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A most successful 'Taste'

Headwaters Foundation executive director Toni Egger says Saturday's 13th annual "Taste of Rappahannock" fundraiser dinner-auction-social event was the most successful start in the education-funding organization's history, its auction and raffle bringing in nearly \$50,000 from the 330 guests. Egger credits much of the difference to Washington, D.C.-based Red Apple Auctions (not to mention Red Apple's high-energy auctioneer Bill Billingsly, or such amazing works up for bid as a series of local artist-made birdhouses, including the stained-glass masterpiece shown here, by Heidi Morf and Vinnie Deluise). Red Apple was working for the first time on the annual start of Headwaters' fund-raising efforts., Egger said. "I really credit them with smartening us up about how to run an effective and efficient event," she said. "They more than paid for themselves."

Appealing apple desserts

With an "all-apple" theme, one of the highlights of the annual RLEP Barn Dance will be the apple dessert bake-off. Sheriff Connie Smith, famed pastry chef Heidi Morf (most recently of 24 Crows) and Beth Hall, heirloom apple producer of Flint Hill, will be the lucky judges.

Hall, echoing her co-judges, said, "I am thrilled to be asked to participate in the apple-themed RLEP Barn Dance."

The square dance, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25 at Rappahannock Central, 3 River Lane, Sperryville, benefits the Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection (RLEP). The cost is \$25 per person.

Bake-off contestants should register at the RLEP office by calling 540-317-1449 to leave your name and contact information. Each entrant will receive two free tickets to the event and be eligible for the \$100 top prize.

"As for the rest who do not enter the contest, well, we'll be able to participate either by buying the whole dessert or a piece of it after the contest has been judged," says RLEP President Monica Worth.

Running from 7 to 10 p.m., the event will feature traditional Appalachian music provided by local musicians as well as square dancing, line-dancing and reels.

Information on the event can be found at www.rlep.org. Tickets can be purchased online or at most retail stores in the county.



Rappahannock teachers and students became servers for the night at the Taste of Rappahannock. Photo by Molly M. Peterson.