

Dear artist friends,

We are aware that artists are often asked to give of their time and talents, but this is the one project that will impact the community.

For the second consecutive year, The Independent and The Repository will publish their "pink" editions – pink newspapers – in honor of October's Breast Cancer Awareness month.

To truly make this a community project we are involving the passion and creativity of Stark County artists in a unique initiative that will introduce you and your work to new segments of the community, give you a chance to sell one of your works and rally the community for hope.

Here's the plan in a nut shell:

- Area artists create something they love within the theme "Pink!" Various mediums and styles are welcome. Works should be completed no later than Oct. 1. Artwork may be delivered to The Repository, 500 Market Ave. S. in Canton or The Independent, 50 North Ave. N.W. In Massillon.
- In October, participating artists and their works will be featured in our newspapers.
- At the end of the month, all works will be sold or auctioned with a minimum starting bid. Up to half of the proceeds can be returned to the artist, if they choose, with remainder being donated to charity to help fund breast cancer research, programming and education.

Our hope is that we can shine a spotlight on the arts, the talents of our community members and finally find a cure for cancer.

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Thank you so much for your time and, most of all, for using your talents to fill our corner of the world color and creativity.

Cheers!

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