

GEORGETOWN ART EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER ARTISTS IN THE AREA

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The latest snowstorm was no deterrent for residents of Georgetown Thursday as they braved freezing temperatures and ice-slicked sidewalks to view art during Georgetown Arts 2011.

The event was held in the Shops at Georgetown Park and was the second artist exhibit organized by Citizens' Association of Georgetown. The association brought together around 30 artists who live and work in the area. Artwork ranged from framed acrylic landscapes and abstract pieces to 3-D layered work, and detailed terra cotta clay sculptures.

"There are so many people [in the coalition] that are artists, and so we thought it would be good to show off their talent," said Jennifer Altemus, president of CAG. "It's also a great opportunity for the community to mix and meet their neighbors. [Georgetown] really is a village within a huge metropolis."

Elizabeth Malloy, program assistant for the association, echoed the sentiment. "We had it last year and it was a great success," Malloy said. "It was a really cool space and we wanted to do it again this year."

For Lisa Neher, an artist who works in a studio at the Jackson Art Center, it was a time to show off her "large impressionistic paintings," which she missed out on last year. "This year when I heard about the event, I was able to participate."

Another first-timer, Karen Feld, who described her work as a "hobby," used the event to display her talents as a sculptor.

"I work from models. As a journalist, I am constantly using one side of my brain, so this allows me to be more creative." She has been molding pieces for 15 years.

Husband and wife, Jurgen and Ximena Dinger, came to the exhibit to support their friend and artist, Barbara Downs, and were amazed at the variety of art work.



Guests discuss artwork on display at the Georgetown Arts 2011



A sculpture by artist Karen Feld is on display at the event. Although she has been creating work for more than 15 years, she considers her work a "hobby." All Photos by Nia Davis

"There are so many different colors on display," Jurgen Dinger said.

The event was divided into two rooms on the second level of the Shops at Georgetown Park. Thursday was the opening reception. Art will be on display through Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on the event, check out the CAG web site at www.cagtown.org



Artist Karen Feld poses in front of one of her sculptures.