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Dear Artist,

The Lindsborg Arts Council is excited to announce our upcoming, 27th annual Chocolate Lovers Affair and Art Auction! The purpose of this event is to raise money for scholarships that are given to high school seniors in the Smoky Valley school district who will be pursuing a college education and demonstrate an interest in the arts. Last year, we were able to give \$3000 in scholarships and hope to do that again this year. Additional money raised goes to support arts organizations and events in our community.

Typically, we host a lavish event joining our community together over decadent chocolates, delicious food, and local art. However, in the light of recent developments with COVID-19 and our continuous effort to keep our members and guests safe, we've decided to go all virtual!

With that in mind, we're moving on with the show and still offering a chance for our guests to bid on artwork and items provided by community members through a Facebook Live event. The art auction would not be possible without the generous contribution by many local artists and collectors like you. We would be honored if you would consider donating a piece of your own, or another from your collection. We suggest that artists set a reserve or minimum bid for high-priced pieces if there is trepidation concerning potential underbids. You will receive a letter after the auction that may be used for tax purposes.

We need to have your piece(s) by February 1st. You may drop off your work at the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery (401 N. First Street, Lindsborg, KS) or contact a board member to request pick up. We kindly ask that you also include a photo of yourself and a short artist bio (100 words or fewer) to be included in a slideshow during Chocolate Lover's Affair.

We hope you'll join us with your (virtual) presence and support for our FIRST EVER virtual Chocolate Lovers Affair & Art Auction on February 6th, 2021. Watch for more details in the coming weeks at lindsborgarts.org. We truly thank you for your contribution to our wonderful arts community.

Sincerely,

Lindsborg Arts Council Board of Directors