

**Welcome to  
First Church Unitarian's**



**48<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Talent & Treasure Auction**

**Sunday April 8, 2018**

# Spring into Spring

## FCU Auction!

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11:30 AM – Have lunch, socialize Silent Auction begins!

12:30 PM – Silent Auction Closes and the Live Auction begins!

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# How the Auction Works

## Spring into Spring at the FCU Talent Auction!

**11:30 AM** – Let your hair down, socialize (and slip in a few early Silent Auction bids!)

**12:00 PM** – Lunch and continue Silent Bidding.

**1:30 PM** – Silent Auctions ends.

**1:30 PM** – Live Auction begins!

### **When you arrive:**

A Greeter assigns you a bidding number at the door that you'll hold up when bidding on Live Auction items. If you are the winner, one of our Runners will give you a card with your bidding number and description of the item you won.

Don't forget to bid on Silent Auction items. Write your name and bidding number and bid on the corresponding bidding sheet. Please note that parties or excursions for multiple attendees are sold per person, unless otherwise noted. Enter only one bid per line. Do not scratch out a previous bid. Ask the bid monitor if you wish to rebid at a higher amount or have questions. The Silent Auction will close at 7:30 PM.

### **When you pay:**

If you are the winning bidder, please pay by cash, check or charge after the Live Auction ends on Saturday, April 8th in the vestry at the church. Our treasurers will be accepting payments after the live auction.

### **When you collect on your winnings:**

If the item is at the auction, pick it up before leaving. If you must leave before the auction is over, a Winner's Catalog will be available at the church the following week so you can see what you've won. It is your responsibility to contact the donor and arrange for times of delivery for items and talents not available the day of the auction (a one-year time frame to do this is the norm).

Note: Each donation in this catalog has an item number and type:

"L" signifies a Live Auction item.

"LG" signifies a Live Group item.

"BR" signifies a Basket Raffle item.

"S" signifies a Silent Auction item.

Bid high and have a good time! And a round of applause for all our volunteers including our Silent Auction team, auctioneers, set-up and refreshment team, cashiers, computer technician, greeters, runners, our cleanup crew, graphic designer, and you: our donors and bidders!

# Live Auction ROUND ONE

**Item: 8 L                      One Delectable Homemade Lemon Meringue Pie                      Donor: Emily Welch**

One homemade, delectable lemon meringue pie available with three weeks notice and free delivery or pickup. Collect any time before Auction 2019. Emily Welch, 978-846-1805, emilymwelch@gmail.com. Actual value: Priceless....

**Item: 43 L                      Medieval/Fantasy Games Night                      Donor: Lori Locascio, Rick Poyner, Julian Poyner**

9 lucky high bidders ages 12 and up can join Rick, Lori and Julian in their apartment for a Medieval Feast and Medieval/Fantasy games. All gaming abilities and dietary restrictions can be accommodated. Saturday, January 12, 5:30 p.m.

**TOP 9 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 5 L                      Kimball Farms Gift Card                      Donor: Elinor McCarthy Gentilman**

Fabulous family fun at Kimballs! Kimball Farm is a favorite local gathering place for people to stroll the grounds while enjoying delicious home made ice cream or to savor grill and seafood dinners at picnic tables under tents. Kimballs also has: mini-golf, bumper boats, zip lines, batting cages, pony rides, driving range, a country gift store, and cafe. Have Fun!

Value: 150

**Item: 25 L                      Evening Guided Nature Walk at Rocky Hill Audubon                      Donor: Laurie Nehring  
Wildlife Sanctuary**

Sunday, May 20, 6:30 to 8:30pm. We will hike the Great Blue Heron Trail to see the Heron Rookery, which has awesome views of what should be very active heron nests! Rain date: Monday, May 21, 6:30 to 8:30pm. (Details will be provided to those who sign up.) Rocky Hill Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, Groton (behind Shaw's).

**TOP 16 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 24 L                      Three hours of my time to help you!                      Donor: Laurie Nehring**

I will donate 3 hours of time to help you accomplish any pesky or needed task you would like to pass off! Think spring cleaning: raking leaves, gardening, scrubbing floors, polishing windows. I'd also love to babysit your children, walk your dog or pick you up at the airport! Needs to be a mutually agreeable time.

**Item: 58 L            Bête Noire**

**Donor: Lynn Courtney**

An intense flourless chocolate cake, glazed with chocolate ganache and garnished with raspberries. This sinfully delicious chocolate experience serves one chocoholic or, if you are willing to share, up to 20 of your closest friends. It is naturally gluten-free. To be delivered at a mutually agreeable time and place. Not available Dec 16 - Jan 1 or at any other time when the donor is too overwhelmed to do anything except eat chocolate herself. Offered by Lynn Courtney, 617-763-3295, lynnvcourtney@gmail.com. I will deliver it. Suggested minimum bid: \$25. Actual value: As we say in the art world, the value is determined by what someone is willing to pay for it.

**Item: 57 L            Weekend in Maine**

**Donor: Cally And John Henriques**

3 bedroom cottage on Robinhood Cove in Georgetown, Maine. Fifteen minutes from Bath, five minutes from Reed State Park. Private Dock. Ideal for canoeing or kayaking. Available after June 1, 2017. Photos available at the auction. Suggested minimum bid \$250.

Value: 500

**Item: 46 L            Two tickets to *The Cradle Will Rock***

**Donor: Mary Giurleo**

Two tickets to one performance of *The Cradle Will Rock* at Boston Conservatory at Berklee, 31 Hemenway Street, Boston. Must e-mail Mary (mgiurleo@comcast) with your choice of performance by April 15. Your tickets will be at the Box Office. Friday, April 27, 2018 - 8:00pm Saturday, April 28, 2018 - 2:00pm; Saturday, April 28, 2018 - 8:00pm; Sunday, April 29, 2018 - 2:00pm at the Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway Street, Floor 2, Boston, MA (www.bostonconservatory.berklee.edu for directions) *The Cradle Will Rock* is a 1937 play with music by Marc Blitzstein. Originally a part of the Federal Theatre Project, it was directed by Orson Welles, and produced by John Houseman. The musical is a Brechtian allegory of corruption and corporate greed, and includes a panoply of societal figures. Set in Steeltown, U.S.A., it follows the efforts of Larry Foreman to unionize the town's workers, and combat the greedy businessman Mr. Mister who controls the town's factory, press, church, and social organization. The piece is almost entirely sung-through, giving it many operatic qualities, although Blitzstein included popular song styles of the time. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) temporarily shut down the project a few days before it was to open on Broadway; so to avoid government and union restrictions, the show was performed with Blitzstein playing piano onstage and the cast members singing their parts from the audience. Directed by Doug Lockwood.

Value: 60

**Item: 51 L            Cooking with the Stars**

**Donor: Lynn Courtney, Deb Girard**

This year's Cooking with the Stars will allow us to feast on summer's bounty. Savor delights from some of the stars of the culinary world. We will cook together using recipes from the likes of Thomas Keller, Ina Garten (The Barefoot Contessa), Patricia Wells, Yotam Ottolenghi, and Jacques Pepin. Deb and Lynn will plan the menu, shop and set up your work stations. You will cook with us to create a gourmet feast that we will enjoy together. For six sous chefs on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Deb & Phyllis' house in Acton. Lynn Courtney and Deb Girard, 617-763-3295, lynnvcourtney@gmail.com.

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 100

**Item: 21 L Brass Polishing**

**Donor: Jim Barisano**

I will polish two pairs of brass candlesticks so that they will shine better than when you or your grandmother acquired them! Using my favorite brass polish and lots of elbow grease, I will make your candlesticks gleam and then apply a secret liquid that will keep your family treasures shining for years...or at least until next year's auction! My work is on display on the two candlesticks in the sanctuary. Other brass items considered if the bid is high enough! Buyer drops off candlesticks at church. jimbar@wheelstv.net, (978) 486-9569.

## Live Auction ROUND TWO

**Item: 82 L The Best Brownies**

**Donor: Sara Weeks**

I'm not bragging; that's the name of the recipe. 2 dozen of the yummiest brownies. 1 week notice please. Sara Weeks 978-807-2608

**Item: 1 L Our Own Special Creations**

**Donor: Niela Miller**

Come for an evening of sharing our talents and hobbies. I will show some of my art, play one of my pieces (gotta get over my performance anxiety) and read a few things I have written. You are welcome to bring your show-and-tell; a knitting project, art, song, poem, carving, whatever. The only guideline is that it must be something you have created. We will talk about our creative process. I will also provide some artful snacks!

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 81 L Hike, Eat, Swim**

**Donor: Lynda Kaylor, Laura Semple**

Enjoy the best of summer in NH. We will start out at 10 am with a hike up North Pack Monadnock Mt which is an easy/moderate 3.2 mile trek. (It should take around 2 hours). Be sure to bring a water bottle and comfortable shoes. After the hike, we will go to the Semple's amazing lake house in Jaffrey to enjoy a barbecue picnic prepared by Laura and Lynda. Top off a perfect summer day with a cool dip in the lake. This is the perfect event for families. Dates: Saturday July 14 with rain date Sunday July 15. Top ten bidders win.

**TOP 10 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 30 L Custom Woven Guitar or Ukelele Strap**

**Donor: Malcolm Kroh**

I will weave a strap to your specifications from heavy weight cotton yarn in the pattern and colors of your choosing. I can also weave letters to create names or a short phrase on the strap. You will have a choice of nickel or brass hardware, and additional options for the leather tabs (color, lettering, more tooling). The more you bid, the fancier you can get! I will offer up to three straps (although will consider more if there is sufficient interest).

**TOP 3 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 100

**Item: 47 L                      New York State of Mind    Donor: Kristen Ersland, Peter Ersland**

Enjoy 3 nights at the Hilton Club in Midtown New York. The hotel is located at 53rd Street and 6th Ave, walking distance to Broadway theaters, Time Square, restaurants, museums and so much more. Luxurious studio room with a king size bed. Access to the lounge for breakfast in the morning and hospitality at five. Dates to be chosen based on availability. Contact Peter or Kris for more information. Value \$900; suggested minimum bid \$250.

Value: 900

**Item: 73 L                      Festive October Dinner    Donor: Lawrence Kaylor, Malcolm Kroh**

Let the K Team (Kroh and Kaylor) transport you to Germany for an evening of delightful German food and brews. We will create our special version of Oktoberfest, featuring Master Malcolm's cuisine. Join us for a four course meal featuring a variety of delicious homemade dishes including schnitzel, wurst, spaetzle, red cabbage, sauerkraut, Bavarian pretzels all paired with a variety of fine brews such as Bavarian lager, Festbier, Kolsch, and Munich Dunkel. Some will be freshly made homebrews by Larry. Will you be able to count the layers in that German chocolate cake? Don't miss this very fun evening. Non-beer drinkers won't be disappointed. When: Saturday, October 20 Where: the Kaylor's home. Top eight bidders win a seat at the table!

**TOP 8 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 50

**Item: 70 L                      Personal Florist For One Year    Donor: Cheryl Hollinger, Mark Hollinger**

Want a centerpiece for a special dinner party or two? Or just a vase of lovely roses for your bedside table. And maybe a truly lovely wreath at Christmas time. Cheryl Hollinger will make and deliver SIX different arrangements over the course of the year for whatever you need. Delivery must be local. [cheryl@cowleyassoc.com](mailto:cheryl@cowleyassoc.com). Suggested minimum bid \$100.

**Item: 27 L                      Quilt – Stringing Circles    Donor: Judy White**

Approx 46 inch x 60 inch. Machine appliquéd circles on the front and graphic print fabric on the back give this quilt a modern feel. The triangular quilting pattern adds texture and even more interest to this quilt.

**Item: 13 L                      Bread of the Month    Donor: Robert Williams**

Each and every month, Baker Bob will bestow upon you a freshly-baked loaf of fabulous homemade bread. Versions include crowd-pleasing Craisin Pecan or Chocolate Bread, Hearty 7-grain Multigrain, Rosemary Onion, Asiago Cheese bread and more. There's nothing like the aroma of homemade bread in your toaster to treat yourself to a great start to a day. Warning: Not for gluten-phobia-afflicted individuals. Bread delivered to your door at a mutually agreed upon schedule. Offered By Baker Bob. Delivery to be arranged

**Item: 33 L**

**Gift Wrapping**

**Donor: Beverly Cyr**

All thumbs? Can't match colors? Package phobic? Don't let the next holiday or birthday bring on apoplexy! Let Bev Cyr wrap your gifts. She will provide the paper and ribbons (color/style negotiable) and wrap your gifts beautifully. This offer is good for up to ten gifts and you may also choose up to two different dates,(still total ten gifts). Provide three days for preparations. If you choose Christmas, make sure Bev is not in Florida! She leaves around Santa Lucia Day (December 13).

## Live Auction ROUND THREE

**Item: 6 L**

**Four Sensational Homemade Soups**

**Donor: Alan Bell**

Four scrumptious soups - One per quarter. Lamb Curry, a Special Lentil, Clam Chowder and Asian Fish Soup. Last year, the cost for preparing these soups totaled about \$90. They seemed VERY well received...and consumed!!!

Value: 90

**Item: 64 L**

**Mexican Train Game and Dinner**

**Donor: Mike Pilman, Monica Pilman**

The evening will start with a lovely Mexican-themed buffet and drinks, and continue with playing the dominos game Mexican Train which is easy to learn and fun to play, and often played when we do our camping trips together over the summer. We will also offer a Mexican-themed dessert after we've all had a chance to digest and play our game together. All foods are gluten-free and if you contact Monica about it, she can accommodate other dietary allergies and preferences. Date and Time: Saturday, January 12, 2019, 5:00PM. Top four bidders win.

**TOP 4 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 250

**Item: 74 L**

**Explore Boston Building Mural Art**

**Donor: Debbie Eston**

Explore Boston Building Mural Art on July 22, 2018 1 - 5 pm - walking tour led by Debbie Eston - meet at Alewife at 1 - parking, T-pass and afternoon snack included. Information about the art and artists will be provided at the beginning of the tour. If inclement weather another date will be chosen to accommodate all. Top 10 bidders win.

**TOP 10 BIDDERS WIN!!!**



**Item: 48 L            Syttende Mai Celebration**

**Donor: Kristen Ermland, Peter Ermland**

Dinner for six. Come share in our celebration of Norway's Constitution Day at the Erslands. There will be many Norwegian favorites, old and new, including but not limited to fruit soup, lefse and kransekake. Lutefisk on request. Dinner will be served on Saturday, May 19th just two days after Syttende Mai, May 17th , at 6pm. Hosted by Kris, Peter and Kris's Mom.

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 62 L            Mystery Box!**

**Donor: Theresa Catino**

Intrigued? What's inside? One item? Two? You can pick it up, shake it, and turn it over, but you can't open it unless you are the highest bidder, so bid high!!

Value: 125

**Item: 83 L            Black Forest Buche de Noel**

**Donor: Melissa Baern**

Chocolate cake filled with cherries, whipped cream, and chocolate mousse, decorated with meringue mushrooms, marzipan holly berries, and chocolate holly leaves - gorgeous centerpiece AND amazing dessert. Serves 10 to 16. I will deliver to FCU or you may pick up at my home in Littleton on Christmas Eve 2018. Suggested minimum bid \$30.

**Item: 37 L            Four Handy Hands**

**Donor: Julie Bucceri, Mark Bucceri**

Do you need: Gardening/yard work help? Handyman help? Basic sewing help? Cleaning, organizing, sorting help? Mark and Julie Bucceri will give you three hours of versatile and energetic help with any home maintenance help that you need. We can tackle a cluttered garage, get your yard in shape for spring, prep a room for painting or do a whole house cleaning. Alternately, we'll take your kids on a fun outing so you can tackle that job yourself. To be scheduled a mutually convenient weekend day between May 12 and June 30th

**Item: 68 L            Brunch for Six**

**Donor: Carolyn McCreary, Carole Tillis**

Come join us for a yummy brunch for six at lovely Flamingo beach in Ayer. As well as enjoying the food, you may want to swim, canoe, kayak, or just hang out on beach in the sun. The brunch will be prepared and served by the famous chefs, C&C. This event will occur Sunday, July 15th at 1:00ish. Hope to see you there!

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 91 L**

**Winter in the Tropics Dance Party**

**Donor: Karen Tucker-Barisano**

Dance away your snow bound blues at the first annual Winter in the Tropics Dance Party! The top 25 bidders will party down with The Men Who Pause on Saturday, January 19th, 2019 when our lake house is transformed into an island tiki hut where your favorite dance tunes will have you swaying on tropic breezes. That's 1/19/19!

(Snow day Sunday) The following Monday is Martin Luther King Day, so we can party like its 1999! A special

Hawaiian style performance by the UU Ukes will warm us up!

Suggested Starting Bid: \$15

**TOP 25 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 29 L**

**A weekend in Westport, Maine**

**Donor: Rob Hartz, Shelley Hartz**

Enjoy a relaxing weekend in Westport, Maine in the Hartz's home overlooking the Sheepscott River, between Bath and Booth Bay Harbor, about three hours north of Littleton. The well-appointed spacious home has four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a huge kitchen. Eight can sleep comfortably there. Kayaks are available. Hiking and beaches are nearby. There's plenty to explore on water, by land and bike [bring your own]. It's a remote and peaceful place to unwind. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

## Live Auction ROUND FOUR

**Item: 69 L**

**Seasonal Cheesecake**

**Donor: Cindy Malley**

Four 9-inch lovingly homemade seasonal classic cheesecakes to be delivered by baker (Cindy Malley) to Littleton or a surrounding community on a date chosen by winner with agreement by Cindy. Each cheesecake serves approximately 10-12 people. Summer (Expires August 31st, 2018): Classic New York Style Cheesecake with a graham crust topped by local summer berries. Autumn (Expires November 30th, 2018): Decadent Pumpkin Cheesecake with a Gingersnap Crust. Winter (Expires February 28th, 2019): Dense Dark Chocolate Cheesecake with a Chocolate Cookie Crust. Spring (Expires May 31st, 2019): Rich Peanut Butter Cheesecake with a Chocolate Cookie Crust and topped with Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Please schedule with Cindy, b.charmer@verizon.net, (978) 413-9579. Suggested minimum bid \$60.

Value: 120

**Item: 54 L          Cajun Feast**

**Donor: Sara Weeks, Monica Pilman**

Join Monica Pilman and Sara Weeks at the Weeks household in Fitchburg. Together we will prepare and cook a real Cajun feast, and then enjoy eating it together. We will serve appetizers and drinks while we get organized. Then together we will prepare three courses: jambalaya, shrimp and grits, and a dessert. All courses will be gluten free and the heat level controlled by the individuals at the table and not in the pot. Six seats are available and the date is set for Saturday, October 27, 2018 starting at 5:00 p.m. Sara Weeks, 978- 807-2608. TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 300

**Item: 89 L          Handyman Service**

**Donor: Michael Bestgen**

Day of handy light carpentry / transport / yard work. 1/4 ton truck with tow ability. Two actual tasks planned in advance. I will travel to you. michaelbestegen@yahoo.com, 978-855-3532.

**Item: 23 L          Scenic Bike Ride**

**Donor: Jim Nehring, Joel Ross**

Ride either the scenic Pepperell to Ayer Rail Trail or ride to Hollis, New Hampshire. We will take up to 14 cyclists for a Saturday morning ride of variable length (depending on your preference), providing cycling tips along the way. Ride past wetlands with a beaver lodge and rolling New England farmland as the former Ayer to Nashua railroad spur wends its way along the banks of the Nashua River. The Hollis ride is a little more challenging on lightly travelled roads. Light refreshments will be provided before our departure with ice cream upon our return. All riders must bring and wear a helmet. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Provide your own bike.

**TOP 14 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 35 L          AfternoonTea**

**Donor: Kristen Ersland, Wendy McDougall, Phyllis Terrey**

Picture this, a cozy winter afternoon in front of a toasty fire. A pot of tea at your elbow, some tasty sandwiches, buttery scones, and delectable sweets. This could be you! Join us for a traditional Afternoon Tea at the home of Kris Ersland in Littleton at 3pm on Saturday, February 2, 2019. If you would like to bring knitting, crocheting or something similar, please do so! Hosted by Phyllis Terrey, Wendy McDougall, and Kris Ersland. TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!

**TOP. 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 40 L          Trip to or from Manchester or Boston Airport**

**Donor: Bartlett Harvey**

I will drive you (max 3 persons + luggage) to the airport or get you at the airport and take you home, by arrangement at least a week in advance.

Value: 75

**Item: 80 L**      **Blueberry Pie**      **Donor: Richard Lombardy**  
Blueberry pie made from high-bush blueberries grown right here in Littleton. Best in July/August when the blueberries come in but I do freeze them when I pick faster than I bake. Delivery to surrounding towns is available. Two pies available to highest bidders. Suggested minimum bid \$20

**Item: 78 L**      **Rip CDs**      **Donor: Hugh Vartanian**  
I will rip 100 of your CDs to MP3 or FLAC files. The files will be loaded on a thumb drive for you. They can be transferred for playing on PC, MAC and/or phones that have a music player app. (Open to discuss conversion to other formats.)

**Item: 92 L**      **Second Annual Folk Concert**      **Donor: Patti Sardella**  
Come hear the UU Ukes, Patti Sardella and The Saturdays in the second annual Talent Auction Folk Concert! May 19, 2018 at 7:30PM in the FCU Sanctuary.

**TOP 20 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 20

## Basket Raffle Items

**Item: 67 BR**      **Basket: Zombie Apocalypse Survival**      **Donor: Mike Pilman, Monica Pilman**  
Contains dinner in cans and boxes and the recipes to cook it, a copy of Zombie Flux, and other fun stuff pleasing to prep for the coming Zombie Apocalypse!

Value: 100

**Item: 52 BR**      **Tea for Two Basket**      **Donor: Wendy McDougall**

**Item: 34 BR**      **Lucky Board Basket**      **Donor: Bill Mitchell**  
A collection of scratch tickets for the Massachusetts State Lottery..

**Item: 22 BR**      **Date Night Basket**      **Donor: Cheryl Lickteig, Larry Lickteig**  
Plan an evening out to celebrate a special event or turn an ordinary evening into a special event. Your Date Night includes a dinner and a movie certificate.

**Item: 50 BR**      **Chocolate Lover's Basket**

**Donor: Lynn Courtney**

Chocolate Lover's Basket containing chocolate in its various delectable forms, including a homemade treat, a bottle of Godiva chocolate liqueur (try it on ice cream!), Burdick's famous intense dark drinking chocolate, and other surprises.

Value: 75

## Silent Auction Items

**Item: 2 S**      **Stories From Our Lives**

**Donor: Niela Miller**

Share a special memory of something that occurred for you from any part of your life. Tell the story; beginning, middle and end, and then what impact it had on you. Plan to keep it under five minutes. After our story sharing, we will converse about the stories we heard and some parallels in our own lives. Yummy snacks will be provided.

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 3 S**      **Piano Moods 2**

**Donor: Niela Miller**

Niela's new piano music: PIANO MOODS 2. Molly has recorded six new pieces of mine which will be available through a dedicated link to as many persons as request it...for your payment of \$15 to FCU. You may have heard several of them if you attended certain services. Here are their names: Meandering, Sweet Blues, Boppery, Wavelets, Reverie and Jazz Sonatina. Another new one may be added by the time the auction occurs (RigRag). I just request that you do not distribute them as gifts without my permission and will make an additional \$15 donation.

**Item: 4 S**      **Painting by Sylvia Miller (Niela's mom: 1910-1991)**

**Donor: Niela Miller**

22 x 29 acrylic , box frame, wired for hanging. My mom made several hundred paintings of which I have a handful. Some were sold at auction, some are with friends and family, and many were sold at exhibits. Originally sold for \$400. Start bidding at \$50. (Will bring to auction)

Value: 400

**Item: 7 S**      **Beautiful Gift Wrapping for Your Choice of Holiday**

**Donor: Rochelle Chambless**

You decide the holiday, the theme and the color scheme, I'll supply the paper, ribbons and bows and wrap an unlimited number of packages for you with one months notice.

**Item: 9 S            Beautiful Handmade Lace Shawl**

**Donor: Emily Welch**

Gorgeous colors, soft and cozy merino wool shawl. The perfect gift for someone you love or YOURSELF!  
Available at the Auction .

Value: 75

**Item: 10 S            Three Dozen Delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies**

**Donor: Meg Low**

Homemade cookies, no nuts, freeze well. NOT gluten free.

**Item: 11 S            Knife Sharpening**

**Donor: Jim Barisano**

Kitchen knives get dull over time, making food preparation more work, less fun and more dangerous. This former deli chef will sharpen All of your non-serrated knives, whether carbon steel or stainless steel, to a razor's edge so that even the softest tomato or juiciest ham will slice like a breeze. A sharp blade means less pressure when you make a cut and safer, more enjoyable food prep and serving. jimbar@wheelstv.net, (978) 486-9569.

Value: 80

**Item: 12 S            Tarot Reading**

**Donor: Andy Leyenaar**

Are you curious about the future? Not just your future but anyone's. I can help you with that. Together we will delve into the unknown and make it known. I have never been wrong yet.

Value: 50

**Item: 14 S            Susan's Spectacular Salad dressings,**

**Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams**

Two pair of homemade gluten-free salad dressings made with prime fresh gourmet ingredients, with Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Magnificent Honey Mustard and Basically the Best Balsamic/EVO. They can go on anything such as roasted vegetables, pasta and green salads. Value: \$6/bottle at whole foods.

Value: 12

**Item: 15 S            Kombucha Tea Workshop**

**Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams**

If you're a Kombucha lover, kom on over and bucha with Susan. You will observe the process of making a new batch from existing Scobi [starter] and will take home your own piece of Scobi along with a special bottle for your first batch. We will share a simple dinner of soup and bread, with fresh Kombucha! Date: 05/23/2018. Time: 6:30PM. Place: 5 Hedgeway Street, Ayer

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 16 S      Ski Lesson**

**Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams**

If you're a never-ever or want to gain more confidence and skill on the slopes, Susan Tordella [former ski instructor] will spend two hours with you in a private lesson to guide you to the next level. Cross-country lesson also available. You must purchase your own lift ticket and rent equipment. To be redeemed in winter 2019, before the next auction, most likely at Gunstock.

**TOP 3 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 20 S      Are you the next Stephen King, Wendell Berry, Anne      Donor: Jim Nehring**

Got a secret memoir you've been working on late at night? Are you itching to get onto paper that impassioned oped you've been composing in your head on the way to work? I will meet with you for an hour consult and I will read and edit a draft of up to 25 pages. As a fellow author, (non-fiction: six books, many articles, essays, opeds), I would be happy to help you think through your ideas and respond to your writing. I'll even pay for the coffee (or beer).

**Item: 26 S      Celebrate the Golden Ratio and Fibonacci      Donor: Joyce Williams, Judy White**

What are you doing on Sunday, January 6, 2019? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon celebrating the Golden Ratio (1.6). We will provide fun filled activities connecting the Golden Ratio, Fibonacci, nature and art. Since Fibonacci (Leonardo Da Pisa) was born in Italy we will continue the celebration with an Italian dinner. TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!  
Date: 01/06/2019

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 28 S      Poppy Purse      Donor: Judy White**

This colorful purse, made by Judy, is perfect for a special evening out-on-the-town. It is just the right size for carrying the few items (including you cell phone) you need for the occasion. Bright red poppy fabric makes this purse unique. Check out the small inside pocket.

**Item: 31 S      Gift certificate to Union Coffee Roasters      Donor: Anna Fadden**

We are a micro-coffee roaster that specializes in small batch, high-quality coffee beans & brews, espresso beverages, house baked pastries, and a wide, organic, loose leaf tea selection all served in a friendly comfortable atmosphere. We pride ourselves in sourcing as responsibly as possible. An interest of ours here at Union is to know our farmers by their names, not just their region. We mostly work with smaller importers & social enterprises that buy right from farmers, cutting costs and allowing the farmers to make a larger profit. We are located in historic and picturesque downtown Ayer. Ten dollar Gift certificate available at the auction.

Value: 10

**Item: 32 S**            **Fifty dollar gift certificate to RapsCALLIONS Tabl**            **Donor: Anna Fadden**  
Fifty dollar gift certificate to RapsCALLIONS Table & Tap - where comfort food meets craft beer. Enjoy plates made to order featuring locally sourced ingredients, and pair the flavors of each season with RapsCALLION's own craft beers or select wines and cocktails. Settle inside our historic farmhouse and enjoy a meal at our cozy bar, by one of our hearths, or al fresco on our patio. Located at 5 Strawberry Hill Road in Acton. Gift certificate available at the auction.

Value: 50

**Item: 38 S**            **Architectural Consultation**            **Donor: Bartlett Harvey**  
Expansion or renovation of your house a possibility? Want another room or a garage? I can answer questions about feasibility, possibilities, maybe provide some answers and discuss the relevant issues. I have designed several additions in and around town.

Value: 75

**Item: 39 S**            **Home Energy Consultation**            **Donor: Bartlett Harvey**  
Ice dams, drafts, high heating bills, old windows? Interior humidity too high or low? I will help talk through the issues, causes, possible solutions, and relative benefits of the many possible improvements frequently suggested by the home improvement industry.

Value: 75

**Item: 41 S**            **Paul's Diner Gift Card**            **Donor: Roger Price**  
Breakfast or Lunch at a Westford Institution!

Value: 20

**Item: 42 S**            **Soul Collage Workshop**            **Donor: Lori Locascio**  
Join 5 others in this intimate workshop where we will create and interpret soul collages, intuitive collages on 5 x 7 cards. We will rely on the intuitive process and not any artistic ability, to work with the language of symbols, dreams and archetypes to let our inner wisdom bubble up. I took a workshop on this and can't wait to share the process with others. All materials included. See [soulcollage.com](http://soulcollage.com) for an idea of what we will be doing, noting that I am not a certified facilitator. Date and time to be determined by winning bidders.

**TOP 5 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 44 S**            **Mediterranean Games Night**            **Donor: Lori Locascio, Rick Poyner, Julian Poyner**  
Nine lucky high bidders ages 12 and up can join Rick, Lori and Julian in their apartment for a Mediterranean Feast and Mediterranean themed games. All gaming abilities and dietary restrictions can be accommodated. Saturday, July 12, 5:30 p.m.

**TOP 9 BIDDERS WIN!!!**



**Item: 45 S Loraya Raw Honey**

**Donor: Lorinda Morimoto, Araya Fast**

Loraya Raw Honey from Lorinda and Araya's backyard. Top two bidders get one large jar of honey available at the auction. Eat local and healthy.

**TOP 2 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 20

**Item: 49 S Genealogical Search**

**Donor: Joyce Williams**

Are you descended from Mayflower passengers? From someone in Winthrop's fleet? Are you related to a president or Princess Diana? (Millions of Americans are.) Your ancestry will be investigated by an amateur genealogist, member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Joyce Williams. drjww@verizon.net, (978) 263-5667.

**Item: 53 S DNA kit from Ancestry.com**

**Donor: Jan Duston, Bill Duston**

Use this DNA kit to discover your heritage and find out where your ancestors come from. Maybe you will be surprised!

Value: 99

**Item: 55 S Prayer Bead Workshop for Six**

**Donor: Lori Locascio**

Back by popular demand... 6 seats at a prayer bead workshop. We will explore prayer, the history of prayer beads, and make a set of prayer beads to take with you. We will find a Saturday that works for the winning bidders. Includes all materials but you can incorporate your own beads.

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 56 S Autographed Books**

**Donor: Lori Locascio**

Five autographed books in excellent condition: Baking with Julia autographed by Julia Child and written by Dorie Greenspan, Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten by Russ Cohen, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls by David Sedaris, Kipper's Game by Barbara Ehrenreich, The Boy at the Gate by Danny Ellis.

**Item: 59 S Bluebird House**

**Donor: Bill Duston**

Bluebird house in your yard. I will install a bluebird house on your property in a suitable location. To be installed this Spring.

Value: 50

**Item: 60 S            Create Your Own Christmas Centerpiece            Donor: Lynda Kaylor**

Create your very own, long lasting, one-of-a kind, all natural Christmas Centerpiece. I will provide the cuttings, candles, necessary materials and guidance. My yard and some serious scavenging is the source of the natural material. Bring imagination, creativity and any do-dads that you might want to use to adorn your masterpiece. Event will be held at my home on Saturday, Dec 8 at 10 am. Top four bidders win.

**TOP 4 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 61 S            Water Lilies            Donor: Lynda Kaylor**

Beautiful 8x10 glass print of my original photograph of water lilies with reflection. Light shining through the glass of this photo creates an ethereal effect. This piece is striking when it has a backlit setting but also can be lit by a votive light.

Value: 45

**Item: 63 S            Dinner Cooked to Order and Delivered to You            Donor: Monica Pilman**

Are you tired and can't bear the idea of cooking or going out? Are you feeling unwell and feel that you can use a big dose of your favorite comfort food? Do you have a church potluck you want to bring something to, but just don't have the time to prepare it? Have I got a deal for you! Have your dinner cooked to order and delivered to you or to the church, with all of your allergies and preferences honored. Four servings provided, but negotiable. The time/date will be mutually agreed upon between you and Monica.

**Item: 65 S            Trekking the National Parks Game and Supper            Donor: Mike Pilman, Monica Pilman**

The evening will start with a nice supper and drinks, and continue with playing the board game Trekking the National Parks which is easy to learn and fun to play. Dessert will be served when we finish playing the game. All foods are gluten-free, and if you contact Monica about it, she can accommodate other dietary allergies and preferences. Date and Time: Saturday, June 9, 2018 starting at 5:30 pm. Top 4 bidders win.

**TOP 4 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 250

**Item: 66 S            Gluten Free Cookies            Donor: Monica Pilman**

Sample some of the cookies brought here at the Talent Auction for your enjoyment, then decide if you'd like to reserve the chance to have your own batch made just for you...for that potluck you don't have time to cook for, for that family dinner, for the Christmas cookie season, or for a gift. All recipes are gluten-free. Other allergies can be accommodated upon request. The type of cookie is negotiable, and cookies are delivered at a mutually agreeable time, place and date. [monicapilman@yahoo.com](mailto:monicapilman@yahoo.com) Expires next Talent Auction. Top three bidders win.

**TOP 3 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 10

**Item: 71 S            Airport Rides**

**Donor: Cynthia Heiland**

Enjoy being chauffeured in comfort and style to and from your home and Boston's Logan Airport or the Manchester, NH's Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. One week notice preferred. Three top bidders win round trip rides. Suggested minimum bid \$50 per ride. Executive Coach Value: \$200.

**TOP 3 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 200

**Item: 72 S            Find Your Beaded Nametag Easily**

**Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams**

Beaded necklace for FCU nametags. Top six bidders win.

**TOP 6 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 75 S            Two Merrimack Repertory Theater Tickets**

**Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams**

Two sets of two tickets each for the Merrimack Repertory Theater in Lowell. The last two shows are Little Orphan Danny, a musical comedy, that runs March 21- to April 15, and The Villains Supper Club, a comedy about motherhood and villainy, that runs April 25-May 13. The tickets can be reserved in advance for a Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday evening performance. They can be used on other nights if you call the box office on the day of the performance. The voucher must be presented when you pick up the tickets. These live professional plays are presented in an intimate theater that seats about 200 people. Every seat is a good seat.

**TOP 2 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Value: 50

**Item: 76 S            Science Books Written by Luann Colombo**

**Donor: Luann Colombo**

Assortment of books written by our very own Luann Colombo and signed by the author. Uncover the Human Body, Dead Guys and Gals of Science, The Hummingbird Book, The Bat Book and See Through Model. Available at the auction.

Value: 75

**Item: 77 S            Church Flowers**

**Donor: Cheryl Hollinger, Mark Hollinger**

Want to do flowers for church, but arranging is not your specialty? Cheryl Hollinger will do and deliver flowers for you. You sign up for the week, let her know the colors and flowers you like and she will get them to the church on time. [cheryl@cowleyassoc.com](mailto:cheryl@cowleyassoc.com). Suggested minimum bid \$40.

**Item: 79 S            Remote control Color LED light strip kit.**

**Donor: Hugh Vartanian**

Comes with 15' LED strip with adhesive tape backing, remote control for on-off and color control, power pack and driver box. Good for putting around your room, or TV backlighting, color therapy, etc.

**Item: 84 S            Take the Cake!**

**Donor: Melissa Baern**

Celebrate a milestone or just have a party, and I'll make the cake of your dreams. Maybe you want vanilla sponge cake filled with whipped cream, strawberries, and Grand Marnier; maybe dark chocolate cake with cappuccino cream is more your style; maybe you want me to keep dreaming up cakes until we find your fantasy. Perfect for a shower, birthday, anniversary, etc.; serves up to 20 people. One week's notice, please. melissa.baern@baernworks.com, (781) 572-7190. Suggested minimum bid \$25.

**Item: 85 S            Four hours of personal organizing assistance**

**Donor: Caprice Tarbox**

Here's what I can offer: Organizing closets and cabinets, Cooking/meal prep and planning, Running Errands, Grocery shopping, Waiting at your house for service people, Laundry, Light housework, Filing and paperwork, Pet care - dog walking, cleaning crates & litter boxes, De-cluttering, Making Beds, Computer Support - websites, troubleshooting problems, setting up spreadsheets, maintaining databases, printing labels, making photo cards, etc., Elder care - companionship, rides, supervising medication, Tax preparation, Moving light furniture, Research, Check on your home while you're traveling. If you don't see what you're looking for, just ask!

Value: 100

**Item: 86 S            Consignment Store Crawl**

**Donor: Sara Weeks**

If you are looking for some great, inexpensive treasures for your home, please join me at 9:00 a.m. on June 23rd and I will take you around to some of the area's best consignment stores. From furniture and household items to art and clothing, we'll search for bargains and have a lot of fun. We'll stop for lunch along the way. Top 3 bidders. Date: 06/23/2018. Time: 9:00AM

**TOP 3 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 87 S            Tour Whistler House Museum of Art**

**Donor: Ron Willett**

Guided tours of the Whistler House Museum of Art in Lowell (including Permanent Collection plus any special exhibits on display). The Whistler features fine works of New England artists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with temporary special exhibits in the adjacent Parker Gallery. Tour duration: 30 minutes to 2 hours, depending on interests & preferences of the visitor. Tours offered Wednesdays through Saturdays between noon & 4:00 p.m, guided by Ron Willett, one of the museum's docents. Advance scheduling required, groups welcome. rwillett@comcast.net, (703) 850-4461. Fixed donation: \$30 per person, \$50 per couple, UNLIMITED number of tours available. Value: invaluable.

**Item: 88 S            Gibbet Hill Grill Gift Certificate**

**Donor: David Butz**

\$50 gift certificate to Gibbet Hill Grill in Groton. Gibbet Hill Grill in Groton is at the forefront of the local food movement. We are one of the only restaurants in New England that has a produce farm on site, and Chef Tom Fosnot shapes his menu around what is seasonally available. In the summer, the majority of our produce is grown right on our farm. In addition, we also source from other local farms and food purveyors to feature the best of what the region has to offer.

Value: 50

**Item: 90 S            Sugarless, Gluten-free Apple Crisp!**

**Donor: Betsy Reed**

Yes it is delicious! And I developed the recipe myself. It will arrive on your doorstep with fresh, sugarless whipped cream, in a 3 quart casserole enough to serve 8 to 10 people. I brought it to a recent FCU function, received many compliments, and brought home an empty dish! Top two bidders.

**TOP 2 BIDDERS WIN!!!**

**Item: 93 S            Firehouse Band House Concert**

**Donor: Eric Semple, Sara Weeks, Charlie Weeks, Carolyn Hotchkiss**

The house concert will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 2018 at 233 Nashua Road, Groton. Come hungry then enjoy the house concert. Ericsemp@gmail.com, (978) 502-5275.

**TOP 12 BIDDERS WIN!!!**