



Public Auction

The Bearfootin' Bears search for a permanent home each fall as winter nears. In 2020, Friends of Downtown Hendersonville pivoted to a virtual format for the auction, allowing people to bid over the course of a month until a scheduled bidding cutoff. This turned out to be a big success and has raised over \$568,000 since 2020 for local nonprofits.

For the 2025 Auction, the Friends of Downtown Hendersonville are continuing with a virtual bidding format. Bidding will begin as early as September 25, 2025 and will come to a close with an exciting in-person event on October 25 at the Historic Court House on Main Street.

Visit downtownhendersonville.org to learn about this event and other happenings in and around Downtown Hendersonville.

**Scan here to
bid online after
September 25!**



In addition to the wonderful sponsors and artists shown inside this brochure, we thank the City of Hendersonville Public Works Department and the Blue Ridge Community College Collision Repair Refinishing Technology Department for their support in making the Bearfootin' Art Walk possible.

For the 2026 sponsorship drive, only 20 Bears are available. Sign up for more information at downtownhendersonville.org

For more information
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**BEARFOOTIN'
ART WALK
& AUCTION**
Historic Downtown Hendersonville, NC

2025 Bearfootin' Auction

September 25 - October 25

All bidding occurs virtually through our bear auction website.

Join us for a countdown celebration at the Historic Courthouse Square on Main Street on October 25

**HISTORIC H DOWNTOWN
HENDERSONVILLE**

**Friends
of DOWNTOWN
Hendersonville**





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1. Pisgah, The Centennial Bear
Sponsor: Town of Laurel Park
Artist: Abigail Buckman
Beneficiary: Friends of Laurel Park

2. Jonathan Applebear
Sponsor: Friends of Downtown Hendersonville
Artist: Amy Weinsoff, Diana Levenson
Beneficiary: Friends of Downtown Hendersonville

3. Cheshire Dreamer
Sponsor: Mills River Family Dental
Artist: Diamond Cash
Beneficiary: Henderson County Education Foundation

4. American SongBear
Sponsor: Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara, Inc.
Artist: Joan Covell
Beneficiary: Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara, Inc.

5. Beary-Full
Sponsor: Noble Pest Solutions
Artist: Pam Gessler
Beneficiary: The Storehouse

6. StormBEARer
Sponsor: John & Patsy DuPre
Artist: Phyllis Vaughn & Mary McCullah
Beneficiary: ART League of Henderson County (ALHC)

7. Blue Ridge Blossom
Sponsor: Moonshine & Magnolias Boutique
Artist: Bethany Joy Adams
Beneficiary: Blue Ridge Humane Society

8. Emerging Hope
Sponsor: Royal Park, LLC
Artist: Michal Ruth Penwell
Beneficiary: Hendersonville Family YMCA

9. Petunia
Sponsor: McFarlan Bakery
Artist: M Rathsack
Beneficiary: Camplify NC

10. Brookie
Sponsor: The McConomy-Tompkins Family
Artist: Ambre Mehenni
Beneficiary: Safelight

11. Spark & Burst
Sponsor: Sherri Holbert, Relocate828
Artist: Sam Goodrum & Bailey Dalton
Beneficiary: Flat Rock Playhouse

12. You Were Blooming All Along
Sponsor/Beneficiary: The Arts Council of Henderson County
Artist: Sammy Jean

13. Sakura
Sponsor: Dr Susan Welsch
Artist: Dr Susan Welsch
Beneficiary: Community Food Pantry

14. Hope
Sponsor: Friends of Henderson County & Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity
Artist: Rachel Goodson
Beneficiary: Henderson County & Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity

15. Lady Haven
Sponsor: Meliora House of Design & Mast Builders
Artist: Andrea Martin
Beneficiary: Pardee Women's Foundation

16. Bee-atrice
Sponsor: Hope Coalition Board Members
Artist: Alicia Eddy
Beneficiary: Hope Coalition

17. Bearloom Botanicals
Sponsor: Anonymous
Artist: Marley Rose Moreno-Hollifield
Beneficiary: Literacy Connection

18. Fern
Sponsor: Hajoca
Artist: Kat Beasley
Beneficiary: Black Mountain Home

19. Carolina Connections
Sponsor: Hendersonville Woman's Club
Artist: Sarah W. Maupin
Beneficiary: Children & Family Resource Center

20. Sunny Yanu
Sponsor: Chris & Lisa Patterson and Carolina Auto Paint & Supply
Artist: Joy Kent, Chris & Lisa Patterson
Beneficiary: Four Seasons Hospice