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Vision loss doesn't deter Burnsville artist Annie Young

OCTOBER 26, 2011 – Eastview Community Foundation - Nearly a decade ago, Burnsville resident and avid artist Annie Young lost her vision due a medical condition. Today's, she's creating multidimensional art — sculpture, fiber arts and topographic paintings. She's regularly blogs about her art and what inspires it.

"It is my never-ending hope that you see what I feel," she writes on her blog that features images of her tactile artwork. Young works primarily with acrylics, using her fingers as well as paintbrushes to create the pictures that visit her imagination. Her work has been displayed at galleries in Minnesota and on her work has been selected to tour thru with other artists of special abilities thru out the country.

Young is the featured artist at the Eastview Community Foundation's fourth annual Art Madness event. The highlight of this fundraiser is a silent art auction showcasing the work of many artists, ranging from professional artists to Apple Valley school children.

Young's featured art is named: Princess Zoe.

Art Madness is Saturday, Nov. 5, 7-11 p.m. at the The Barn, Spirit of Brandtjen Farms, 16965 Brandtjen Farm Drive in Lakeville. Tickets are \$35 a person in advance at <http://www.evcf.org> and \$40 at the door.

All proceeds Art Madness benefit academics, arts and athletics at the 10 schools in the Eastview school community in Apple Valley — Greenleaf, Diamond Path, Thomas Lake, Oak Ridge and Highland elementary schools, Falcon Ridge, Scott Highlands and Black Hawk middle schools, Dakota Ridge School and Eastview High School. Since 2000, EVCF has provided more than \$125,000 in grants to the Eastview School Community scholarships and scholarships to 715 graduating seniors totaling \$400,000.