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PHOTO CAPTION: In previous years, Portsmouth Historical Society has hosted in-person and silent auctions for local goods and services. This year not only will the annual fundraiser be an exclusive online event, but the month-long online auction will split profits with local artists donating their works to the cause.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GOES ONLINE; EVENT & AUCTION WILL "PAY-IT-FORWARD" TO LOCAL ARTISTS

PORTSMOUTH – The Portsmouth Historical Society's 7th annual John Paul Jones Jubilee and Auction will take place virtually on Thursday, September 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This year's celebration is a benefit designed for two! Arts, history, and culture define Portsmouth. Both the Portsmouth Historical Society and the local artist community have been hit hard by the pandemic. This fundraiser, which provides a significant portion of the Society's income, is a great opportunity for donors to "pay it forward" and support local artists as well.

The online auction will feature original works of art by local artists, with 50% of the net proceeds from each sale going to the artist. The Fund-A-Need campaign will raise funds to commission a work of art that will be displayed outside Portsmouth Historical Society, thereby supporting a local artist and beautifying a city landmark.

For the safety and wellbeing of all, the event will be hosted at a secret online location to be revealed only to those who purchase advance tickets. The party will include music, a VIP preview of works by local masters in the online art auction (on the Bidding For Good online platform), the unveiling of the "Threads" Community Quilt, and the announcement of the raffle winner of a mixed case of expensive, small batch, and unusual wines! Attendees will receive a take-out gourmet goodie-bag with some of our favorite refreshments from Wood Stove Kitchen, Port City Pretzels, and Naughty Good Bites to enjoy while watching the event.

A special thank you to sponsors and donors, including Ashton & Company, P. A., Lynne Joyce of Tate & Foss Sotheby's International Realty, Westerly Portsmouth, Southport Printing, and Seacoast Flash for supporting this important fundraiser.

Save the date and reserve your spot! Event tickets are \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members; wine raffle tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50. To purchase, visit www.portsmouthhistory.org or call (603) 436-8433.