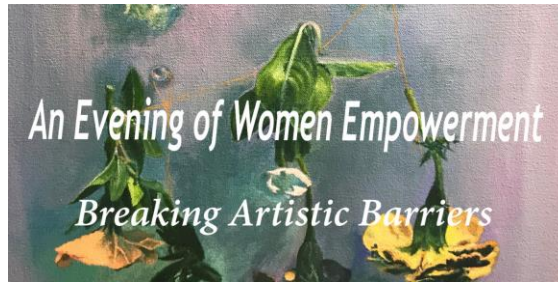


“An Evening of Women Empowerment”



A Benefit for the [League of Women Voters of New Jersey](#) organized by a local Morris Knolls High School student

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All are invited to “**An Evening of Women Empowerment: Breaking Artistic Barriers**” on **Thursday, October 24th**, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the [Morris Museum](#), 6 Normandy Heights Rd in Morristown. The artists’ reception will be from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The event celebrates the diverse community of local female artists and showcases their creative artwork. Proceeds go to the [League of Women Voters of New Jersey](#), a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy.

“Artistic expression is a valuable component of the shared human experience. I wanted to create an event to give back to the women artists in my community who have done so much to provide a transformative experience for those who view their art through their unique expressive lens. Their dedication has inspired many, including me – as an artist, and as an individual,” said Morris Knolls High School student Meghana Maddali, the organizer of the art night.

In the past, Meghana was a student leader for the [March for Our Lives Morristown](#) march, and the lead organizer for a voter registration push across local high schools in several counties. Recently, she coordinated a Climate Change Awareness event at her school through the social activism club which she founded.

Several pieces of art will be available during a silent auction. Currently, the local artists who have committed to donating their art include Dannielle Mick, Alice Harrison, Laurie Harden, Laurel Clark, and Sarah Engle. The pieces are unique to the artists’ own perspectives and carry a diversity of meanings. The artists are local female artists who have inspired others, including the next generation of artists, in the community. Updates and artist interviews can be found on the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/breakingartisticbarriers/>.

Attendees will meet the inspiring artists and view their work while enjoying hors d’oeuvres donated by [Bhog](#) caterers (a catering company led by a Culinary Institute of America trained chef). The ticket includes access to all current exhibits in the Morris Museum.

Meghana, as an artist and social activist, chose the League of Women Voters of New Jersey as the beneficiary of her art event because “the League has worked for their community by elevating the voices of those around them.” The [League of Women Voters of New Jersey](#) is a nonpartisan, political organization founded in 1920 that envisions a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Tickets can be purchased through the Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-women-empowerment-breaking-artistic-barriers-tickets-66359082803>. General admission (advanced purchase) is \$35, Students & Seniors \$15, Groups of four \$100, Children (12 & under) free. Tickets are \$40 at the door.

Donations are welcome and can be made through [Eventbrite](#) or at the door. Checks are payable to the [League of Women Voters of New Jersey](#). The museum provides free parking and is handicap accessible.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Meghana Maddali at breakingartisticbarriers829@gmail.com.

Attend for the art. Stay for the community.