HAYC3 TO PRESENT HOOSICAL FURNISHINGS ON MAY 10TH

ANNUAL AUCTION CELEBRATES COMMUNITY AND ART

AT THE ARMORY IN HOOSIC FALLS

How do you make a Hoosical Furnishing? Take one piece of cool furniture or home accessories, old or new, match it up with just the right artist for that particular piece, ask him or her to transform it - paint on it, add something to it, take it apart and rearrange it - and *voila!* How do you get a Hoosical Furnishing? You come to the HAYC3 Hoosical Furnishings Celebration of Community and Art Auction on Saturday, May 10th.

Eclectic, artistic, original, whimsical, dramatic, creative, elegant, unique, funky and functional are just some of the adjectives that participants have used to describe the artist-altered one-of-a-kind items up for auction at HAYC3's Hoosical Furnishings.

The furnishing might be a bench (several garden benches are featured in this year's event), a child's chair, a table, a lamp, a mirror, or a trunk; it might even be a doghouse. It may be functional or decorative — or both. Whatever it is, it will definitely be imaginative and impressive. There will be 50 pieces, large and small, old and new and each one has been transformed by an artist from its original plain old self into a work of art. Is it art or is it furniture? You decide. From trash to treasure, from ordinary to extraordinary, you will find it at Hoosical Furnishings.

Then, of course, there's the thrill of the auction itself. The excitement in the room is palpable. There's an item you absolutely have to have. There's a person at the next table that wants it, too. You bid. He bids. You bid, he bids, higher and higher, then all of a sudden, just when you think it's yours, the woman at the far table holds up her paddle and outbids you both. Do you go higher or let her have it? Even if you are not bidding, it's an exciting experience. The action is like live theater, suspenseful and full of surprises, and fun to watch.

Look for the Hoosical Furnishings in windows around the village starting Tuesday, April 29th. Find your favorite. At the Hoosical Furnishings event on Saturday May 10th, all of the pieces will be at The Armory. Previews begin at 6:00pm, the bidding starts at 7:00pm. There will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Please note, this is a 21 and older only event.

Tickets are \$20 and the quantity is limited. Call HAYC3 at 518-686-9050 to get your tickets. If you cannot be at the event, but would like to bid on an item, you can get an Absentee Bid Form on the HAYC3 website. Just print it out, fill it out and mail it in. For more information, please visit www.hayc3.org.