9 AM-7 PM or on October 10 at the Mint Museum from 11 AM-9 PM. The artists will paint original designs on adult females and the resulting

art will be photographed by female photographers. Disguising the bare torsos and identities of the women allows for viewing the paintings as a piece of art. Many of the volunteers are breast cancer survivors, family and friends, supporters, as well as members of Hadassah.

"Celebrate the Ta Tas is a unique program which provides an exciting way for people to get personally involved, increase awareness and raise funds for life saving research," Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah President Patricia Johnson said.

Artist, Karen Kantrowitz decided that her experience painting last year was so wonderful that she has signed up to paint and be a model this year. "It was an uplifting experience," she said.

Last year artists painted flowers, abstracts, faces, and multiple colors on women's torsos to create human paintings. The paintings were photographed by volunteer female photographers and the images were mounted and blown up into visual pieces of art. Over \$10,000 was raised.

This year's Celebrate the Ta Tas has been fortunate to get support from multiple corporations, doctors, vendors, and individual donors, including Sientra, Snyder Lance, Myriad Genetics, Counsyl Genetics, EventQuest USA, St. John Photography, Eclipse and more.

The second annual Big Reveal, "Celebrate the Ta Tas" is scheduled for October 24. The photographs will be unveiled at the "Big Reveal" at the Mint Museum

Uptown. A poster consisting of all the photographs of the Ta Tas paintings and individual photographs of paintings will be available for order at the "Big Reveal."

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear and interact with Marcie Natan, National President of Hadassah, Maureen O'Boyle, WBTV News 3 Lead Anchor, and Dr. Arlene Sussman, Director of Breast Imaging, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital. All proceeds from Celebrate the Ta Tas will go to Hadassah Breast Cancer research.

"The Big Reveal at the Mint Museum Uptown offers the public the opportunity to participate in an amazingly creative way to support breast cancer research. Whether or not you have personally been affected, participate with us in several of the events," Johnson said.

Ta Tas Events:

Painting, Thursday, October 3, Levine Jewish Community Center, 9 AM-7 PM, \$18.

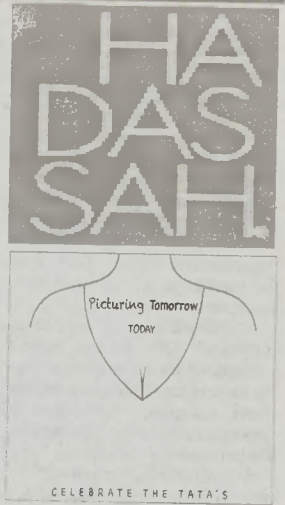
Painting, Thursday, October 10, Mint Museum Randolph, 11 AM-9 PM, cost \$18.

Big Reveal, Thursday, October 24, Mint Museum Uptown, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM, cost \$36.

To sign up to be painted, paint, or photograph contact Talia Goldman taliagoldman18@gmail.com.

Purchase tickets for the Big Reveal at the Levine JCC or online at www.celebratethetatas.eventbrite.com.

If you are unable to attend and want to donate, donate online at www.gofundme.com/46kzdo. ☆



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