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**Glow Gala Eco-Art Auction Features this Season's Best Gifts:
Good for the Earth, Easy on the Wallet**

Annual Fundraiser to Benefit Groundwork Lawrence

Thursday, December 10 from 6:30-10:00 PM

LAWRENCE, MA December 3, 2009 -- Groundwork Lawrence (GWL)

(<http://www.groundworklawrence.org>) will hold its annual Glow Gala Auction and Fundraiser on Thursday, December 10 from 6:30 to 10:00 PM. The event will be hosted by the Sidell and Yopez families at Chester's, an event space at 60 Island Street in Lawrence. The eco-art silent auction will feature more than 30 original pieces created by local artists and students from Lawrence high schools with the environment in mind.

"Holiday shoppers and art enthusiasts alike will enjoy the opportunity to pick up a one-of-a-kind treasure that respects both the environment and their budget, while helping to build a better community." said Heather McMann, Groundwork Lawrence Executive Director. "Where else will you find a gift that gives in so many ways?" To see glimpses of this year's eco-art visit the GWL's website.

The Glow Gala is open to the public and tickets can be purchased for \$50 online, by phone, or at the door. The event will feature local favorite Los Sugar Kings warming up the evening with their Latin rhythms, as well as fine food by Sandrino's Catering featuring produce from Farmer Dave of Dracut, MA, great raffle items, and a cash bar. Proceeds from the event will benefit Groundwork Lawrence, a non-profit organization dedicated to building a healthy community in Lawrence through environmental improvements to parks, waterways and open spaces, access to fresh, locally-grown food, and youth education and leadership programs.

Eco-art invokes the themes of reduce, reuse, recycle, and repair. The submissions, which include pottery, sculpture, unique lamps and home décor items, wall hangings and more, are made from environmentally friendly materials and serve to promote environmental awareness. Minimum bids on the items are in the range of \$20 to \$200.

The event includes a special request to support GWL's youth programs.

"Everything that I have done with the Green Team has made me more aware that I have to help improve my community and environment even if it's something small, because something small can make a big difference."
– Wilnely, GWL Green Team

The Glow Gala is sponsored by: the Banks Baldwin Foundation, Clean Water Action, **Comcast**, DharmaCrafts, DW+Design, Steven Golden, Lawrence General Hospital, Munro Graphics, TEC, and Washington Mills Lofts.

Groundwork Lawrence, Inc. a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has been making change happen in Lawrence, Massachusetts since 2001. Through its environmental and open space improvements, community food programs, youth initiatives, and educational programming and events, Groundwork Lawrence creates the building blocks of a healthy community, and empowers Lawrence residents to improve their quality of life. Groundwork Lawrence achieves results by engaging the whole community – residents, non-profit organizations, city government and businesses – in the planning and realization of its projects. With this collaborative approach, Groundwork ensures that all stakeholders are mutually invested in its outcomes, the key to stable neighborhoods and sustainable change.

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