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Garfield, Dennis The Menace To Aid Of Storm Victims

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Garfield, the self-satisfied, lasagna-loving cat, will share the spotlight with cartoon characters from other syndicated strips, animated films and comic books in an auction here to benefit victims of the Jan. 4 storm.

Local, national, and internationally-known artists and animators have donated their work for the week-long exhibit and sale May 23 sponsored by the Santa Cruz County-wide Citizens Disaster Relief Committee and the Santa Cruz and Cabrillo Republican Women's clubs.

Gus Arriola, creator of the Gordo strip; Hank Ketchum, originator of Dennis the Menace; B. Kilban, and Futzle Nutzle are among the 35 contributors, many of whom will attend the sale to swap an autograph for a \$10 contribution.

Mell Lazarus donated a Momma cartoon, and Creig Flessel, who draws the Baron Von Furstinbed strip for Playboy magazine has sent some of his free-wheeling work.

Other artists include Dan Bessie from Santa Cruz; Lee J. Ames, New York; Lee Blair, Soquel; works of Mary Blair, who died in 1979;

Gerald Bowden, Santa Cruz; Bob Carlson, Aptos; Fred Cobus, Santa Cruz; George Crenshaw, Aptos; Eldon Dedini, Carmel; Robert DeGrasse, Santa Cruz; Time Eagan, Santa Cruz; works by Charles Fuson, who died in 1976; David

Gantz, New York; Bill Hanna and Joe Barbera, Hollywood; Max Hartstein, Boulder Creek; Gene Hazelton, San Diego; David Hilberman, Santa Cruz; Frank Hill, Soquel; Lee Holley, Aptos; Gene Holtan, Santa Cruz; Dan Lawler, New York; Andre LeBlanc, New York; Ed Parks, Aptos; Sarah Petty, Santa Cruz; Bill Prochnow, San Francisco; Nancy and Mario Risso, San Mateo; Dick Rogers, Santa Cruz; Marjorie Sheid, Santa Cruz; Walter Storozuk, New York; Lila Stuart, Bonny Doon, and Tom Wover, Watsonville.

The works will be shown from May 16 to 22 at 1411 Pacific Ave. (the old Pacific Pantry shop). Original art will be available at set prices, and bidding for the 40 auction items will be at the luncheon scheduled for May 23 in the Cocoanut Grove.

Anne Singer, manager of the Live Oak Senior Center and a member of the disaster relief committee, said she was searching for an original way to raise funds and came up with the idea of an art auction.

She tracked down Bob Carlson in Rio Del Mar, who worked for Walt Disney and had a hand in such films as Bambi and in the production of Ralph Bakshi's Lord of the Rings.

Carlson gave her two phone numbers, she said, and each artist contacted gave her two more.

"These wonderful people thought it

was a wonderful idea," said Singer. "They'd heard about what had happened here, and the art started pouring in."

A core group of artists met at Carlson's house, she said, most of whose roots can be traced back to Disney's classic Fantasia.

These artist branched out, bringing friends from across the country into the plan.

Singer christened the fete the "Artist's Rainbow" event, after the rainbow that

follows a storm.

She's hoping a pot of gold is at the end of this rainbow, and though she was reluctant to say what the returns might be — "I don't want to jinx it," she said — \$30,000 would not make her unhappy.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is set for May 16 at the gallery. The store was donated for the week by Sam Leask IV. The auction will be May 23, and will open with sealed bids. Those will be the opening bids for the voice auction which will

follow the 2 p.m. luncheon.

Donation is \$25 per person. Artists will be on hand to autograph a special poster

prepared.

For further information about the artist's Rainbow event, call 425-2902.

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