

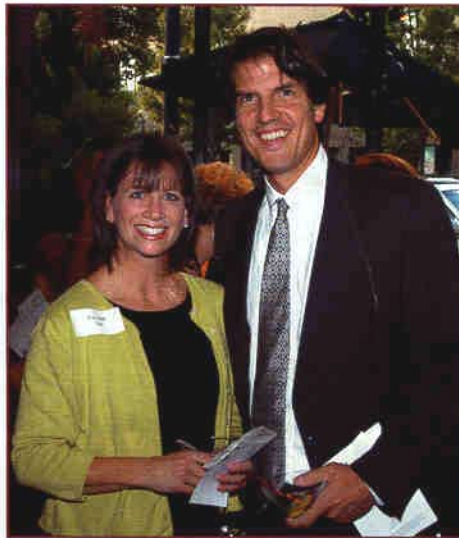
# Local artists lend their support to the Metropolitan Arts Council

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Local artists donated their time and talent to benefit the Metropolitan Arts Council at this year's Cherish the Arts fund-raising event held Sept 30.

Postcard from Paris was the setting for this year's party and artworks were splashed all around the upscale home boutique.

The successful event was expanded this year to include artwork of every type, not just tables and chair as in past years. These items ranged from



Kay and David Odell

jewelry, paintings and outdoor furnishings to, yes, chairs and tables, all created by local Upstate artists.

The evening began with a "mARTini" patron's party where patrons had a chance to buy these beautiful items at a set price before they were offered to guests at a silent auction. The silent auction portion of the evening began an hour later and guests had the chance to bid on the pieces they most desired.

The Metropolitan Arts Council provides support to area arts organizations, individual artists and schools through grants, planning, advocacy,