



Ed Kitchen painting is the 2016 FHA Christmas card

Lancaster watercolorist Ed Kitchen is the featured artist for the 2016 Christmas card sold by the Fairfield Heritage Association. His painting, “Tis the Season,” depicts the Downtown Lancaster bandstand at Christmas time.

The card is on sale in the Georgian Museum gift shop. The Christmas cards sell for \$2 each or \$14.99 for packets of 10. Signed prints are also available for \$30 each. The gift shop is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

“Tis the Season” is the latest in a series of FHA Christmas cards based on local scenes. It’s also the third painting Kitchen has done as a fundraiser for FHA.

In choosing a subject for this year’s card, Kitchen said, “I was trying to think of things that are downtown that belong to the community.”

The bandstand at Broad and Main streets, which turned 40 this year, is central to downtown gatherings and holiday decorations. Built as a gift to the community to mark the U.S. Bicentennial, it was crafted through donations of materials, money and work by businesses and individuals, led by Diamond Power, its Unity Management Club and Len Hajost.

The most important thing to remember about this Christmas card project, Kitchen says, is that it’s being done to raise funds for FHA and support its work preserving Fairfield County’s history.

“This is one small way of getting some income to do that,” he said.

The Fairfield Heritage Association is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Georgian Museum and the Sherman House Museum. It also champions preservation in Fairfield County, publishes a history magazine and provides programming on local history.

The two previous paintings Kitchen created for FHA were “Fairfield County 2003,” which combined

the state flag with Fairfield County landmarks, and “Heritage Treasures,” which showcased the Sherman House and Georgian museums.

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