

Empty Bowls Soup Supper and Art Auction to help fight hunger

GAMBIER — People who enjoy fine crafts and wish to help fight hunger in Knox County will have the opportunity on Nov. 6.

Kenyon College's Craft Center, in cooperation with the Kenyon Review, will host the third annual Empty Bowls Soup Supper and Art Auction at Kenyon's Peirce Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A humble and Spartan meal of soup and bread will serve to remind attendees of the many in Knox County who have little to eat locally, due to current economic hardships. Guests to the meal will have the opportunity to buy or bid on pottery bowls created by community members in earlier workshops at the craft center. Donations for the meal will be added to the art sales and presented to Knox County's Food for the Hungry program.

The mission of Food for the Hungry is to help Interchurch Social Services and The Salvation Army stock their food pantries and give financial assistance to support Knox County's citizens in need. Last year the empty bowls event raised \$3,700.

"One hundred thirty pieces were created at the first empty bowls workshop day this fall, and even more have been donated and made



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Luke Williams, foreground, a Kenyon senior from Annapolis, Md., and Max Elder, a Kenyon first-year student from Manchester, Mass., craft bowls which will be available for purchase at the Empty Bowls Soup Supper and Art Auction on Nov. 6.

since then," said Robin Nordmoe, clay instructor at Kenyon's Craft Center. "Paul Linhares [of Mount Vernon Nazarene University] and some pottery students have also been very involved in creating bowls for the event."

In addition to this year's pottery, the weaving and woodworking studios at the craft center will contribute crafts for the auction. Debo-

rah Yorde, weaving instructor, is coordinating efforts of volunteers to create place-mats, and Rick Yorde's woodworking shop will produce trivets.

There are suggested donations for the supper for children and students, and for adults. Art will be offered by silent auction and bidding will close at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Erin Ciarimboli at 427-5760.