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Capitola artist Ed Penniman is shown in his studio Thursday with his painting that was used for the Evening of Wine and Roses poster.

Evening of Wine and Roses approaches its 30th year

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WATSONVILLE — The 30th annual Evening of Wine and Roses will take place Nov. 1 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.

Hosted by the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust, the event serves as a fundraiser in support of the health care needs of Pajaro Valley residents.

Co-sponsored by the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, the Evening of Wine and Roses offers residents of the region a festive fall venue for enjoying wines from 24 Santa Cruz Mountains wineries. The event includes a wide range of

hors d'oeuvres provided by local volunteer cooks and 16 selected area restaurants and caterers.

Roses cultivated in the Pajaro Valley will be displayed throughout the evening and sold by the dozen. Visitors can also take home a commemorative wine glass.

Live and silent auctions will offer guests an opportunity to bid on gourmet dinners, gifts, double magnums of specially bottled wines, collectibles, art and jewelry.

The auction will also include a recent original oil on canvas painting by Capitola artist Ed Penniman that was used as this year's Wine and Roses poster.

"In 1983 I developed Guillain-

Barré syndrome; and that tenderized me to people that are on a path not of their choosing," Penniman said in his Capitola studio Wednesday. "It made sense for me to give back to the community and share what has been given to me. The Evening of Wine and Roses is a great way to do that. Art provides a wonderful cross-cultural experience that allows me to penetrate deeper into different cultures and affirm my belief that the family of man is one."

Born in Santa Cruz, Penniman was mentored at a young age by his grandmother, a regional artist popular in the 1930s. Penniman graduated from Chouinard

^{R.P. 10-5-13} Art School of California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He worked in graphic arts for years and continues work on fine art paintings. Penniman has been a contributor to the Wine and Roses auction since its inception.

Health Trust CEO Kathleen King said she is very proud of the event's 30-year history.

"It can be very challenging to sustain an event of this size for so many years. But we are very fortunate to have a generous community that cares about helping to improve the health

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and quality of life of our low-income residents.

With its 30-year history, King said, "The Evening of Wine and Roses has become one of Santa Cruz County's premier wine tasting and food events."

Wineries present this year are Bargetto Winery, Burrell School Vineyards, Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards, Equinox Champagne, Hallcrest Vineyards, Hunter Hill Vineyard & Winery, Lighthouse Cellars, Martin Ranch Winery, MJA Vineyards, Natal Vineyards, Nicholson Vineyards, Odonata Wines, Pelican Ranch Winery, River Run Vintners, Roudon-Smith Winery, Silver Mountain Vineyards, Sones Cellars, Soquel Vineyards, Storrs Winery, Thomas Fogarty Winery & Vineyards, Trout Gulch Vineyards, Vino Tabi Winery and Zayante Vineyards.

Auction travel packages in the



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Juana Gomez (left) samples the aroma of a bouquet of Avant-Garde roses at the Evening of Wine and Roses with the help of Isabel Estolano in 2006.

live auction include a Chicago dining experience for two with three nights at the Five Diamond Fairmont Hotel and cash to spend at gourmet restaurants, plus a three-night stay for two at the new Cosmopolitan Las Vegas Hotel including VIP tickets to a top Las Vegas show, among others.

All proceeds help support

grants to local nonprofit agencies serving the community's health care needs.

For ticket information call the Health Trust office at 761-5639 or purchase them online at www.pvhealthtrust.org.

The event will be held Nov. 1, from 6-9 p.m. in the Crosetti Building at the fairgrounds.