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Seniors Making Art Black-Tie Gala to
Dazzle Guests for its 14th Year

Striking exhibition by Dale Chihuly at Event

- WHAT:** The 14th annual Black-Tie Gala is an enchanting event benefiting *Seniors Making Art*, a non-profit organization that enhances lives through creative expression. This wonderful party will be held at the Westin Bellevue. Visitors to the gala will be captivated by a delicious dinner, beautiful music and a breathtaking Chihuly Exhibit.
- DALE & LESLIE
CHIHULY:** Dale and Leslie Chihuly are pleased and proud to show their ongoing support to *Seniors Making Art* by providing three Studio Editions, created specifically for SMA, and selected prints for purchase at the 2009 SMA Gala. 100% of the art sales proceeds benefits *Seniors Making Art*.
- WHEN:** **6:30p.m. – 12:00a.m.**
Saturday, October 17, 2009
- WHERE:** Westin Bellevue; 600 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA, 98004
- WHY:** The annual Black-Tie Gala benefits the seniors art program, *Seniors Making Art*. “We want to show seniors by encouragement and example how to express their feelings, their memories and life experiences. They have more knowledge and wisdom than any other segment of society. By showing them the way to make art everybody learns.” Dale Chihuly
- TICKETS:** Tickets for the evening are \$350 per individual Patron, \$750 per individual Benefactor, and \$6,000 per 10-person Corporate table.
- SENIORS
MAKING ART:** *Seniors Making Art* is offered to seniors in neighborhood senior centers, community centers, retirement residences, museums, libraries, hospitals, schools, nursing homes and other places where seniors gather. Started in 1991, the 7-week programs can feature everything from watercolors and acrylic painting to glass mosaic, printmaking and more! The program has expanded to 337 different venues in 13 states. To date, *Seniors Making Art* has served over 18,400 seniors. *Seniors Making Art's* Founding Corporate Sponsor is Leisure Care, LLC. Presenting Corporate Sponsor is Perkins Coie, LLP.
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INFORMATION:** For more information on the 14th Annual Black-Tie Gala or *Seniors Making Art*, call (206) 433-6900 or see the website at www.seniorsmakingart.org