



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



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. The same bidding format was continued for the 2021 auction, which raised \$102,000 and then \$140,000 in 2022!

For the 2023 Auction, the Friends of Downtown Hendersonville are continuing with a virtual bidding format. Bidding will begin as early as September 21, 2023 and will come to a close with an exciting in-person event on October 21 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!**



In addition to the wonderful sponsors and artists shown inside this brochure, we thank the City of Hendersonville Public Works Department and North Main Automotive for their support in making the 2023 Bearfootin' Art Walk possible.

For the 2024 sponsorship drive, only 20 Bears are available.

Please contact info@downtownhendersonville.org to be included on the list for more information.

For more information, call

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Friends of Downtown Hendersonville



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2023 Bearfootin' Auction

September 21 - October 21

All bidding occurs virtually through our bear auction website.

Join us for a countdown celebration on October 21
at the Historic Courthouse Square on Main Street
hendersonvillenc.gov/bearfootin

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1. **Bear Name:** Hope and Honeycrisp
Sponsor: Meliora House of Design
Artist: Andrea Martin
Beneficiary: Safelight Family
2. **Bear Name:** Lolly
Sponsor: Friends of Downtown Hendersonville
Artist: Abigail Buckman
Beneficiary: Friends of Downtown Hendersonville
3. **Bear Name:** Soul Seeker
Sponsor: Laughing Elephant Yoga
Artist: Miriam Hughes, Jenny L. Camp, Ramona Manea
Beneficiary: Safelight, Inc.
4. **Bear Name:** Lili SandBear
Sponsor: The Barn Volunteers of Connemara Farms
Artist: Susan Dawood
Beneficiary: The Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara, Inc.
5. **Bear Name:** Creativity
Sponsor: The Arts Council of Henderson County
Artist: Bethany Joy Adams
Beneficiary: The Arts Council of Henderson County
6. **Bear Name:** Blooming Kindness
Sponsor: Children & Family Resource Center
Artist: Phoebe Balcken
Beneficiary: Children & Family Resource Center
7. **Bear Name:** Strollin'
Sponsor: Etowah Lions Club, Hendersonville Lions Club
Artist: Cathyann Burgess
Beneficiary: NC Lions Inc. Brighter Visions
8. **Bear Name:** Lovie
Sponsor: Edward Jones - Fletcher/Captive Minds - South Asheville/Heidi Ho On The Go Food Truck
Artist: Carol Clay
Beneficiary: Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue
9. **Bear Name:** Homecoming
Sponsor: Hendersonville, NC Elks Lodge 1616
Artist: Effie Grigoropoulou
Beneficiary: Veterans Healing Farm
10. **Bear Name:** Home for All Seasons
Sponsor: Hendersonville Woman's Club
Artist: Lisa Clark, Roseanna Coates, Liberty McMillan
Beneficiary: Aura Home Women Veterans
11. **Bear Name:** Beautiful Place To Serve
Sponsor: Bridge Church - Hendersonville
Artist: Elizabeth Pooler
Beneficiary: First Responder Ministries - Henderson County
12. **Bear Name:** The Spirit of Hendersonville
Sponsor: The Super Signguy
Artist: Dee Ballenger
Beneficiary: Hendersonville Family YMCA
13. **Bear Name:** Blossom
Sponsor: Friends of Habitat
Artist: Kristie Grove
Beneficiary: Henderson County Habitat for Humanity
14. **Bear Name:** Clowning Around Bear
Sponsor: The Hendersonville Shrine Club
Artist: Callie Renee Annas, Martin Osteen
Beneficiary: The Shriners Children's Hospitals
15. **Bear Name:** Seek the Joy
Sponsor: Schenck Family Conservancy
Artist: June Ellen Bradley
Beneficiary: Green River Preserve Scholarship Fund
16. **Bear Name:** Thriving in the garden
Sponsor: Homestead, Moe's Original Bar B Que, RE/MAX Results, Sherman's Sports and Army Store, Looking Glass Realty
Artist: Amy Weinsoff, Diana Levenson
Beneficiary: Thrive
17. **Bear Name:** Story Bear
Sponsor: Mast Builder's, LLC
Artist: Becky Bonnema
Beneficiary: Literacy Connection
18. **Bear Name:** Gemma
Sponsor: M. Hilton Swing, Broker | REALTOR®
Artist: Shayna Knapp
Beneficiary: Housing Assistance Corporation
19. **Bear Name:** Koda
Sponsor: BMW of Asheville
Artist: Laura Bell
Beneficiary: United Way of Henderson County
20. **Bear Name:** Buzz
Sponsor: Hope Coalition Board
Artist: Alicia Eddy
Beneficiary: Hope Coalition