



Trisha Stafford and Christian Parrish



**HEART GALLERY** Kevin, Arlene Holmes, Jeremiah Guccione and Tim *COURTESY PHOTO*



**ARTISTS @ WORK:** Deena Romer, Liz Kilpatrick and Cindy Montorio *COURTESY PHOTOS*



Carolyn Sylvester, Ellen Busler and Maureen Ogilvie



Chellie Gardiner and Bonnie Schiavone



Angela Sauro and Paula Lohnes

The theme, as described on the invite, was a mock wedding reception for the second annual Bridesmaids Bash at the Lido Beach Resort, co-chaired by **Shelby Tudor** and **Suzanne Anderson**.

The event, aimed at raising funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, attracted more than 100 eager guests, all of whom were determined to show their support for a charity close to their hearts — even if it meant wearing that peach taffeta bridesmaid dress one more time.

In a fashion show highlighting the designs of Juno & Jove and Kelietza, local models and volunteers, including **Molly Demeulenaere**, **Veronica Pastore**, **Sarah Grady** and **Rebecah Robinson** took to the catwalk with ease, while delectable displays of wedding cakes and cupcakes designed by local bakeries were ready to be consumed.

Awards were given out for Best Looking and Best Tasting Cake — both won by Pastries by Design; Terrible Tux winner was **Frank Maggio** and the “Once Was Enough” honor for her dress was awarded to **Trisha Stafford**. Not sure if a congratulations is in order or not for the last two.

Seen donning their best bridesmaid dress (that the bride swore they could wear again!) were **Crista Cotton**, **Rochelle Nigri**, **Lyndsy McDonald**, **Pamela Gallagher**, **Dr. Harold Shinitzky** and **Michelle Butler**, Suncoast regional director of the foundation.

### Art to art

Creative hands were working fast and furiously to complete original works of art in just three hours, as Art Center Sarasota hosted its second Artists @ Work event, co-chaired by **Kathleen McDonald**, **Lisa Berger**, **Louise Hamel** and **Gale Fulton Ross**.

**Kenny De Camp** emceed the event. Participating artists including **Joseph Melancon**, **Ray Peper**, **Isabelle Dunkerson**, **Daniel Petrov**, **Leon Middleton**, **Louise Hamel**, **Vicki Chelf**, **Charlie Meyrick**, **Carla O'Brien**, **Trisha Johnson**, **Barb Armstrong**, **Drew Strouble**, **Kathleen McDonald** and up-and-coming young artists **Truman Adams**, **Hunter Koski** and



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OUT AND ABOUT

**Wesley Lock** worked on paintings, collages and sculptures in teams of two with the final masterpieces raffled off.

Guests were thrilled as they won paintings and sculptures, including **Andrea Silvergleit**, who took home Peper and Dunkerson's “Handbag Collage”; **Dotty and Dick Terry**, who won Melancon's “Landscape”; and **Annie Sirpilla** and **Seth Landry**, who acquired their first original painting by Hamel and Chelf.

### Something new

Always thinking about how to better the community and support local businesses, the guys at The HuB have created a Web site promoting downtown Sarasota. **Rich Swier**, **Matt Orr** and **Joey Panek** launched [www.ilovedowntownsrq.com](http://www.ilovedowntownsrq.com) on Thursday. Worth a look, for sure.

### Women with Moxie

Congratulations to Women With Moxie and founder/owner **Elsie Gilmore** for the organization's two-year anniversary, which was marked with a festive mixer at Horsefeathers, where nearly 80 women attended. The next mixer is 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Horsefeathers. To learn more, call 870-2317.

### Heart strings

“Mom, I've got a new birthday.” Those were the first words uttered by **Tim**, after a judge signed the final order for adoption making him and his brother, **Kevin**, the legal children of their new mom, **Arlene Holmes**.

Tim and Kevin were the first children ever photographed for the Heart Gallery of Sarasota, almost four years ago. The Heart Gallery promotes the adoption of local children in foster care through many mediums, one of which is a traveling display of professional portraits. Just more proof that miracles do happen.

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