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An art show to benefit the homeless will be held Sat., April 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Lown Room, Memorial Union.

"The basic idea is to let people have a chance to see art work that's done on campus and by local people and to have a benefit for the Bangor Homeless Shelter," said Mark Abrams, organizer of the show.

Different styles of paintings, such as mythic and symbolic, will be exhibited. Some have poetic interpretations.

Abrams said the paintings will be bid for through a silent auction.

"We are going to have the bids written during the event by the donators. If a painting is very well liked, then people will bid on it, but we won't be 'calling bids,' it will be silent bids," Abrams said.

He said he expects 100 people to participate in the event and hopes the exhibit will enlighten people, as well as receive a favorable reception.

"We're hoping that this may inspire people to do more things like that," he said. "We are optimistic and our general hope is that it will go well."

Abrams will give a short speech about the homeless. Following his speech he will entertain the audience by playing music with some of his friends. There will also be an open mike for other musicians, poets and a discussion about the homeless.

Marc Abrams has organized an art show to benefit the homeless in this area. The show will be Saturday in the Union. (Photo by Tim Boyd.)