



Creative Arts Association to showcase and sell members' work

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LAKEWOOD RANCH – Elaine Vaughn designs and assembles custom jewelry that she says her female customers can use to complement almost any outfit.

“You can wear this stuff with jeans and then, at night, put on a black dress and look dressy,” the Lakewood Ranch resident said of her handmade work.

Vaughn will be one of several artists and artisans participating in the Creative Arts Association of Lakewood Ranch’s Fall Art Show and Sale on Nov. 18.

She and her husband, Joe, moved to Lakewood Ranch from Roanoke, Virginia, 13 years ago.

“I’ve always been interested in doing things with my hands,” Vaughn said, noting that she enjoyed basket weaving prior to a friend introducing her to jewelry making about eight years ago.

Vaughn became absorbed in her new interest and converted a bedroom into a studio entirely devoted to the creation of jewelry.

Vaughn fashions necklaces, bracelets, rings and other adornments with intricate details and designs. She uses pearls, seashells, gems, charms, crystals, silver, gold and the tiniest of tiny beads.

A single necklace can take almost a month to complete.

She treats each piece as if it is to be regarded by its eventual proud owner as an heirloom.

She expects to have several dozen items on display for the art show. Her work is priced from \$25 to \$500.

Depending on how much time she may spend on a piece, she says she most likely makes about 25 cents an hour.

“But it keeps me out of trouble.”

Although the association only has about 20 members, Vaughn says she and other artists and artisans in it enjoy the camaraderie.

“We’re small,” Vaughn said, “but we sure put on a good show.”



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