

# Talk of the town

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## Arty party

BARRE — It's still more than a week away, but the folks at Studio Place Arts are taking reservations for an annual fundraiser that, like the nonprofit community arts center, is better known by its acronym.

SPA is readying to host its latest BASH ("Big Arty SPA Happening") next Friday, April 20, in order to raise money for its exhibit and education programs. The two-hour event is set to start at 7 p.m. in the historic Nichols Block that serves as SPA's headquarters.

"Our BASH is an annual celebration of our creative work in central Vermont with new and old friends," said SPA Executive Director Sue Higby, who noted it's more than just a good time. "We're excited that SPA is able to raise extra dollars that help us make more art for our community," she said.

SPA's BASH always includes a healthy mix of great art, music and eats and this year is no different.

This year's event will feature two major art exhibits – "Pleased to Meet You," a show about fantastical creatures, and "The Feast of Fools" by Hannah Morris, who recently received a studio residency at SPA.

There will be a silent auction including arts, crafts, antiques and gift certificates on the second floor and live music on the first and third floors.

The main floor musical performance is "Old Rocket," a southern old-time string band including Dana and Susan Robinson, and special guest Tom MacKenzie. Two floors up Jairo Sequeira will perform an eclectic selection of acoustic Latin American and jazz music. Thanks to the folks at Morse Block Deli there will be a cash bar.

If you'd like to reserve tickets (they are \$15 in advance or \$25 at the door) just call 479-7069, stop by SPA, or order them online at [www.studioplacearts.com/](http://www.studioplacearts.com/).