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Artist, house for sale combine for salon to benefit charities

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Starting Friday night, Valley residents may admire and purchase artwork created by local artists, tour a 5,500-square-foot luxury Chandler home, listen to live music and partake in tasty refreshments, all for a good cause.

Or, to be exact, four good causes.

Art Salon For A Cause, organized and hosted by artist Vickie Florschuetz of Ahwatukee, is a three-day free event that will benefit four local non-profit organizations: Bravery Project, which Florschuetz founded and which focuses on creating portraits and telling the stories of domestic abuse survivors; Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society, which strives to form friendships and preserve the dignity and honor of inductees of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame; Tempe Dollars for Scholars, which raises scholarship awards for local students; and Voices Take Flight, which is devoted to heightening awareness of neurological disease.

Florschuetz, 38, said her friend Frank Schmuck of Tempe, who is president of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society, founder of Tempe Dollars for Scholars and president and chairman of Voices Take Flight, suggested the fundraiser.

"The house is on the market, and Frank, who knows the Realtor, gave me the idea to use the house as an art salon to raise money for charity and also allow people to see the house," she said. "This opportunity is a good one for me to showcase my portraits, and also give me a reason to showcase the other non-profits as well."

Works by local artists Ralph Michael Brekan and Jim Covarrubias will also be on display. From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Covarrubias, who calls himself "the fastest drawer in the West," will do a live painting performance.

"I am happy to help Vickie; what she is doing is really great," Covarrubias, of Tempe, said. "Her commitment and dedication to help victims of abuse is appreciated and speaks to all of us."

A variety of musicians are scheduled to perform over the three days, Florschuetz said, including "blues, roots and Americana" musicians Mikel Lander and Meridith Moore on Friday, and Blaise Lantana from KJZZ radio with saxophonist Clay Thompson on Sunday.

Florschuetz said she is hoping for a good turnout and is looking forward to helping so many causes at once.

"I've had a couple of nights where I've had a hard time sleeping because I've had so many details to work out, but I'm hoping it will all work out and not be like a wedding that's over really quickly," she said.

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When: 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Where: 6052 W Victoria Place, Chandler.

Cost: Free.

Information: 480-785-4995 or www.braveryproject.org.

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