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Getting Artsy With Titz 'N Glitz

Shannon Webb-Campbell

The city's annual fundraiser dresses up boobies for a good cause.

Hooters. Ta-ta's. Boobies. Jugs. Titties. Bazookas. Bust. Guns.

Whatever you refer to the upper torso of the female anatomy, Halifax's Titz 'N Glitz wants you to come and strut your stuff in honour of their annual breast cancer fundraiser Mardi Bra at the Marriot Hotel on Nov. 10



Local artisans pooled their crafty, chesty creations for an art show curated by Rachel Ryan which hangs at Pete's Frootique until the tail end of October.

The exhibit features everything from a bra-based quilt, a white-cloth, cone-shaped corset, intricate charcoal images of lingerie and lace, a copper sculpted brassiere and cup-shaped pottery.

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"When I made the quilt it wasn't necessarily a feminist statement," explains Ryan. "It was more out of sheer silliness. Isn't it funny that in our society we use the word hooters to describe breasts?"

Ryan's quilt features a series of vintage bras sewn into the patchwork of a traditional quilt, as words like "boobies," "bust," and "ta-ta's" litter her audacious, cuddly creation.

Titz 'N Glitz is the only exclusively female-run and attended breast cancer fundraising event. The annual event recognizes men do suffer from breast cancer; however, it is important to the organization to maintain a safe place solely for women.

All of the proceeds from the soiree and art show go directly Halifax's On the Front Line Society, which is a local breast cancer fund.



"It's a big huge costume party," says Ryan. "It's all women, no men. When you get some pretty rowdy women dressed up in giant bras it's best to leave them to themselves. There will be live entertainment, circus acts; it will be a very organized free-for-all."

In Nova Scotia 1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer per year. Titz 'N Glitz consciously does not support cancer research, all of the money earned from these endeavors goes into the pockets of administrators who shell out the funds to survivors who are in need of

short term financial need via satellite clinics throughout the province and by the QEII Department of Social Work.

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