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TALK OF THE TOWN

SPArty time!

BARRE — The acronym-happy folks at SPA (Studio Place Arts) are hosting its annual BASH (Big Arty Spa Happening), and you're invited to the Friday evening event we like to think of as a SPArty.

The festive, fun fundraiser features great art, good music, light refreshments, a cash bar and a silent auction.

That sure sounds like a SPArty to us, but if they prefer BASH, who are we to argue?

We encourage folks to attend the two-hour BASH, which is set to start at 7 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$15 in advance (there's still time, just call 479-7069, or use the Paypal option at www.studioplacearts.com), or \$25 at the door.

Proceeds from the ticket sales (like the silent auction and the cash bar) support SPA's education and exhibition programs, which have helped make the regional visual arts center a fixture in downtown Barre.

The second-floor silent auction will be sandwiched in between two live musical performances. Blue Fox and the Gold Tooth Gators will be playing blues on the first floor, while the Sally Fox Trio will be putting on a light jazz performance on the third floor.

The main floor art exhibit, "Deep Blue," will feature the work of nearly 30 artists whose pieces are inspired by oceanic life forms.

The third-floor exhibit, "Works on Paper by Teresa Celemin," is a one-woman show that showcases Celemin's work combining figure drawing, abstract marks, words, symbols and fantastical creatures.

If any, or all of that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to join the SPArty.