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### **30 Artists Celebrate 30 Years of Brain Injury Education: Work of Local Survivors Featured**

As part of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts' (BIA-MA) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Thursday, March 31, 2011, 30 artists living with brain injuries have created and donated original works of art for the 30/30 Milestone Art Exhibit and Silent Auction Fundraiser. The artworks, which vary from paintings, fine photographs, jewelry, and fiber arts to sculptures, ceramics, illustration, computer graphics, paper, and collage, will help raise money to support BIA-MA's prevention, education and support activities.

The exhibit will feature artwork from several Central Massachusetts residents including:

- "Native Child," "Winter Calm," and "Autumn Morning" by Sandra Madden of Douglas
- "Carved Wood Cutting Board" by Robert Erikson of Shrewsbury

"As this was our 30<sup>th</sup> year of annual conferences, we wanted a creative way to mark the moment," says Arlene Korab, BIA-MA's Executive Director. "We are extremely grateful to the artists for donating their work as a gift to the organization. This exciting silent auction will not only benefit BIA-MA, it will showcase the often hidden talents of individuals with brain injury."

The conference and exhibit will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center in Marlborough, MA. This event, held in partnership with Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital, New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, and Wingate Healthcare, is the only statewide brain injury conference geared to medical professionals, survivors and family members.

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, a private, non-profit organization, provides support to brain injury survivors and their families, offers programs to prevent brain injuries, and educates the public on the risks of irresponsible behavior and the impact of brain injury. BIA-MA is also reaching out to veterans returning home from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars with brain injuries and their families.

For more information on the brain injury conference, call 508-475-0032 or visit [www.biama.org](http://www.biama.org)

