

HEART & HAND 2023



Saturday, November 11, 2023



Welcome to Heart and Hand

Tonight we are reaching for a whole *New Dimension* at NSUC! When we say we love our community, it's not just empty talk! While our theme looks to the UUniverse, it grounds itself in celebration of friendship and commitment we share together here on Planet Earth. We work hard, express common values, and gather together in meaningful ways. Tonight brings it all together: many of your friends and fellow members have worked hard to make this an evening to enjoy and remember. And that's not all! While we have a great time, tonight's fundraiser (FUN RAISER!) will benefit our beloved community in so many ways!

This catalog is filled with fabulous donations from our own members. Get ready to mark your favorite items and place your winning bid!

Thank You!

There are so many people to thank for making Heart & Hand an enjoyable and successful experience. This year is no exception! Everyone who has volunteered to host a party, cook a meal, buy a raffle ticket and generously donate their time and talents fully understands that it all contributes to the spirit and soul of this beloved community. *Thank you* ... and enjoy the evening!

November 2023 Heart & Hand Committee: John Burrell, Joyce Bleier, Vicki Jenkins, Sallee Lowery, Christina Meyers, Martha Plog, Rudy Randall, and Jocelyn January

Your Evening Awaits...

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| 5:30 pm | Doors Open | |
| 5:30 – 6:30 | Check In | Hearth Room |
| | Appetizers | Hearth Room & Fellowship Hall |
| | Open Bar | Hearth Room |
| | Silent Auction | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 – 7:00 | Live Auction Part 1 | Sanctuary |
| 7:00 – 7:45 | Dinner | Sanctuary |
| 8:00 | Silent Auction Closes | Fellowship Hall |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | Live Auction Part 2 | Sanctuary |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | 50/50 Raffle Drawing | Sanctuary |
| | Dessert & Coffee | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Clean Up | Sanctuary |
| | Check Out | Fellowship Hall |

Menu

Appetizers - by NSUC Members

Fabulous Chopped Salad – Romaine, spinach, carrots, celery, broccoli, peppers, tomatoes, olives, scallions and garbanzo beans with balsamic vinaigrette.

Cheese served on the side [GF, Vegan, DF]

Chicken Marsala – Pan-fried breast of chicken with mushrooms & Marsala wine sauce [GF, DF]

Pan-Seared Salmon – Prepared with caramelized onions and sautéed garlic spinach [GF]

Vegetarian Sweet Potato Shepard's Pie – Assorted vegetables: carrots, peas, corn mixed with sweet potatoes, and sweet potatoes piped on top [GF, Vegan, DF]

Artisan Rolls and Whipped Butter

Desserts - by NSUC Members

Live Auction - Part 1

Although the live auction portion comes last, we want to share the special items offered in the Live Auction first. These auction items showcase the wonderful talents and amazing generosity of our beloved community – the *heart* of Heart & Hand! This year we welcome back our enthusiastic auctioneer, Brian Kirshenbaum. Grab your paddle and get ready for an evening of fun!

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Cinco de Mayo – let's celebrate! "Back by popular demand," you are invited to our hacienda to enjoy margaritas, chips and fresh Pico di Gallo for starters, and a buffet of our favorite Mexican foods. Our guests will make their own tacos and tostadas. We will also serve Mexican rice and frijoles, and flan for dessert. It's a big party with big flavors and mucho conversation. Ole!

Item # 201

Date & time: Saturday, May 4, 2023, 5:30-9:00 pm

Location: Highland Park, IL

Donated by: Kathryn & Tom Vanden Berk

Maximum number of guests: 40; if price goes higher than \$35, a maximum of 50 guests can attend

Approximate value: \$40

Opening bid: \$35



CSO Soiree: a Docent Talk, a CSO Concert and Dinner

Join the Burrells to Dine with a CSO Docent, enjoy the symphony, and savor a lovely meal! Hear an official Docent Talk before the program, and then settle in to your First Balcony seats to hear what many believe to be the World's Best Orchestra: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The evening's program will be Wagner's Prelude to Act I of Lohengrin Liebermann's Flute Concerto No. 2 (a newly commissioned concerto written for CSO Principal Flute Stefán Ragnar Höskuldsson) and Mahler's perhaps most popular Symphony, Symphony No. 4 "The Heavenly Life." Afterwards, share a memorable meal with Cindy and John.

Item # 202

Date & time: Sunday, March 24, 2024 3:00 pm

Location: Symphony Center, Chicago, IL

Donated by: John & Cindy Burrell

Maximum number of guests: 4

Approximate Value: \$150 per person

Opening bid: \$150



Alt Autumnal Equinox Extravaganza

Join the mother/daughter team to welcome autumn with an outdoor garden party. Food will include our typical feast of appetizers and a buffet dinner followed by desserts, fire pit and s'mores bars. Beer and wine provided. Families are welcome. Outdoor games provided but optional.

Item # 203

Date & time: Saturday, September 21, 2024, 3:30 pm

Donated by: Julane Alt & Andrea Wealder

Location: Libertyville, IL

Maximum number of guests: 25

Approximate Value: \$30 per person

Opening bid: \$30



Farmer's Market Fling + Light Summer Repast

Walk with Janice and Randy Moffat to the Kenosha Farmers Market (a short stroll), shop the fresh produce and artisan offerings, then return to their home to enjoy a light, delicious mid-day meal. The seasonal Summer menu will include fresh fruits, vegetables and a flavorful main dish. Bermuda Rum Swizzles will quench your thirst (a virgin swizzle can be substituted), followed by a yummy dessert.

Item # 204

Date & time: Saturday, July 13, 2024, 11:00 am

Location: Kenosha, WI

Donated by: Randy & Janice Moffat

Maximum number of guests: 20

Approximate Value: \$30

Opening bid: \$20



Women Who Changed Our World

Join us as we celebrate amazing women who have made a difference! Come to the party prepared to say a few words about a woman you admire (well-known or otherwise) who has made a tangible, historical difference in the lives we lead today. Along with delicious snacks and an array of favorite beverages, expect an interesting evening of lively conversation. Meanwhile, come to relax, de-stress, and enjoy the company of good friends, old and new. Dress is comfy-cozy - slippers encouraged!

Item # 205

Date & time: Saturday, May 4, 2024, 7:00 -- 9:30 pm

Location: Northbrook, IL

Donated by Cindy Burrell and Christina Meyers

Maximum number of guests: 6

Approximate Value: \$40

Opening bid: \$30



Dreaming Deeper: The Wisdom Language of Your Dreams

Ever have a baffling or frightening dream that made no sense whatsoever to you? You're not alone! Come on a journey of self-discovery and community connection with this adult and teen dream workshop! Each night, your subconscious weaves intricate stories in your personal language of imagery. Understanding them can offer profound insights into our innermost selves, as well as wisdom and guidance for personal healing and growth. This workshop isn't just about deciphering archetypal symbols; it's about connecting with the unique imagery your mind conjures and understanding the personal significance these visions hold.

Join us for an enlightening 2 ½ hour session where, in a safe and confidential space, you'll share a brief "skeleton" of your dream (only if you wish), followed by a collective deep dive into one or two participants' dreams to unravel their hidden meanings. Whether you're a dream enthusiast or just curious about that really weird dream you had, "Dreaming Deeper" is for you! As an added bonus – our minister Lucas Hergert will be with us and share one of his dreams too, so you'll get a sneak peek into the inner workings of his subconscious mind! Deb has taught dream classes and led numerous workshops for youth and adults. There's no need for prior experience—just an open mind and the willingness to explore. Delicious treats included!

Item #: 206

Date & time: Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Location: NSUC [In case of snow, we will meet on Zoom]

Donated by: Deb Singleton

Maximum number of guests: 12

Approximate value: \$40

Opening bid: \$25



Surf & Turf at the Baron's

With echoes of our famous Mediterranean Dinners, we are moving on to a delightful meal that comes from the sea and the neighboring prairie lands. Our dinner begins with an assortment of cheeses followed by a cool and flavorful gazpacho. Highlight of the meal is a standing rib roast, carved at the table to your order and dripping with au jus. And from the sea, we offer quick stir-fried shrimp on a bed of basil fettuccini. These are accompanied by roast zucchini with sweet red pepper; and for dessert, an unforgettable platter of tiramisu, baklava, and fresh red strawberries. The only thing to bring is a hearty appetite.

Item # 207

Date & time: Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, 6:00pm to satiation.

Location: Northbrook

Donated by: Margi & Roger Baron

Maximum number of guests: 8 - absolute maximum

Approximate value: \$50

Opening bid: \$40



Renaissance Party in the Pub-Raj

Dig out your medieval costume or just wear summer duds, but you must join us for a celebration of merry olde England! Renaissance Themed Food and Drinks: mead, cider, ale inspired by recipes of that era will be served with tasty foods.

Join award-winning brewers Renee Weinberger and J.D. Blythin at their McKenna Road Brewery for a taste of the renaissance. You get to hang out in their unique Pub-Raj (their hybrid garage + pub!), which features a custom-made draught system, built-in sound system and flat screen TV!

Bidders and attendees must be 21 or over

Item # 208

Date & time: Sunday, July 7, 2024 6:00 pm

Location: The Pub-Raj, Waukegan, IL

Donated by: J.D. Blythin & Renee Weinberger

Maximum number of guests: 20

Approximate value: \$50

Opening bid: \$20



A Magic Night with the Hagys!

Four NSUC members will be the guests of Jim & Sage Hagy for an evening of stage and close-up entertainment by some of America's most avant garde magicians in one the coolest venues in town, the Chicago Magic Lounge. The evening will include premium seating for the Cabaret (main) show, seats for the exclusive 654 close-up room performance, drinks and shareable light foods, along with gratuitous commentary from the Hagys, who have spent a combined 110+ years in and around the international magic community. Date to be mutually arranged (soon) for spring, 2024.

Item #209

Date & time: Mutually arranged

Location: Chicago Magic Lounge, Chicago, IL

Donated by: Jim and Sage Hagy

Maximum number of guests: 4

Approximate value: \$150

Opening bid: \$150



Pancakes with the Pastor

Join Lucas Hergert and Evan Duvall in their newly renovated home for a relaxed brunch. Gourmet pancakes, bright mimosas and engaging conversation will be served. Stack up the hotcakes!!

Item # 210

Date & time: Saturday April 6, 2024 11:00 am

Location: Deerfield, IL

Donated by Lucas Hergert and Evan Duvall

Maximum number of guests: 5

Approximate Value: \$45

Opening bid: \$30



...Break for Dinner

Live Auction - Part 2

Dinner and Sunset Cruise

Join us on beautiful Third Lake for a relaxing sunset cruise on our pontoon boat. We'll start with a tasty dinner and end with a scrumptious dessert. Rain date is Saturday, July 27.

Item # 211

Date & time: Sunday, July 20, 2024, 6 - 9 pm

Location: Third Lake, IL

Donated by Andrea and Glenn Mills

Maximum number of guests: 6

Approximate Value: \$50

Opening bid: \$35



Celebrating the Divine Feminine

Take an afternoon to discover, honor and celebrate the power of the divine feminine. Here's an opportunity to open your heart and quiet your mind basking in the healing power of feminine: connect to the love, deep connection, and unconditional acceptance available to us all. Join us to take time to explore how masculine energy and feminine energy differ and why both are so important. Take a look at some ways you may be holding back on sharing the authentic spirit of who you are and what really matters. This is all about making a difference right where you are. Nourishing and yummy snacks will be served.

Item # 212

Date & time: Saturday, March 16, 2024, 2 – 5 pm

Location: Gurnee, IL

Donated by: Faith Curtis and Susan Barker

Maximum number of guests: 15

Approximate value: \$35

Opening bid: \$35



Prohibition Speakeasy Party

In the 1920's, prohibition was the law of the land. That is, unless you could find a party hidden away from prying eyes. The Hickey/Polster Speakeasy will be open for one night only, with a menu from the golden age of cocktails (as well as new classics!). Join other NSUC cool cats for some hot jazz and cold drinks. Expect lots of hors d'oeuvres and lively conversation.

Item # 213

Date & time: Saturday, September 28, 2024, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: Gurnee, IL

Donated by Brad Hickey and Rachel Polster

Maximum number of guests: 12

Approximate Value: \$45

Opening bid: \$40



Charades Tournament

Offered by the Board Members of NSUC, this tournament is sure to be loads of fun! Participants will break into teams to act out titles and phrases. Come for a good time, tasty snacks and bragging rights if your team wins!

Item # 214

Date & Time: TBD

Location: NSUC

Donated by NSUC Board

Maximum number of guests: 48

Fixed price: \$10



Superbly Grilled Salmon Dinner

You are warmly invited to attend our popular Superbly Grilled Salmon Dinner served in our relaxing English Garden! This perfect summer meal will be accompanied by Cindy's signature salad, special wine selections and a satisfying dessert. We can accommodate only 8 guests, so get ready to bid!

Item # 215

Date & time: Saturday, Jul. 21, 2024, 5:30 - 10 pm

Donated by: Cindy and John Burrell

Maximum number of guests: 10

Approximate value: \$50 per person

Opening bid: \$35



Girls' Night Out

As the days get longer and we welcome spring, join fellow church ladies for Girls' Night Out, a Heart & Hand tradition. This year Christina Meyers (and her merry band of helpers) will host the evening in her lovely home in Northbrook. We'll enjoy a casual evening of good food, drinks, and conversation. This is a great way to meet and mingle with other NSUC women - join us!

Item # 216

Date & time: Friday October 18, 2024, 6:30 -- 9:30 pm

Location: Northbrook, IL

Donated by: Marcia Bernstein, Valerie Holton, Susan McCracken, Christina Meyers, Nancy Napalo

Maximum number of guests: 25

Approximate value: \$40

Starting bid: \$30



Pumpkin Squeeze Dinner

Featuring leek and gruyere tart with prosecco as our aperitif. Followed by pork tenderloin with a flavorful rub, accompanied by apples and onions. Pumpkin will be featured in various forms (flesh, seeds). Salad, vegetables, and a delectable dessert option. Welcome to Wisconsin!

Item # 217

Date & time: Saturday Oct. 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Location: Kenosha, WI

Donated by: Randy & Janice Moffat

Maximum number of guests: 4

Approximate Value: 50

Opening bid: \$40



North Shore Distillery Tour and Dinner

Join Vicki Szech for a fun, interactive exploration of North Shore Distillery's production distillery! Along the way, they'll pour you a taste of some of their spirits. The tour is 60-75 minutes and led by a well-trained member of their team.

Then travel a mere 10 minutes to Vicki's home for dinner.

Item # 221

Date & Time: TBD

Donated by Vicki Szech

Maximum number of people: 7

Approximate Value: \$50

Opening bid: \$25



Sailboat Ride on Chicago's Lakefront!

Spend the day on the jolly ship CheepNDeep II! She is a very comfortable 45 foot MAC racing sailboat with galley and head – almost all the comforts of home.

Drinks, food, music and tall tales included. Sail past the amazing Chicago skyline, while precariously balancing food on your lap as the boat heels just enough to spill red wine on your sailing togs. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a bathing suit as we may drop anchor and jump in. Bring your camera!

Weather can be an issue so flexibility with dates is a must.

Item # 218

Date & time: TBD on a summer weekend by consensus 4:00 pm until dark

Location: DuSable Harbor, Chicago

Maximum number of guests: 8

Donated by: Jim & Laurie Richter

Approximate value: \$80

Opening Bid: \$40



Bask for a week in Mexico!

Spend 7 nights at our Club Regina timeshare in either Puerto Vallarta or Los Cabos, Mexico. Both locations are on the beach and have pools, restaurants, a mini-mart, wireless internet and more. Your Club Suite has 1 king bed, 1 pull out sofa, a kitchen, and 2 full bathrooms. **Does not include airfare or meals.**



Club Regina Puerto Vallarta is located between the Sierra Madre Mountains and Banderas Bay. It is within walking distance of the marina. On the mountain side, you can experience adventures like Canopy and ATV tours. The Malecon is a flourishing art scene on the south side of Vallarta that is home to art galleries, restaurants and bars.

<https://www.raintreevacationclub.com/vacation-resorts/mexico/puerto-vallarta/club-regina-puerto-vallarta/>



Club Regina Los Cabos rises above the shoreline where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific Ocean. Every unit faces the ocean and from many units you can enjoy colorful sunsets and sunrises from your terrace. During the winter, whales play in front of the resort.

Los Cabos includes the cities of San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas. In San Jose del Cabo, you can find art centers offering the works of both well-known and up-and-coming Mexican painters, sculptors and jewelry designers. Cabo San Lucas offers a wide variety of international and local culinary experiences as well as an incredible nightlife.

<https://www.raintreevacationclub.com/vacation-resorts/mexico/los-cabos/club-regina-los-cabos/>

Item #: 219

Date & time: TBD Subject to availability. Best availability is after mid-April 2024

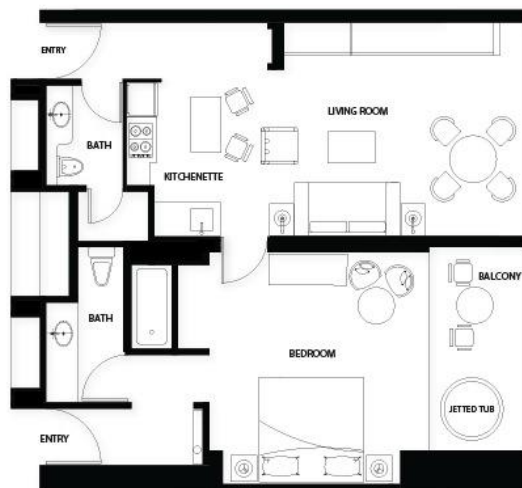
Donated by: Vicki Jenkins and Rudy Randall

Maximum number of guests: 4 (doesn't include children 2 years old or younger)

Approximate value: \$1900 for the suite

Opening bid: \$500

CLUB SUITE



*This floor plan is a sample of the unit and is not to scale.
Bedding configurations may vary.*

Dutch Waterways River Cruise

April 6 – 14, 2024

Embark on a seven-night cruise brimming with centuries of history and Old-World splendor along the intimate waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium! Delight in Amsterdam's lively canals and stroll amid the glorious tulips at Keukenhof Gardens. Revel in the wonderfully preserved Gothic gems of Bruges and the impressive medieval old town in Antwerp. Other ports of call introduce you to Kampen, a historic Hanseatic city, and Veere, a laid-back harbor town. Plus, enjoy a choice of included cultural and culinary experiences in several ports. Savor the ever-changing panoramas and relaxing comforts that make river cruising so enticing!



Airfare not included.

Visit website at ahitravel.com for trip details and descriptions:

<https://ahi.ahitravel.com/destinations/1805A?schoolId=1>



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Dutch Waterways River Cruise - continued:

Program Overview:

- Unpack once and cruise for 7 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Queen.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

On-site Features

- Included AHI Travel Assurance plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Engaging excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

Item # 220

Dates of Travel: April 6-14, 2024 Must depart U.S. at least one day earlier.

Donated by: AHI Travel – contact: Joseph Small

Maximum number of guests: 2 in one cabin

Approximate value: \$7,000 for 2 people

Opening bid: \$3,500 for 2 people



Silent Auction

The silent auction begins at 5:30 pm and will end at 8:00 pm.

Successful bidders may take their auction items with them the evening of the event, or may pick them up on the following Sunday afternoon until 1:00 pm. They can also be retrieved during normal church business hours if you call ahead of time. Upon request, NSUC will mail auction items that will fit into an envelope.

Member Creations

The Instant Illusionist and the Cleveland Bunch Book

This book was featured as the November, 2023 event of NSUC's North Shore Authors Showcase series: The Instant Illusionist and the Cleveland Bunch: Dreams of a Vaudeville Life. By Jim Hagy.

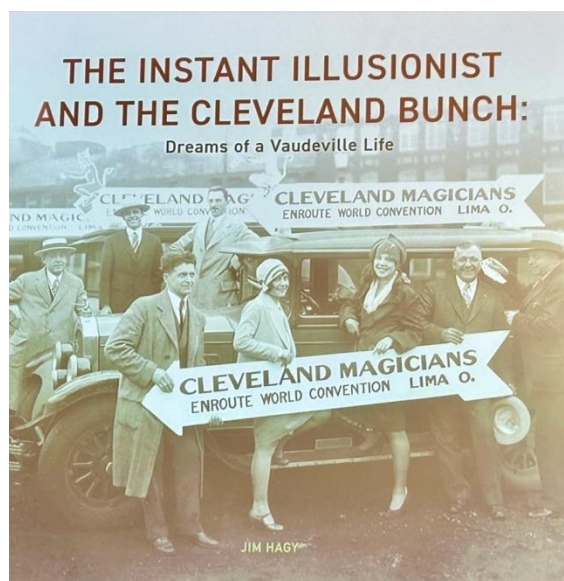
While vaudeville-era Cleveland, Ohio always brings first to the minds of magicians the legendary Karl Germain, Cleveland had a remarkable number of professional magicians and vaudeville aspirants at the beginning of the 20th century. Among them was John Grdina, who with no prior experience witnessed a chance performance by a leading 19th century illusionist and then leapt right to attempting his own two-hour stage show, embarking on a vaudeville career and marrying his assistant the same week. He had plenty of friendly competitors right nearby. The Instant Illusionist and the Cleveland Bunch provides a visually rich overview celebrating the lives and work of this close-knit group of hopeful Houdinis with a lifelong love of magic. Two books offered.

Items # 100 & 101

Donated by: Jim Hagy

Approximate value: \$60

Opening bid: \$30



Handwoven Scarves

These gorgeous scarves were hand-woven with NSUC's Heart and Hand in mind. They will make a beautiful holiday gift or winter warmer for your neck. Wear in the spirit of love!

Item # 102 & 149

Donated by: Emily Mace

Value: \$75

Opening Bid: \$75

Handmade Greeting Cards

An assortment of one-of-a-kind handcrafted greeting cards from Sharon Spencer. These delightfully unique cards are wonderful to send out, or make a lovely gift for someone special. Sharon made 4 sets of 5 cards each. Buy one set, or buy them all!

Item # 103 Set of 5 Handmade Sympathy Cards

Item # 104 Set of 5 Handmade Get Well Greeting Cards

Item # 105 Set of 5 Handmade Birthday Cards

Item # 106 Set of 5 Handmade Greeting Cards

Donated by: Sharon Spencer

Value: \$20 per 5-card set

Opening Bid: \$15

Services & Instruction

Sacred Contracts Session

One privately scheduled Sacred Contract Session based on work by Caroline Myss and Carl Jung. This is a peek at your unique user's manual for life. Using archetypes, learn how basic ways of seeing & experiencing shape your experience. Your Sacred Contracts are the archetypes that make up how you see and interpret your world. Understanding your contracts provides you with a users manual for what works best for you and what does not. Find out how your contracts have influenced your patterns and your life. This session is conducted between you and NSUC member Susan Barker. www.themandalacoach.com Offered two times.

Items # 107 & 108

Donated by: Susan Barker

Value: \$150

Opening bid: \$75

Hypnosis or Coaching Session

Ever wondered what hypnosis is like? Hypnosis is a wonderful way to relax and learn while being fully aware. It can be used to change and evolve your mind or body on any number of issues. Or you can use it just for a fun and relaxing journey.

Want a different perspective on challenging events? Want to experience peace in spite of your busy mind? Coaching works with what's right about you and how you can offer your uniqueness to better the world.

www.mandalacoach.com Offered two times.

Items # 109 & 110

Donated by: Susan Barker

Value: \$150

Opening bid: \$75

Crochet Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn to crochet? Do you have a grandchild who is interested in learning? Is there a stitching skill you want to master, but you just never learned? Want to fix that mistake that has kept you from finishing that special project? Laurie Clark, our crochet expert, will soon have you in stitches! She is offering four (4) 90-minute sessions to the winner. (*Hint: great holiday gift idea!*) Valued at \$150, this is a fixed price offering of \$100. Offered 4 times.

Item # 111, 142, 143 & 144

Date & Time: TBD by mutual agreement

Donated by: The Stitching Ministry, Laurie Clark

Fixed price: \$100



Scrabble Tutoring



Do you want to improve your scrabble game? Impress your friends and families? Former North American Scrabble Players Association (NASPA) club director, Liz Berman, is offering a 90-minute one-on-one tutoring session. Topics to be covered can include (but are not limited to) vowel dumps, when to exchange, and balancing your rack. Please note: Session will take place in my apartment at Sedgebrook (in Lincolnshire) unless the winner is willing to drive me to and from church. ***OFFERED TWICE***

Items # 112 & 113

Date and Time: TBD by mutual agreement

Donated by: Liz Berman

Value: \$30

Opening bid: \$30

Home Staging/Interior Re-Design

Does your home interior lift your spirits?

Is it a reflection of you?

Does it offer welcoming warmth to friends and family?

Does it feel uplifting? Pretty? Inspiring?

...or is it a bit tired?

To create a special haven for you and yours, how about an interior makeover!!! Yes - we'll stage it just for you!

Using what you already have, Kay Riegler, owner of HouseScapes, will come to your home for four hours to create a delightful and inspired new look. During that time, she'll listen to your needs and preferences. Then she'll help you discover how to create impact and make the best use of the furnishings you already have.

She'll work with you on one or two rooms, innovatively re-purposing some items (you supply the strong backs) and improving the flow. She'll also arrange your accessories in innovative, eye-catching and creative ways; recommend some appealing paint colors (if you're willing to paint); re-hang your art to maximize its impact; and help you identify any new items you may want to add.

In just one afternoon, see your home transform into something fresh, uplifting and welcoming. Offered 2 times.

Item # 114 & 115

Date and Time: TBD. Kay is available weekday afternoons.

Donated by: Kay Riegler

Value: \$275

Opening bid: \$100

2 Hours of Weeding

A real-live weed whacker! An accomplished, dedicated gardener (and all-around good person) will tackle your weeds at the location of your choice. Folks, this is a great opportunity!

Item # 116

Donated by: Nancy Napalo

Date & Time: TBD by mutual agreement.

Value \$40

Opening bid: \$30



Spring Bike Tune-up

It's Spring (well it will be) and you want to get out on your bicycle to enjoy the fresh air, but your bike is squeaky or doesn't shift well. I will come to you and tune-up your bike(s) so it runs smoothly. Repairs and new parts are not included.

Item # 117

Donated by: Rudy Randall

Date & Time: TBD by mutual agreement

Value \$50

Opening bid: \$25



Climate Resilience Coaching

"Does all the news about the impacts of climate change leave you feeling panic, dread, and even doom? Is climate anxiety and stress impacting your sleep, health, or hope for the future? Are you feeling overwhelmed and not sure how you can help? Do you find yourself oscillating between the paralysis of despair and a burning desire to make a difference?"

You are not alone!

Climate change causes all kinds of emotional and physical stress in our lives. This is a challenging time in history, but also one of incredible opportunities for innovation to create a future in which all beings can thrive. Here's the good news: Climate Resilience Coaching moves you from panic to powerful!

In the course of our caring, compassionate, and confidential one-hour coaching session, you will :

- Honor your emotions around climate change, then learn how to get unstuck from them
- Find your why – what motivates you to take action
- Reclaim legitimate hope for the future
- Identify one self-care strategy that will energize and sustain you for the work ahead
- Be empowered to take your next impactful climate action that works in your lifestyle

If you are ready to be liberated from climate doom and reclaim hope, make choices that align with your values and capabilities, and become a beacon of hope and change, helping to build a world in which all can thrive – take advantage of this opportunity!! Offered two times.

"Item # 146 & 147

Donated by: Deb Singleton

Date & Time: TBD by mutual agreement

Value \$150

Opening bid: \$50

2023 Federal and State Tax Preparation

2023 federal and state tax preparation, including interest, dividend and capital gain reporting (not self-employment income)

Item # 148

Donated by: Anne Bassi, CPA

Date & Time: TBD by mutual agreement

Value \$350

Opening bid: \$175

Food & Drink

\$100 of Booze

Wonder at the wide variety of booze you can acquire with this generous \$100 gift card to Binny's.

Item # 118

Donated by: Joseph Barr and Karen Barnes

Value: \$100

Opening bid: \$60

\$100 of Wine

Be amazed at the wide variety of wine you can acquire with this generous \$100 gift card to Vin in Highland Park. Or bid on both cards for more!

Items # 119 & 120

Donated by: Joseph Barr and Karen Barnes

Value: \$100

Opening bid: \$60

Celebrate with Champagne!

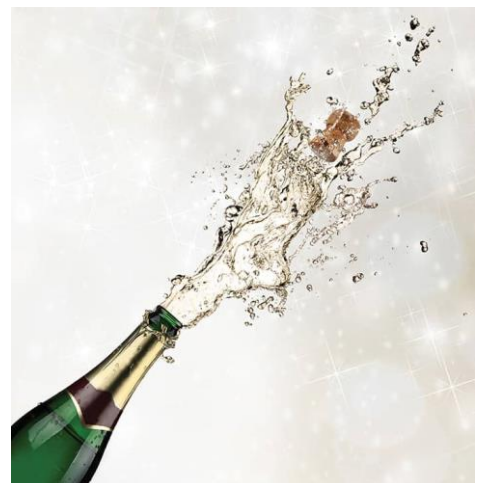
Enjoy a special occasion with this California Champagne and 4 champagne glasses. Cheers!

Item # 121

Donated by: Kay Guzder

Value: \$40

Opening bid: \$30



Roberta's Chocolate Cheesecake!

This decadent 10" Chocolate Cheesecake with a dark chocolate Oreo crust will be made especially for you by Roberta. Serves 10-12.

Item # 122

Donated by: Roberta Cooper-Meyer

Value: \$45

Opening bid: \$20

Roberta's Chocolate Pecan Tart!

Thanksgiving at the Cooper-Meyer's features this Chocolate Pecan Tart. Now you, too, can savor this delicious treat. It is 9" round and serves 8-10.

Item # 123

Donated by: Roberta Cooper-Meyer

Value: \$35

Opening bid: \$15

Turley Wine Trio

Wonderful red wines from the famous Turley Wine Cellars. This year, it's two bottles of 2021 Turley Juvenile Zinfandel, and one bottle of 2022 Turley Cinsault Bechthold Vineyard. Turley's wines consistently achieve ratings of 90+ from experts, and these two varieties are no exception. Best of all, they're all ready to drink now--no delayed gratification required--but you can wait if you want...

Item # 124

Donated by Irwin and Kathie Shur

Value: \$120

Opening bid: \$50



Artisan Six-Pack of Brews

Assortment of six beers and meads made by JD and Renee in their own McKenna Road brewery. A real value - enjoy!

Note: must be 21 years of age or older to bid

Item # 125

Donated by: JD Blythin and Renee Weinberger

Value: \$30

Opening Bid: \$10

A Loaf of Bread, a Bottle of Wine ...

A bottle of red wine and a delicious loaf of fresh Sourdough bread baked by Janet Beger. What more could a perfect evening consist of? As a bonus, the Cooper's Hawk wine you receive will come with a dinner for two that includes a glass of wine and one entrée.

Item # 126

Donated by: Janet Beger

Value: \$125

Opening Bid: \$25



Holly's Homegrown Honey!

Indulge in the golden sweetness of a pure blend nurtured by the delicate dance of Holly's own bees! Savor the taste of nature's finest nectar and let its unparalleled richness enchant your senses. Several sizes available. Prices are based on volume and will vary from \$7 to \$30. Jars will be marked.

Item #127

Donated by: Holly Kerr

Unique Opportunities

Film Discussion

Let's talk about our favorite films! Share with others to discuss those movies that you felt were pure entertainment, deeply moving, enlightening, frightening or all of these at once. Meet at NSUC, with your host Art Gould, who will provide popcorn and soda!

Item #: 128

Date & time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Location: NSUC

Donated by: Art Gould

Maximum number of guests: 12

Fixed bid: \$10

Queen Size Inflatable Mattress

Have guests coming for the holidays? A brand new Queen Size Mattress is just what you need to welcome them in comfort! Two offered! Buy one of these or both!

Item # 129 & 130

Donated by: Marge Howard

Value: \$100

Opening Bid: \$30

"City Street (Far Away)" Painting

Need to improve your décor before those guests arrive? Chose this painting for those bare walls!

Item # 131

Donated by: Marge Howard

Value: \$50

Opening Bid: \$15

"Comfort Room" Painting

Or maybe this painting would be just the thing!

Item # 132

Donated by: Marge Howard

Value: \$50

Opening Bid: \$15

Vegetarian Cook Book

Trying to reduce your carbon footprint but still enjoy tasty meals? This jumbo vegetarian cookbook with more than 400 recipes is the answer.

Item # 133

Donated by: Marge Howard

Value: \$20

Opening Bid: \$10

Mother and Child ceramic artwork

This beautiful 14"x14" piece is a glazed art tile set in a wooden frame with a hanger on the back. The tile is 7.75"x7.75". Artist unknown.

Item # 134

Donated by: Vicki Jenkins

Value: \$70

Opening Bid: \$35



Vote Your Voice Enamel Lapel Pin

Voice your opinion! Wear this pin to encourage others to act on their rights. One inch lapel pin that proudly says, "Your Vote is Your Voice"

Item # 135

Donated by: Kathie Shur

Approximate value: \$20

Opening bid: \$10

SHE HER Pronoun Enamel Lapel Pin

A straightforward self-introduction every time! Wear this one inch Enamel Lapel Pin that says "SHE HER" to every meet and greet.

Item # 136

Donated by: Kathie Shur

Approximate value: \$20

Opening bid: \$10

MAZEL TOUGH Enamel Lapel Pin

"MAZEL TOUGH" in gold letters on a blue Star of David lapel pin. An eye catching (and conversation-starting) play on words!

Item # 137

Donated by: Kathie Shur

Approximate value: \$20

Opening bid: \$10

A Crafty Coverup

A unique hand quilted sweater jacket will keep you stylish and warm. Navy blue with cheerful orange and magenta patches. Size 14-16 can accommodate several sizes.

Item # 145

Donated by: Marge Howard

Approximate value: \$30

Opening bid: \$15

Box of Puzzle & Game Books

Enjoy puzzling away your day or playing games to unwind? This offering of puzzle and game books will keep you guessing! Offered twice.

Items # 138 & 139

Donated by: Marge Howard

Value: \$50

Opening bid: \$15

Nine Word Search Books

Tired of puzzles and games? Try word search to challenge your hunting skills! Offered twice.

Items # 140 & 141

Donated by: Marge Howard

Value: \$25

Opening bid: \$15