

ReStore's Art Auction & Exhibition 'creates' over \$5000 and international interest!

The ReStore's first annual ReCreate: A ReStore Art Sale raised almost \$5300 while gaining attention from Habitat International. The Winnipeg event featured the talents and generosity of local artists who utilized salvaged and recycled materials to donate 72 art pieces. Habitat World magazine is writing an article about this innovative event to encourage other ReStores to do similar fundraising events. Shala Carlson of Habitat World says, "This is one of the first times a ReStore has created an event to raise money for a ReStore, which typically would raise money for the Habitat building sector."



The Sum of its Parts, by Kathy N.M. Andrew

The art exhibition and auction served as the opening reception for Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg's annual corporate wine and cheese on March 10, 2010. The bidding for the general public commenced in the Restore on March 11 & 12 with 50 of the pieces being sold by auction end. The remaining art pieces will be auctioned off at other events. The event included all types of visual art, including: paintings, sculpture, up-cycled furniture, door knob art, jewellery, re-made hand bags, lamp art, room dividers, and more. The highest bid amount of \$351 was for a unique wall hanging 'The Sum of its Parts', by Kathy N.M. Andrew followed closely by Joel Bouchard's painting, 'Lake Manitoba Sunset' for \$350. Joel also made the largest donation of four paintings worth \$2550.



Lake Manitoba Sunset, by Joel Bouchard

The first ever Restore art auction and exhibition made quite an impact and brought in many newcomers to the ReStore. Congratulations to Amber van den Broek for her innovative idea and thanks to all staff and volunteers who helped her execute a very successful first time event!