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Trish Biddle's art highlights Los Angeles event

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Talk about hanging with the stars!

Westlake artist Trish Biddle is known for being the official artist for the 2009 Westminster Dog Show, the official artist of the 2008 Kentucky Derby and a supporter to many of our local charities. She has now created art for the upcoming 2010 El Sueño De Esperanza Gala on Sept. 23 in Los Angeles, chaired by actress Eva Longoria Parker. Not only has Biddle donated several limited-edition giclees for auction, but her oil painting *Rack of Lamb* graces the programs, invitations, donor cards and other pieces promoting the event. Additionally, Trish has donated *Rack of Lamb*. It will be auctioned at the event.

George Lopez will serve as master of ceremony of the event. And get a load of the event host committee. It consists of celebrities, such as Jessica Alba, Ryan Seacrest, Jamie Foxx, Oscar De La Hoya, Daisy Fuentes, Carlos Mencia, Tony Parker and Mario Lopez, just to name a few. Not bad huh!

The event benefits PADRES Contra El Cáncer, which is a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life for Latino children with cancer and their families. Hanging with celebs and raising bucks to fight cancer ... Biddle is in for the perfect evening. By the way, if you need a columnist to escort you to the ball, I'm available.

Now we all know a book author!

TCU Press just released its new book, *Grace & Gumption: The Cookbook*, an offshoot of 2007's *Grace & Gumption*. Both books profile Fort Worth women who pioneered the formation of the Fort Worth area. Our own Joy Donovan of Colleyville was one of only 14 women asked to author a chapter. *Grace & Gumption: The Cookbook* has interesting and often funny stories about the women. That being said, this book does contain some rather unusual recipes such as roasted squirrel, roasted wild pig and filling mixture, (which starts out with how to skin a wild pig and remove the head. Oh come on, who doesn't know that?) along with some amazing traditional secret recipes, such as applesauce cake and Edna Gladney's cranberry tea.

"It's a social history of many of Fort Worth's founding mothers, with the cooking just one aspect of it all." Donovan said.

Chapter 9 titled "Colorful Palettes Make Colorful Palates" is Donovan's chapter in which she writes about the artists and how they entertained. They were the "Martha Stewarts" of their age, she said.

Even better, many of these chapter authors are available to speak at community groups, civic organizations, PTAs and such. Now I know our communities have wonderful organizations that are always looking for a fantastic speaker, so here is your chance. Get a hold of Judy Alter by phone at 817-924-8557 or email j.alter@tcu.edu and get them on your schedule. By the way, the book, *Grace & Gumption: The Cookbook*, is available on the Barnes & Noble bookstore website, www.barnesandnoble.com.

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