



***Catalog for the
49th Annual Spring
Talent and Treasure Auction
at First Church Unitarian, Littleton
April 7, 2019***

9th Annual FCU Talent Auction!

Sunday April 7, 2019

11:15 AM – Have lunch, socialize Silent Auction begins!

12:45 PM – Silent Auction Closes and the Live Auction begins!

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How the Auction Works

49th Annual FCU Talent Auction!

8:45 to 9:45 AM -- Early Silent Auction Bidding

11:15 AM -- Lunch and continue Silent Bidding.

12:45 PM – Silent Auctions ends.

12:50 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 12:45PM.

When you pay:

If you are the winning bidder, please pay by cash, check or charge after the Live Auction ends on Sunday, April 7th in the dining room at the church. Our treasurers will be accepting payments after the service.

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.

"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, catalog queen, computer technician, greeters, runners, our cleanup crew, graphic designer, and you: our donors and bidders!

Live Auction ROUND ONE

Item: 95 L

Private Ukulele Lessons

Donor: Eric Semple

Offering three lessons of one hour each. If you play the uke then we can bring it to a different level. If you don't play and want to take it up, then now is your chance. This will be your introduction into endless fun and smiles.

Item: 82 L

(Work)Shop Time with Mr. Fixit!

Donor: Hugh Vartanian

Four hours of workshop time: Automobile, wood or electronics. Some ideas: change your oil or brakes, fix a chair, an appliance, your stereo or ? Includes up to \$100 of supplies or materials. Schedule at our mutual convenience.

Item: 66 L

A Weekend on Westport Island on the Maine coast

Donor: Rob Hartz, Shelley Hartz

Enjoy a relaxing weekend on Westport Island, Maine in the Hartz's home overlooking the Sheepscott River, between Bath and Booth Bay harbors, three hours from Littleton. The well-appointed spacious home has four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a huge kitchen. Eight can sleep comfortably there. Kayaks available, hiking and beaches nearby. There's plenty to explore on water, by land and bike [bring your own]. It's a remote peaceful place to unwind at the end of a dirt road. Minimum Bid: \$450. Must be redeemed before 2020. Value: 700.

Item: 98 L

Festive October Dinner & Brews

Donor: Lawrence Kaylor, Malcolm Kroh

Let the K Team (Kroh, Kaylor, and Kay West Brewing) transport you to Germany for an evening of delightful German food and brews. By request, we will recreate our special version of Oktoberfest, featuring Master Malcolm's cuisine. Join us for an evening of authentic homemade German dishes all paired with a variety of fine German brews. Some will be freshly made homebrews by Kay West. Dessert? Of course. Don't miss this fun evening complete with German beer drinking songs and camaraderie. Non-beer drinkers won't be disappointed. Arrive early for a guided beer tasting and a brewery tour. When: Saturday, October 19, 6PM. Where: Kaylor home in Westford. TOP EIGHT BIDDERS WIN!

Item: 38 L

Soup and Salad for the Seasons.

Donor: Laura Semple

I will donate a delicious combination of a soup and salad that highlight the wonderful foods of the season. For spring you could expect a delicious spinach salad with fresh strawberries, almonds, and a homemade poppy seed dressing accompanied by a cream of asparagus soup. I am happy to tailor recipes to dietary needs and preferences. One weeks notice is appreciated. Four deliveries in total. Value: 200.

Item: 19 L

The Night Before Christmas Box

Donor: Judy White

Is it too early to think about Christmas? NEVER! A small child in your life would be thrilled to open this Night Before Christmas Box on Christmas Eve this year. The box contains: Christmas coloring book and crayons, Santa doll, Santa hat, Mug (hot chocolate mix not included), Christmas story book, "Magic" reindeer dust, and "Magic" Christmas fabric pillow case which hopefully will help the child sleep on such an exciting night. After Christmas repack the box to be opened and enjoyed the next year. The Night Before Christmas Box could become a treasured family tradition. TOP 2 BIDDERS WIN!!!

Item: 65 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 24, 2018 at Deb & Phyllis' house in Acton. Value: 100

Item: 16 L Large Beach Bag

Donor: Beverly Cyr

Become the Best Beach Parent or Grandparent this summer! Bring this large bag of beach toys to the beach! But this is a very special plastic storage bag crocheted from Donelan's plastic bags and has the unique advantage of being able to rinse off all beach sand from the toys after your wonderful day at the beach. Toys included: Star Wars pail, 4 sand utensils, frisbee, 3 sand molds, rocket football, beach badminton set, shovel and rake, water bomb Toss 'N Catch, and sand tower.

Item: 36 L Third Annual Talent Auction FOLK FESTIVAL!

Donor: we have one of the best musician's around

This year the Folk Festival is thrilled to present our own Firehouse Band playing their beautiful brand of folk music. We have a new vocal trio (named The Trio" by Carolyn McCreary) with Patti Sardella, Carole Tillis and Laura Pailler- think Dixie Chicks! For our second set, we have one of the best musician's around, Rob Carlson. Rob is well-known up and down the east coast and is coming up from Connecticut just to play for our Festival. From Maryland to Maine he is just as well known for his humor as his music. As usual, we will have our wine and cheese intermission! May 11, 2019, 7:30 pm, FCU Sanctuary. **UNLIMITED BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Live Auction ROUND TWO

Item: 56 L Prelude and Postlude of Your Choice

Donor: Molly Lozeau

Our own Music Director, Molly Lozeau, will perform your choice of prelude and postlude for one of our Sunday Services by mutual agreement.

Item: 89 L Traditional Afternoon Tea

Donor: Phyllis Terrey, Wendy McDougall, Kristen Ersland

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 3pm on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at one of our homes, to be determined. 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!!**

Item: 2 L Two Handy Helpers

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. Alternatively, we'll take your kids on a fun outing so you can tackle that job yourself. This work to be scheduled on a mutually convenient date and time between now and October 31th, 2019.

Item: 67 L Experience a Tiny House

Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams, Robert Williams

Spend a weekend in a newly built 8x20 foot genuine Tiny House, comparable to what is showcased on tiny house TV and internet. Bob and Susan finished construction this spring, and you and a friend, possibly a few children, can enjoy a few days with all of the amenities of home, including running hot and cold water, a full kitchen, bathroom, electricity, heat and of course, the fabulous water view of Sandy Pond. The date will be mutually agreed upon in spring, fall or winter. Value: 290.

Item: 20 L Quilt – Four-patch Posey

Donor: Judy White

Approx 74 inch x 59 inch. The focus fabric for this quilt was a flower print in shades of rose and purple. Each of the 80 unique blocks have been formed by cutting small squares from the focus fabric and arranging them in sets of four to form a 4-point kaleidoscope pattern. Blocks have soft green sashing and are set off with cream colored cornerstones. People that like puzzles will certainly enjoy spending time figuring out how these blocks were created.

Item: 40 L Airport Transportation

Donor: Lynn Cina

A ride to or from Logan Airport or Manchester, NH Airport. Value: 75.

Item: 87 L New York State of Mind

Donor: Peter Erslund, Kristen Erslund

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.

Item: 88 L Sunfest Bash!

Donor: Alan Bell, Peter Erslund, Kristen Erslund

Start the summer off right with this Tropical Island-themed party at the Erslund's. Let's fill their back yard with good Island-influenced food, great music and terrific vibes...Irie!!! Music by DJ Alkemi (Alan Bell) with an introduction to various Island musical forms...like Soca, Calypso, Salsa and especially Reggae, and, of course...DANCING! Rain (tent-covered) or shine. June 15th starting at 4pm. **UNLIMITED BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Item: 101 L Weekend in Maine

Donor: Cally And John Henriques

Three 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, 2019. Photos available at the auction.

Item: 102 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.

50/50 Raffle. Get your Lei for \$10.

Live Auction ROUND THREE

Item: 54 L

It's the Annual Auction Sermon!

Donor: Lara Hoke

You tell me what you'd like me to preach about -- either a topic, or a title, or both. You can pick a traditional topic (such as theology, world religion, social justice, spirituality, etc.) or something seemingly more off-the-wall. After all, I preached on the Theology of "The Wizard of Oz", and I've preached on stranger topics than that, so feel free to use your imagination.

Value: 500

Item: 17 L

Scenic Bike Ride

Donor: Joel Ross, Jim Nehring

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 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 more challenging on lightly travelled roads. 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. Ride date is Saturday May 11 with a rain date of Sunday, May 19. TOP 14 BIDDERS WIN!!!

Item: 47 L

Three Hours of Yard Work

Donor: Nick Kozlowski

Three hours of yard work to be completed on an agreed upon weekend day any time this year! Raking, clearing brush, weeding, mowing, weed-eating, shoveling, etc. I will bring yard tools if needed!

Item: 1 L

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 month's notice.

Item: 92 L

Trekking the National Parks Game and Supper

Donor: Mike and 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 22, 2019 starting at 5:30 pm.. Top 4 bidders win.

Item: 4 L Alexa Smarthome Setup

Donor: Brian Tarbox

One 30 minute meeting, at your house, to discuss what set of Alexa devices, lights, switches, etc you want. Then after you order the items I'll come back to your house for a one hour session to set everything up. Value at least \$100.

Item: 32 L House Cleaning or Sorting

Donor: Elise Bon-Rudin

Three hours of indoor cleaning or simply tidying up those piles of stuff that have no other place to go. Value: 225.

Item: 70 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. Minimum Bid: \$50. Value: \$10 a loaf at the bakery, if you can find crusty European bread. Offered By Baker Bob. Delivery to be arranged monthly.

Item: 81 S Genealogy Search

Donor: Joyce Williams

Are you descended from Mayflower passengers? From someone in Winthrop's Fleet? Are you related to a president or to Princess Diana? (Millions of Americans are.) Your ancestry will be investigated by an amateur genealogist, member of the New England Genealogical Society.

Item: 100 L Bete 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 December 16 thru January 1 or at any other time when the donor is too overwhelmed to do anything except eat chocolate herself. Actual value: As we say in the art world, the value is determined by what someone is willing to pay for it.

Basket Raffle Items

Item: 5 BR Lucky Board

Donor: Bill Mitchell

A collection of lottery scratch tickets potentially worth millions to the winner; or zilch. Value: 100.

Item: 14 BR Gift Basket of Mary Kay and Essential Oils

Donor: Alison Bentley

Item: 27 BR \$10 Gift Certificate to Union Coffee Roasters

Donor: Anna Fadden

Union Coffee Roasters provides high quality, micro roasted coffee, hand crafted beverages and house baked items. Their mission is to serve only consistently delicious items to all. Conveniently located on Main Street in downtown Ayer.

Item: 34 BR Eco-friendly raffle basket

Donor: Tatum Hammer

Includes 2 hand-made net market/produce bags, 6 children print flannel napkins and 2 reusable fabric snack pouches. Value: 25.

Item: 39 BR Eco-friendly Cleaning Supplies

Donor: Peter Cina, Lynn Cina

A basket full of green, eco-friendly cleaning supplies. Value: 72.

Item: 48 BR Doggie Gift Basket

Donor: Phyllis Terrey

Having fun tonight? Don't forget your best friend who is waiting for you wagging it's tail. Basket includes Bright yellow balls, Bone and/or rawhide, Water bottle, Doggie wipes, Poop bags, Bowl Mat, Treats.

Item: 53 BR Game Night

Donor: Cheryl Lickteig

Our two favorite games to play with friends. Rummikub: a tile-based game for two to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Michigan Rummy: a nine-compartment game board tray, betting chips (we prefer pennies) and a deck of cards for 3-8 players. Also included will be some snacks and a few other surprises. Value: 70.

Item: 64 BR Gourmet Goodies

Donor: Sara Cope

This Gourmet Goody Sampler includes a variety of products from Stonewall Kitchen, King Arthur Flower, Penzey's Spices among others. All are packaged in an attractive and reusable plastic storage bin. This is your chance to experiment with some new flavors and enjoy some old favorites! Please note: Most items are not gluten or dairy free. Value: 75.

Item: 77 BR Car Wash Gift Certificate \$25.00

Donor: Roger Price

Car Wash Gift Certificate \$25.00

Silent Auction Items

Item: 3 S Personal tour of the Whistler House Museum

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 and preferences of the visitor. Tours offered Wednesdays through Saturdays between noon and 4:00 p.m., guided by Ron Willett, one of the museums' 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! **Unlimited BIDDERS WIN!!!**

Item: 6 S Obama: An Intimate Portrait

Donor: Araya Fast

Large picture book of Obama's white house period done by Pete Souza the official photographer. Value: 35.

Item: 9 S Creative Expression Workshop

Donor: Niela Miller

Anyone can make art, music, poetry with guidance and/or you can share a dream or something you have created and be guided in how to use it to produce insight and new perspectives. Refreshments. Top four bidders. Minimum bid: \$25 - I will supply materials. May 17, 2019, 7PM. Duration: 2 plus hours.

Item: 10 S Individual Coaching Session

Donor: Niela Miller

Would you like some new ways of looking at your beliefs, values, upcoming decisions, life balancing, ideas? You will be guided in a life exploration/integration assessment using a combination of data-generating tools such as dreams, gestures, fantasy, writing, and symbolic sketching. Date TBD with winners. \$50 minimum, (2 bidders). Duration: 1.5 hrs (for background info about Niela, see her website: www.peoplesystemspotential.com).

Item: 11 S Cozy Conversations

Donor: Niela Miller

Do you miss the old days of face-to-face verbal exchanges, seeing peoples' facial expressions, hearing the laughter, taking time to explore pithy topics? I am offering an evening of meaningful conversation accompanied by chocolates, teas and port! I will provide facilitation and topic prompts or you can suggest your own topic for exploration. Maximum-six souls. \$20 per person. June 14, 2019, 7PM. Duration 2 plus hours.

Item: 12 S Seasonal Suite CD

Donor: Niela Miller

10 copies available without fancy label. Composed by Niela Miller. Album notes available on request. \$5 apiece (or more if you feel generous.) First 10 bidders.

Item: 13 S One Hour Massage--Two Winners

Donor: Alison Bentley

Gift card for one hour massage at my office in Chelmsford. Top two bidders win. Value: 75.

Item: 15 S Tarot Reading

Donor: Andy Leyenaar

Curious about your future? Not just your future mind you but anyone's future. What a comfort it must be to know what's going to happen ahead of time. Curious yet? Value: 45.

Item: 18 S Celebrate Pi Day

Donor: Judy White, Joyce Williams, Sara Weeks

What are you doing on Saturday, March 14, 2020? (3.14) Join us for an enjoyable afternoon celebrating Pi Day. We will provide fun filled activities to investigate pi, give some information about the history of pi, and share some amusing stories about pi. We will continue the celebration with dinner which will certainly include some kind of pi(e). TOP 8 BIDDERS WIN!

Item: 21 S Firehouse Band House Concert and Dinner

Donor: Eric Semple, Laura Semple

The Firehouse Band will perform a house concert for the top 12 bidders. The event includes beverages and appetizers to start. The band will perform a private concert which will be followed by dinner and dessert. The event is held at the home of Charlie and Sara Weeks in Fitchburg. We can accommodate all food preferences. Come hungry and ready to hear some fabulous folk music performed by FCU's resident folk band. Date for the concert is Saturday, November 16th at 4pm.

Item: 22 S Yummy, Fast, & Easy! (And healthy, too) Donor: Theresa Catino

Interested in some quick recipes that are full of flavor? Want to enjoy more meat-free meals? Then these two cookbooks -- with many easy, healthy recipes -- are for you. Vegan Meals for One or Two and Vegan Microwave Cookbook. Value: 32.

Item: 23 S Cambodian Purse/Tote Bag Donor: Theresa Catino

Purse/Tote Bag made in Cambodian sewing school sponsored by SharingFoundation.org. Value: 30.

Item: 24 S Rich's 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 the two highest bidders.

Item: 25 S \$25. Gift Certificate Osawa Japanese Bistro Donor: Anna Fadden

Osawa Bistro opened in the summer of 2018 and has an extensive menu of sushi, soups, teriyaki and chef's specials. Conveniently located on Main Street in downtown Ayer.

Item: 26 S Homemade Applesauce Donor: Anna Fadden

Two 16 oz jars of Anna's homemade applesauce (as featured at a previous Stewardship dinner). Contains only fresh apples and apple cider. Jars are not canned. They can be kept refrigerated or are ready to pop in your freezer to use at a later date. Available at the auction.

Item: 28 S Heron Rookery Nature Walk Donor: Laurie Nehring

Sunday, May 26, 6:15 to dusk (about 8:30pm). We will hike the Great Blue Heron Trail to see if there are young hatchlings at the Heron Rookery, with the frenzied actions of parents feeding their babies at dusk! We will literally have a 'birds eye view' of the nests from a ledge that overlooks the pond. Feel free to pack a snack or light dinner, as we watch the sun set over the pond. Sunday, May 26, 2019, 6:15PM. Rain date: Sunday, June 2, 6:15PM - dusk. Rocky Hill Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, Cardinal Lane, Groton (behind Shaw's). Details will be provided to those who sign up. Top 18 Bidders win!

Item: 29 S Two Full Spectrum Energy Healings Donor: Lori Grant

The first healing will balance the masculine and feminine energies prior to balancing each Chakra. The 2nd healing will depend on what the clients wants/needs. Value: 300.

Item: 30 S 5000 Mile Maintenance Service for Your Vehicle. Donor: Dan Lombardy

I will change your oil and rotate your tires at a mutually convenient time (probably Sundays after Church). Oil and filter included as well as disposal of used oil. Preferably during warmer months, April-October, as this is Dan's Driveway Service. I'll pick up and return your car.

Item: 31 S Two tickets to the Play The Frogs Donor: Mary Giurleo

Two tickets to one performance of: "The Frogs" at the Boston Conservatory Performance times: Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 8:00pm, Friday, April 26, 2019 - 8:00pm, Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 2:00pm, Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 8:00pm, Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 2:00pm. Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway Street,, Floor 2, Boston, MA. Loosely based on the Greek comedy written in 405 B.C. by Aristophanes, The Frogs playfully explores the great challenges of human existence: confronting our fears, understanding life and death, and challenging the distractions that can prevent us from achieving our goals. This boisterously hilarious, yet poignant musical follows Dionysus, the Greek god of wine and drama, and his slave, Xanthias, on a journey to Hades to collect renowned playwright George Bernard Shaw so that he may enlighten the easily misled and coerced masses. Along this journey, Dionysus and Xanthias meet Chekhov, Congreve, Ibsen, Brecht, and a chorus of frogs. Shakespeare makes an unexpected appearance, and before long, he and Shaw find themselves in a battle of words. Who will win and have the honor of becoming reincarnated: the Bard or Bernard? Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Book by Burt Shevelove and Nathan Lane. Directed and choreographed by Larry Sousa. Music directed and conducted by Eric Stern Buyer should e-mail Mary (mgiurleo@comcast.net) as soon as possible with their preferred performance time. Your tickets will be held for you at the Box Office. Value: 60.

Item: 35 S Cozy Kettle Dyed Malabrigo Wool Cowl Donor: Tatum Hammer Value: 45.

Item: 37 S Homemade Lemon Meringue Pie Donor: Emily Welch

One yummy homemade lemon meringue pie available with three weeks notice and free delivery or pickup. Collect any time before Auction 2020.

Item: 41 S One Original Art Print Greeting Cards by Niela Donor: Niela Miller

Prints from original art by Niela Miller. Pack of four with envelopes.

Item: 42 S Spring Cleaning? Decluttering? Organizing? Donor: Anne Ciota

I am offering three hours of my time to do any cleaning, decluttering or organizing that you want done. We can do it together, or you can assign me some chores and go have fun! BTW, I have no problem encouraging people to let go of things they don't truly love, or that they truly love, but no longer need or use. (I recently sold a beautiful rug from Nepal that was gifted to me many years ago by a dear friend. I loved this rug, but it had been rolled up in my attic for over two years, as I had no place for it in my apartment after I moved. The woman who bought it loved it and assured me the rug would be loved and admired on a daily basis. Win-win for all, including the Nepali rug. :)) Expiration date: October 7, 2019 We will mutually agree on date and time.

Item: 43 S Simple Stress/Worry Release Method Donor: Anne Ciota

Want to learn a simple, yet effective way to release stress and worry... and relax? I will spend up to two hours with you, in my home or yours, and teach you a self-help tool called EFT or Tapping. I will teach you how to use this easy, yet highly effective method to release stress, or worry, or..... Gary Craig, an engineer who developed this tool decades ago, has a motto: Try it on Everything! (You have nothing to lose, except a few minutes of your time.) People also use it effectively to reduce or eliminate pain. Free gift: copy of Nick Ortner's book on using tapping for pain relief.

Item: 44 S Cajun Feast Donor: Sara Weeks, Monica Pilman

Join Monica Pilman and Sara Weeks at the Weeks household. Together we will prepare and cook a real Cajun feast, and then enjoy eating it together. We'll prepare three courses: a main course, a jambalaya 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 26, 2019 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Item: 45 S 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.

Item: 46 S Cooking for Beginners

Donor: Sara Weeks, Charlie Weeks

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make a few go-to dishes, but you're not sure what you're doing in the kitchen? Join Sara and Charlie Weeks and you'll come away with some new skills and some time-tested recipes that are easy and delicious. We will prepare and eat 2 entrees, a salad with homemade dressing and 2 desserts. 4 People. Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

Item: 49 S Family/Friend Fun Day at Kimball Farm

Donor: Elinor McCarthy Gentilman

Family/Friend Fun Day at Kimball Farm, Westford. Gift Card \$150. Outdoor fun: pitch & putt, zip-line, bumper boats, batting cages, mini-golf, pony rides, etc. Food: seafood grill, cafe, ice cream, country store. Value: 150.

Item: 50 S Two Original Art Print Greeting Cards by Niela

Donor: Niela Miller

Prints from original art by Niela Miller. Pack of four with envelopes.

Item: 51 S Three Original Art Print Greeting Cards by Niela

Donor: Niela Miller

Prints from original art by Niela Miller. Pack of four with envelopes.

Item: 52 S Four Original Art Print Greeting Cards by Niela

Donor: Niela Miller

Prints from original art by Niela Miller. Pack of four with envelopes.

Item: 55 S One Quart of Laraya Honey

Donor: Lorinda Morimoto

One quart Laraya honey. Fall vintage (dark). May last a few years depending on what you use it for.

Item: 57 S Nuts to Soup on a Winter's Night!

Donor: Jan Duston

Dinner for six delivered to your house on a cold winter's evening. The dinner includes appetizers, a bottle of red or white wine, homemade soup, fresh salad, rustic bread and special desert. Featured soup choice will be decided by the winner, but can be anything from an Italian Peasant Ribollita or Hot and Sour, to Creamy Mushroom or Lobster Bisque. Delicious desert choice to be discussed with winner. January-March with date and time of delivery to be agreed upon.

Item: 58 S Bluebirds in your House!

Donor: Bill Duston

Back again this year! This Spring Bill will install a bluebird house attached to a pole on your property to attract these feathery friends to the finest of neighborhoods. We can't guarantee bluebirds.....but you might get a family of wrens which are cute too, just ask Chet! No invasive sparrows wanted! Top two bidders win. Value: Priceless to the Bluebirds!

Item: 59 S Sherry Tasting and Tapas Party

Donor: Lori Locascio

Taste and learn about the differences among the 4 primary sherries: fino, amontillado, manzanilla, and dulce. Sip your favorite sherry, Spanish wine or sparkling water while eating delicious tapas for dinner. Listen to Spanish classical guitar and nuevo flamenco while watching the sun set with our spectacular view. The tapas spread will be one you will not soon forget. Imagine white gazpacho, shrimp in garlic sauce, jamon Serrano (dry-cured Spanish ham), olives, meatballs in almond sauce, Marcona almonds, and sausages with sweet/sour figs just to name a few. We can accommodate any dietary restrictions. Six seats available for Saturday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Item: 60 S Soul Collage Workshop

Donor: Lori Locascio

Join Five others in this intimate workshop at church to create and interpret soul collages on 5 x 7 cards. We will rely on the intuitive process (not any artistic ability) to work with the language of symbols, dreams and archetypes to let our inner wisdom bubble up. All materials included. We did this last year and had a grand time. This is back by popular demand! See soulcollage.com for an idea of what we will be doing (note I am not a certified facilitator). Saturday, June 1 9:00 - noon in the Vestry. Five seats available. Value: 50.

Item: 61 S Adopt A Wolf – Alawa

Donor: Sara Cope

ALAWA is one of 3 Ambassador Wolves who live at the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY. The WCC's three Ambassador Wolves reside on exhibit where they help teach the public about wolves and their vital role in the environment. Through wolves, the WCC teaches the broader message of conservation, ecological balance, and personal responsibility for improved human stewardship of our World. Here's your opportunity to adopt ALAWA and contribute to the preservation of her species. Your Adoption kit includes a photo and bio of ALAWA, an Official Certificate of Adoption, a WCC bumper sticker, Save the Wolves lapel pin, WCC coffee mug and WCC tote bag. Value: 65.

Item: 62 S Adopt A Wolf – Nikai

Donor: Sara Cope

NIKAI is one of 3 Ambassador Wolves who live at the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY. The WCC's three Ambassador Wolves reside on exhibit where they help teach the public about wolves and their vital role in the environment. Through wolves, the WCC teaches the broader message of conservation, ecological balance, and personal responsibility for improved human stewardship of our World. Here's your opportunity to adopt NIKAI and contribute to the preservation of his species. Your Adoption kit includes a photo and bio of NIKAI, an Official Certificate of Adoption, a WCC bumper sticker, Save the Wolves lapel pin, WCC coffee mug and WCC tote bag. Value: 65.

Item: 63 S Adopt A Wolf –Zephyr

Donor: Sara Cope

ZEPHYR is one of 3 Ambassador Wolves who live at the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY. The WCC's three Ambassador Wolves reside on exhibit where they help teach the public about wolves and their vital role in the environment. Through wolves, the WCC teaches the broader message of conservation, ecological balance, and personal responsibility for improved human stewardship of our World. Here's your opportunity to adopt ZEPHYR and contribute to the preservation of his species. Your Adoption kit includes a photo and bio of ZEPHYR, an Official Certificate of Adoption, a WCC bumper sticker, Save the Wolves lapel pin, WCC coffee mug and WCC tote bag. Value: 65.

Item: 68 S Dinner and a Play

Donor: Robert Williams, Susan Tordella-Williams

This make-your-own-adventure will come alive when YOU read aloud the parts of the one-act comedy, "The Whole Shebang" by Rich Orloff. The evening starts with a gourmet dinner that will please every palate from gluten free, to vegan and cave dweller, and include Bob's glutenitious homemade bread, as well as wine, beer and a homemade flan. The play is hilarious and we will take turns reading the parts. A guaranteed fun-fest of food and make-your-own entertainment. Minimum bid \$40 each Value: What's the value of home-grown fun, laughter and good food? Twelve seats available. Saturday, June 15, 2019, 6:30 pm, 5 Hedgeway St. in Ayer.

Item: 69 S Wear A Unique FCU Nametag

Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams

Never search for your nametag necklace again and enjoy wearing a unique beaded necklace suitable for he, she and everyone in between. Choose from six gorgeous beaded necklaces for FCU nametags for the silent auction. Minimum bid \$10.

Value: 15

Item: 71 S Susan's Spectacular Salad Dressings, Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams

Four bottles of homemade gluten-free salad dressings made with prime fresh gourmet ingredients, including the base of 100 percent Greek extra virgin olive oil. Magnificent Honey Mustard and Basically the Best Balsamic. They can go on anything such as roasted vegetables, pasta and green salads. Value: \$6-\$8/bottle at Whole Foods. \$7 minimum donation per bottle. To be provided at the auction to take home.

Item: 72 S Tickets To The Greatest Show In Lowell Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams, Robert Williams

Two sets of two tickets each for the Merrimack Repertory Theater in Lowell. The last two shows of the season are "The Haunted Life" by Jack Kerouac, that closes April 14, an adaption of a lost novel by Lowell native Jack Kerouac; and "Cry it Out" by Molly Smith Metzler, April 24-May 19, a new comedy for every new mom that throws two very different women into an unlikely but fierce friendship. 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. Minimum bid: \$25 for two tickets. Top two bidders win. Value: \$35-\$50 each. Pickup at the Auction.

Item: 73 S Air BnB Consultants Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams, Robert Williams

Do you want to learn more about the sharing economy to monetize your assets and become an Air BnB host? As Superhosts for several years, Susan and Bob can launch budding hosts on how-to and tips for success. The consultation will take place over a homemade gourmet meal that can include Bob's Glutenituous bread, plenty of wine, and a menu to please your dietary preferences. Date: Mutually agreed upon. Minimum Bid: \$35. Actual value: \$75/hour plus the value of a home cooked meal.

Item: 74 S Flamingo Beach Brunch Donor: Carole Tillis, Carolyn McCreary

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 Saturday, July 6 at 11 AM, six seats available. Hope to see you there!

Item: 75 S Mathematics Tutoring Donor: Carolyn McCreary

Mathematics tutoring: 5 hours of tutoring for a single middle school or high school student from a teacher with over 20 years of experience in the classroom.

Item: 76 S A Fun Frugal Fashionistas Adventure Donor: Sara Weeks, Susan Tordella-Williams

Find designer clothes at rock-bottom prices and other good stuff at this shop, a hidden gem in Lowell. Fashionistas will offer guidance and look for clothes that fit and flatter you. The prices can't get any lower than this thrift shop, which offers good quality merchandise with many designer labels, and some outfits you can afford to try for something fun and different. You're guaranteed to find at least one work outfit as well as a froo-froo item for a fraction of the retail price and something you never expected. Meet at FCU Saturday, May 4, at 8:45am to caravan to Lowell. After shopping until we drop, we'll go out for lunch in downtown Lowell and return to FCU by noon. \$15 per person. Teens and children \$5. Limit 15.

Item: 78 S A Taste of Improv - Come Play Some Games With Us Donor: Julie Bucceri, Mark Bucceri

Come spend an evening learning the basics of Improv games in a fun, supportive environment. Why play Improv games? Improv is a form of play and of saying yes to new ideas. It helps people to get in touch with their more creative, less edited selves. It creates laughter and trust. It builds confidence and self-awareness. Many corporations have incorporated Improv into their professional development to build more fluid and innovative teams. We will start the evening with snacks and appetizers and continue with an exploration of the basics of Improv using games and techniques that are designed to help your creativity flow. We will wrap up with dessert and reflection on the gifts and challenges of the evening. No experience necessary! Seats: 8. Date: 06/08/2019. Time: 6:00PM. Place: The Bucceri Residence, 56 Matawanakee Trail, Littleton.

Item: 79 S Forge & Vine Restaurant \$100.00 Gift Certificate Donor: Cheryl Lickteig, Larry Lickteig

\$100.00 Gift Certificate for the fabulous new Forge & Vine restaurant, located on Main Street next to the Groton Inn. (Be sure to make reservations 2-3 weeks ahead!)

Item: 80 S Adopt a Cactus Donor: Susan Tordella-Williams

Give this unique and beautiful succulent plant a warm, sunny, dry place in your home. It's low-maintenance, prickly and interesting.

Item: 83 S Three Dozen Delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies Donor: Meg Low

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

**Item: 84 S Hike, Eat, Swim Donor: Eric Semple, Laura Semple,
Lawrence Kaylor, Lynda Kaylor**

Are you up for some hiking, or perhaps some strolling around a beautiful garden? How about sitting around a lake and just relaxing while you watch the water evaporate? All this can be yours on Saturday, July 20, raindate Sunday, July 21. Join Laura, Eric and Laura Semple and Larry and Lynda Kaylor, your hosts, will provide for you a fun filled day in N.H. with many choices for enjoyment. If you want to hike the ever popular Pack Monadnock Mountain, avid hikers Larry and Lynda will be your guide. If you want to stroll, leisurely, the lovely gardens of the Cathedral of the Pines, Laura and Eric will be your guides. When your chosen excursion is complete all will rendez-vous at the lake house home of Eric and Laura in Jaffrey NH for a delicious lunch, a boat ride, and some lake side relaxing. Top 12 bidders win.

Item: 85 S Easy As Pie Donor: Martha Childs

Come to a Saturday afternoon workshop to learn the step by step process of making the best apple pie ever. All ingredients (and family secrets) will be supplied for you to create your very own pie. This will be happen in September (when local apples are at peak deliciousness). Specific date to be determined. Top 4 bidders win.

Item: 86 S Explore Street Art in Lynn Donor: Debbie Eston

Explore Street Art in Lynn, MA on Sunday August 11, 2019 1 - 6 pm - walking tour led by Debbie Eston - meet at FCU at 1 to carpool, afternoon snack is included. Check out this WBUR article about the August 2018 Mural Festival <https://www.wbur.org/artery/2018/08/24/beyond-walls-mural-festival-lynn-2018> . If weather is inclement another date will be chosen to accommodate all. Top 10 bidders win.

Item: 90 S A 3 Mile Hike Through Chet's Backyard Donor: Chet Olson

Chet Olson will lead a hike through Oakhill and Tophet Chasm. We'll see Native American worship area, the Serpent Rock, Native American Marker Trees, a couple of natural oddities and a stop at Outlook Rock. There will be chances to win prizes for spotting such sights along the way. Join us for this fun exploration where everyone will be a winner! Saturday, September 14th at 3 pm to whenever. Rain Date Sunday September 15th at 3 pm to whenever. More details emailed to winners. TOP 15 BIDDERS WIN!!!

Item: 91 S Full Moon and Foliage Donor: Chet Olson

Watch the Moon rise from Outlook Rock. This is a phenomenal site to see from Outlook Rock at Oak Hill. The moon seems to hang in the sky in an amazing way. We will walk up to Outlook Rock Starting at 5 pm on Saturday, October 12th. Moon Rise is 6:03 pm. Sunset is 6:56 when we hike down. This is the most perfect line up of celestial bodies. Rain Date is October 13th Departure will be 5:30. Moon Rise is 6:27. Sunset is 6:55 and departure soon after. Chet Olson will lead this moderate hike up the fire road. More details to winners. TOP 15 BIDDERS WIN!!!

Item: 93 S 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. 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 22, 2019 starting at 5:30PM. Top 4 bidders win.

Item: 94 S Technical Handyman Work for Two Hours Donor: Mike Pilman

Mike will work for you at a mutually arranged time and place for two hours on a technical/handyman chore. Many of you are familiar with his problem-solving and technical skills...how about having this talent at your beck and call? Date and time and task to be mutually agreed upon by the donor and the buyer.

Item: 96 S 90-Minute Session with a Career & Executive Coach: Donor: Bonnie Petrovich

Have you been wishing you knew of someone you could talk to about your professional life -- either to manage your career or transition into your next step? Bonnie is a trained, confidential, experienced listener who has helped 100s of others to successfully take their next step? You can use this session to have a sounding board for exploring career directions, get professional feedback and ideas for your resume/CV or LinkedIn profile, coaching to become more confident in interviewing or negotiating, launching a business, or anything else related to your professional next steps. I look forward to meeting with you! The buyer needs to email or call me and we'll set up a convenient time and place to meet. (Somewhere near Devens, the Church, or virtually (phone, video call and/or computer-screen share). Value: 240.

Item: 97 S Larry Kaylor's Popular Homebrew - Elevenses Donor: Lawrence Kaylor

One of my popular homebrews - Elevenses - returns to the TA. I will offer 4 six-packs to the top 4 silent bidders. Elevenses is, quite simply, the One Brew to Rule Them All. Mild enough to break out before mid-day, yet fortified with notes of toasty malt and herbal hops to sustain weary travelers whenever the road goes on and on. It's an ideal session beer - though be forewarned there are some reports that frolicking and fellowship may ensue. If you're seeking a top-notch brown ale with a taste for adventure, try Elevenses Ale. It's pure fantasy, come to life. A perfect companion for watching Game of Thrones or Lord of the Rings. Pairs well with food. TOP FOUR BIDDERS WIN! Value: 15.

Item: 99 S

A Pair of Signed Play in Space-time T-shirts.

Donor: Doug Sweetser

These are two t-shirts which will be freshly printed for the winning bid. The first features Turquoise Einstein, a print of an oil painting I did with a loose color palette. The second was a collaboration with my daughter that has balloon girl floating in a weaker gravitational field than laying down man. https://www.redbubble.com/people/visualphysics/works/22331871-turquoise-einstein?asc=u&grid_pos=7&p=womens-relaxed-fit&rbs=a88e816b-6b8f-4b40-816d-2ba053873150&ref=artist_shop_grid . <https://www.redbubble.com/people/visualphysics/works/22331937-play-in-space-time?p=t-shirt&style=mens&rbs=> . Will deliver approximately 2 weeks after the sizes are known. Value: 40.

Item: 103 S

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 10-16. I will deliver to FCU or you may pick up at my home in Littleton on Christmas Eve 2019.

Item: 104 S

Gluten Free Cake

Donor: Melissa Baern

Gluten Free Cake of your choosing.