

American Horticultural Society

24th Annual Gala - From Sea to Shining Sea - 9/23/2017

Silent Auction

Art & Fashion

100 Revolutionary War Soldiers, Set of Four Prints

Done in the style of Frederick Elmiger, this handsome set of prints includes two dashing Colonial soldiers and two dapper British soldiers. Hang them together or separately, depending on how well they get along when you get home. Four 6" x 12" decoupage-on-wood framed prints.

Value: \$ 100 Donor(s): American Horticultural Society

101 Tiger's Eye Necklace

From a distance, this is a subtle piece of jewelry - done in neutral tones of tiger's eye and smoked quartz. Up close, however, the graduated beads have just the right amount of sheen to catch the light and the matinee length strands fall at just the right place. Dress it up or dress it down - this item will compliment many outfits in your closet.

Value: \$ 126 Donor(s): Richard Carroll

102 "Yellow Tulip on Hot Pink Ground," Matthew Johnston

Local Alexandria artist Matthew Johnston has made a name for himself with these bold and colorful depictions of tulips. His work hangs in the US Airways 1st Class lounge at Reagan National Airport, Restaurant Eve, and several U.S. State Department offices overseas, among other noteworthy places. Join that illustrious community with this fun and modern tulip. Original 6" x 40" painting on mat board with a graphite frame. (Signed by the artist.)

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): NCA Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

103 Limited Edition Fine Art Print

With 38 years of professional art photography experience, Thomas Fallon has learned that photos must tell a story. As a result, each of his hand-crafted photographs is a compositional narrative brimming with character, design, texture, and color in a symbiotic harmony that is elegant and yet illustrative. Select a limited-edition 12" art print by Thomas Fallon that speaks to you or apply the full value of the limited edition print to a larger print.

Value: \$ 500 Donor(s): Sea Glass Fine Art

104 Jade Jasper Fish Brooch

Do you lose hours watching the lithe grace of the residents of your koi pond? Are you taken with the translucent beauty of jade? Then this gorgeous carved jade Jasper Fish Brooch is the perfect accessory for nights out or just to smarten up your jacket. Approx. 2", mounted in 14k yellow gold.

Value: \$ 895 Donor(s): King's Jewelry

105 "Maman et Moi" Oil Painting

Gorgeous oil painting of a mother and child. Includes a certificate of authenticity guaranteeing that the item is "hand-painted entirely with oil with no mechanical means of reproduction utilized." This is a fantastic statement piece that will really set a familial, nurturing tone for your living or dining room.

Value: \$ 1,200 Donor(s): Tradition de France

106 "Winter's Secret – Great Gray Owl," Thomas D. Mangelsen

Look closely. There he is! "As one of the world's largest owls, a Great Gray settles onto his perch among the willowy branches of an aspen tree. During the winter of 2004-2005, Minnesota experienced an historic invasion of more than 2000 great grays, unprecedented in any of our United States." Award winning photographer, Thomas D. Mangelsen, captured this amazing owl image in Northern Minnesota. 40" x 55", professionally finished with museum quality materials. (Signed by the photographer, 592/2500 in the series.)

Value: \$ 4,600 Donor(s): Holly Nolting

107 "Cottonwood Hollow – Great Horned Owls," Thomas D. Mangelsen

Photographing in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, renowned artist and conservationist, Thomas D. Mangelsen, recalls, "[i]n the fading light... the mother flew in and landed above the hollow blending in perfectly with the trunk of the tree. Framed by the cottonwood's leaves, she and one of the owlets looked directly at the camera while the shy one looked away. It was the moment I had been waiting for!" This large and gorgeous print is the one you've been waiting for! 40" x 55", professionally finished with museum quality materials. (Signed by the photographer, 527/950 in the series.)

Value: \$ 6,400 Donor(s):

Books

200 The Foodscape Revolution, by Brie Arthur

Foodscaping visionary, and AHS Great American Gardener Emerging Horticulturist Award Winner for 2017, Brie Arthur looks at under-utilized garden spaces around homes or in the landscaped common spaces of planned communities – and she sees places where food can be grown...interplanted with non-food ornamental plants for year-round beauty. In this entertaining and informative book, you'll learn how to begin an enriched gardening lifestyle that is beneficial, sustainable and empowering. Complete with full-color photos, design plans, simple projects and bountiful tips.
Autographed by the author.

Priceless Donor(s):

201 Rosemary Verey: The Life & Lessons of a Legendary Gardener, Barbara Paul Robinson

Rosemary Verey was the last of the great English garden legends. Although she embraced gardening late in life, she quickly achieved international renown. She was the acknowledged apostle of the "English style," the "must have" adviser to the rich and famous, including Prince Charles and Elton John, and a beloved and wildly popular lecturer in America. A natural teacher, Verey encouraged her American fans to believe that they were fully capable of creating beautiful gardens and re-introduced the English to their own gardening traditions. She developed a language of classical formal design, embellished with her exuberant planting style. A demanding taskmaster, and a relentless perfectionist, Rosemary Verey, in her life as in her work, was the very personification of the English garden style. Autographed by the author.

Priceless Donor(s):

202 Floral Diplomacy at the White House, by Laura Dowling

Our very own Board Member, Laura Dowling, served as Chief Floral Designer at the White House from 2009 until 2015. In this unique position, she managed décor and flowers for thousands of White House events while using flowers as a strategic tool for communicating diplomatic, symbolic and political messages. She is renowned for creating a new romantic style of flower arranging featuring free-flowing lines of vines and flowers emanating from a classical bouquet. Here, she describes her inspiration, provides tips and techniques on flower arranging and entertaining, and offers readers a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse into both official and private White House life. Autographed by the author.

Priceless Donor(s): Laura Dowling

203 A White House Christmas, Including Floral Design Tutorials, by Laura Dowling

In her second book, Laura gives readers a back stage pass to the complex year-long planning process of creating some of the most innovative and ambitious handmade holiday displays. From architectural details to sugar paste floral vases and robotic versions of the First Family dogs, her décor inspired and delighted visitors and guests from all around the world. In addition to her White House experiences, Laura shares advice and ideas, amusing anecdotes, tips and techniques for planning holiday displays, including step-by-step instructions for recreating some of the most popular and original White House holidays designs at home. Autographed by the author.

Priceless Donor(s): Laura Dowling

204 AHS 2017 Award Winning Book Collection

Make room on your bookshelf for the best gardening books of 2017! Covering the art, science, and history of gardening, this set of AHS 2017 Book Award winners is sure to please every gardener. Titles include:

- All the Presidents' Gardens, autographed by Marta McDowell*
- Garden Revolution: How our landscapes can be a source of environmental change, autographed by Larry Weaner & Thomas Christopher*
- Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style, autographed by Joseph Tychonievich*
- The Bee-Friendly Garden, by Kate Frey and Gretchen LeBuhn*
- PLANT: Exploring the Botanical World, Phaidon Press Limited*

Priceless Donor(s): American Horticultural Society

Food & Beverage

300 Time to Wine Down

This basket of wine gadgets and accoutrements is perfect for the discerning (or amateur) wine enthusiast. The perfect antidote to a long week (or a particularly heinous Monday paper cut.) Complete with actual wine!

Value: \$ 100 Donor(s): Viveka and Joshua Neveln

301 Rocklands Barbeque Company

Go whole hog for your next party! Local barbeque gurus Rockland's Barbeque and Grilling Company will prepare a 50 pound full roasted pig for you and 25 of your non-vegetarian friends. This package includes a certificate for your pig and a selection of hot sauces from the renowned Rocklands Hot Sauce Wall of Fire.

Value: \$ 440 Donor(s): Rockland's Barbeque and Grilling Company

302 Pottery Basket

This collection by the Laurel Garden Club includes: Hand-thrown pottery (cream & sugar with platter, appetizer bowl, and petal bowl), giant olives, savory thin crackers, coffee toffee cookies, cocoa truffles, pomegranate white tea, peach bellini, and a garden friend.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Laurel Garden Club

303 A Peony Saved is a Peony Earned

This lovely peony tote contains a bottle of Peony Vodka by Three Meadows Spirits (only available for purchase in NY), a box of organic loose leaf White Peony tea by Rishi, recipes for white tea cocktails, and a set of beautiful peony note cards.

Value: \$ 100 Donor(s): Karin Rindal

304 A Taste of Texas

Have a Lone Star wine and cheese party with these goodies brought all the way from Abilene. This collection includes a cheese board in the shape of Texas and two bottles of Becker Vineyards Reserve collection (Viognier and Cabernet Sauvignon) that you can pour into two stylish stemless wine glasses. Tidy up after the party using this handy tea towel.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Perini Steakhouse

Garden & Hort

400 LED Light Garden

Apartment dwellers, do you feel like your property-owning friends have all the horticultural fun? Don't suffer from the fear of missing out any longer! With this hydroponics indoor herb garden kit, you too can grow herbs (or other leafy greens.) Add a fairy house or mini dinosaurs to be fully on trend. Added bonus: LED mood lighting or nightlight.

Value: \$ 55 Donor(s): Henrietta Burke

401 Garden Style

Bunny Williams, one of America's best-known interior designers brings her talent to the outdoors and shares her belief that gardening with style is possible for everyone. Read this handsome coffee table tome then practice with this colorful hand trowel and rake.

Value: \$ 70 Donor(s): Leslie Ariail, Patina

402 Late Blooming Daylilies From the Zech Garden

Small collection of bare-root, late-blooming daylilies from AHS Board Member Marcia Zech's garden. Each will be tagged. Daylilies are perennial plants, whose name alludes to the flowers which typically last no more than 24 hours. The flowers of most species open in early morning and wither during the following night, possibly replaced by another one on the same flower stalk the next day. Daylilies are great for casual cut flower arrangements as new flowers continue to open on cut stems over several days. A beautiful variety of pink & lavender, these daylilies are sure to brighten your garden for years to come.

Value: \$ 90 Donor(s): Marcia and Klaus Zech

403 Award Winning Daylilies From the Zech Garden

Small collection of award winning daylilies from AHS Board Member Marcia Zech's garden, bare root. Each will be tagged. Daylilies are perennial plants, whose name alludes to the flowers which typically last no more than 24 hours. The flowers of most species open in early morning and wither during the following night, possibly replaced by another one on the same flower stalk the next day. Daylilies are great for casual cut flower arrangements as new flowers continue to open on cut stems over several days. A beautiful variety of pink & lavender, these daylilies are sure to brighten your garden for years to come.

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404 Monarch-Mania

This specially curated collection includes two monarch butterfly books for children: "Mother Monarch" and "Monarch and Milkweed," stuffed stages of a monarch (manipulatives), butterfly craft paper punch, a pre-seeded mat of monarch/butterfly mix, poster, and information on pollinators...all in a super-fun reversible tote bag! Great for parents or teachers!

Value: \$ 100 Donor(s): Fairfax Fern Garden Club

405 Trip to Garden Supply Basket

The wonderful members of the Belvoir Garden Club have collected lots of garden miscellany to save you a trip to the garden supply store. Basket includes: pumpkin welcome sign, vase brush, dibbler, sign with a stake, harvest napkins, suet soap, Miracle Grow, daffodil bulbs, flower seeds, wild flower seeds, hand tools, flower pot, gloves and a hat.

Value: \$ 100 Donor(s): Belvoir Garden Club

406 It's About Thyme Basket

This converted old school tool box is filled with all manner of thyme-related miscellany: "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs," "Essential Guide to Growing and Cooking with Herbs," "Capital Cookery," "Flavoring with Herbs," "Taylor's 50 Best Herbs & Edible Flowers," garden labels, lotion, thermometer, candle, desk set, wall hanging, spoon set, and stylish desk clock...to tell the thyme.

Value: \$ 120 Donor(s): Springfield Acres Garden Club

407 Virginia Gardens Basket

This lovely straw basket contains: "Historic Virginia Gardens," wine bottle decorator, squirrel decoration, gardening gloves, cocktail napkins, pumpkin patch sachets, citronella candles, gardening trowel, gardening cultivator, pruning set, 2 porcelain mugs with fall motif, kitchen towels, and a glass pumpkin.

Value: \$ 120 Donor(s): Hunting Creek Garden Club

408 Pot from Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England, filled with Fresh Herbs

This Kew Pot is filled with fresh herbs and a garden marker. Each piece from the Royal Botanic Gardens has a distinctive patina which represents hand-thrown bespoke craftsmanship with clean lines and classic proportions suitable for many uses whether in your home or on the terrace.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Red Hill Garden Club

409 Mt. Diablo Landscaping - 5 Man Hours

Do you have a large lawn, extensive flower beds, or a long driveway? Do you long for the good old days when neighborhood kids looking to earn some money would mow that lawn, mulch those beds, or shovel that driveway? Mt. Diablo will provide five hours towards your landscaping or snow removal needs. Corporate mascot Bo the chihuahua does ride along on most jobs for quality control.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Mt. Diablo Landscaping

410 Rare Potted Clivia Debutante

Be the envy of all your garden club friends as the owner of the elusive and award-winning 'Longwood Debutante' yellow clivia. The lightly scented blossoms are a soft, buttery yellow shade (a result of 35 years of plant wizardry,) making an already attractive and durable plant an absolute knockout. White Flower Farm has donated a mature plant, approximately 24" tall. Clivias, like all of us, require very little care and grow more impressive with age.

Value: \$ 300 Donor(s): White Flower Farm

Get Away

500 One Night Stay at The George Washington Grand Hotel, Winchester, VA

Bygone charm and luxurious amenities converge at The George Washington. Perched at the northern edge of the Shenandoah Valley, the stately Georgian Revival hotel puts you 70 miles from Washington, DC and just steps from shops and restaurants. You'll discover rejuvenating experiences at every turn, beginning with the indoor pool modeled after a Roman bathhouse. Enjoy a great meal at George's Food & Spirits, relax at The Half Note Lounge--featuring live entertainment on weekends, or indulge in a therapeutic treatment at Saumaj Health Spa. Plush beds, Herman Miller® ergonomic chairs, and other upscale amenities welcome you.

Value: \$ 200 Donor(s): The George Washington Grand Hotel

501 One Night at Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South

Enjoy a one (1) night stay at the plush and convenient Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South, plus a full breakfast for two and complimentary parking.

Value: \$ 350 Donor(s): Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South

502 One Night Stay at the Interlaken Inn, Lakeville, Connecticut

As summer turns to fall, do you have a hankering for a New England autumn adventure? Have you always wanted to be a leaf peeper, marveling at peak fall foliage, Mother Nature's visual gift before winter sets in? Plan a stay at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, Connecticut. While there enjoy an authentic farm-to-table dinner for two, elegant overnight accommodations in this secluded lakeside inn, and a delicious breakfast.

Value: \$ 425 Donor(s): The Interlaken Inn

503 One Week in Historic Lewes Delaware

Stay at the Shimizus' renovated 1730s home in the historic district of Lewes, within walking distance to downtown and a 15-min bike ride to the beach. The house is lovely, but the gardens will make you swoon. House comfortably sleeps 6. Linens provided.

Value: \$ 2,500 Donor(s): Holly Shimizu

504 Ten Nights on Whidbey Island, Puget Sound, Washington

This luxurious beachfront home situated on a driftwood-covered sandy beach overlooking Puget Sound has 4 bedrooms (1 king, 1 queen, 2 twins) and 3 bathrooms. Get lost exploring Deception Pass State Park, relax with a tipple at the Whidbey Island Distillery, end your day with some delicious lavender ice cream from Lavender Wind Farm. Situated just north of Seattle, you can easily take a day and explore the city...but why would you with a house and surroundings like this?

Value: \$ 3,500 Donor(s): Marcia and Klaus Zech

505 One Week Stay in a Costa Rican Villa

Wouldn't you love a week in a Costa Rican villa with an amazing panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by wonderful tropical gardens? Located in Nosara, the house sleeps six, has an infinity pool, wrap around deck, and a gourmet kitchen. It's a 5 minute drive to one of the most spectacular beaches in the country with surfing, horseback riding, zip lines and much more. There are roughly twenty nearby restaurants with wonderfully fresh food.

Value: \$ 4,000 Donor(s): Lynn Murray

506 One Night at Pierre Hotel, New York w/ Pampered Portrait Session

A gift certificate for a Masterpiece Portrait on canvas (16" x 20" wall portrait) (up to 8 people in portrait) with artist hand painted detailing to be created at the Pierre Hotel in New York City, on specified dates. Includes a one room (king size bed accommodations), one night stay at the Pierre Hotel, New York for the night of the portrait session.

Value: \$ 7,000 Donor(s): Kramer Portraits

507 Two Weeks in a London Flat

This charming 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, fully-equipped flat in the Kensington District of London can be yours for 14 days! Occupying the 2nd and 3rd floor, you'll have a private entrance between an antique shop and a bakery. Close to shops, tube station, and more. Stroll the streets, pop into antique shops, have a pint at a local pub and be sure to brush up on your Briticisms just in case you meet one of the Royals who live in the neighborhood. Cheers, guvna!

Value: \$ 7,000 Donor(s): Marcia and Klaus Zech

508 Two Weeks in an Oceanfront Maui Condo

You could spend your next 14-day vacation in a Maui oceanfront condo! Enjoy your stay in this elegant 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo located in the exclusive Wailea Elua Village beachfront resort, where peace and relaxation are top priority. Wailea Elua Village spans the entire length of Ulua Beach renowned for its snorkeling, especially in the morning when flounder, eels, octopi and Hawaiian green sea turtles come out to play. With easy access to designer boutiques and upscale restaurants at the Shops at Wailea, afternoons lend themselves to a leisurely stroll. Close to tennis and golf, too; activity options are virtually endless.

Value: \$ 9,800 Donor(s): Marcia and Klaus Zech

509 One Week at Luxury Condo in Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Golf & Spa Resort, Mexico

Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Golf & Spa Resort is located in front of the Sea of Cortés in the private development of Cabo del Sol. The resort has 28 acres of gardens with more than 3,000 different types of plants and flowers. The 18-hole Desert Course surrounds the resort and nearby is the 18-hole Ocean Course, a Jack Nicklaus design, voted one of the top 100 golf courses worldwide by Golf Magazine. Sheraton Hacienda del Mar is the only resort in México with two restaurants awarded 5 Diamonds by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. The suite offered has a garden view with balcony. 2BR, 2 Bath, with a King and 2 queen beds, sleeper sofa, full kitchen, dining room and living room combination, washer & dryer, and internet and daily maid service. Beaches, whale watching tower, four pools with poolside food service, four restaurants and five bars, 24-hour room service, exercise gym, and world class spa are some of the amenities.

Value: \$ 12,000 Donor(s): J. Landon Reeve

Household

600 7" Maple Bowl

This simple medium-sized maple bowl is deceptively light, both in color and weight. It would make a perfect gift or decoration in any home.

Value: \$ 75 Donor(s):

601 Small American Holly Box with Painted Ladybug

This cute little box would make the perfect gift for your daughter or granddaughter store her earrings.

Value: \$ 50 Donor(s): Tom Huber

602 Patio Potables

Get ready for hosting outdoor fall evenings with this Keter 7.5-Gal Cool Bar Rattan Style Outdoor Patio Pool Cooler Table in brown, and fill it up with a \$50 Gift Certificate to Unwined.

Value: \$ 110 Donor(s): Nancy and Herbert Hargroves, Unwined

603 Tea for Two - "Les Plaisirs du Jardin"

Precious antique hand-stitched flower napkins, made by longtime AHS volunteer Mahrou's grandmother, form the centerpiece of this charming set. Also included are a hand-stitched tea towel, charming French jardin-decorated mugs, and crystal cream and sugar bowl. You'll be transported to the past sipping tea with this set.

Value: \$ 125 Donor(s): Mahrou Akhundzadeh

604 Set of Two Hand-Turned Bowls

Two coordinating simple, yet stunningly finished wooden bowls, hand-turned by longtime friend of River Farm, Frank Jessup. Excellent for salad...or really whatever you want.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Frank Jessup

605 Red-Tinted Hand-Turned Ice Cream Scoop

If you are serious about your ice cream and want to look classy serving it, be sure to get this stainless steel scoop with an attractive and well-fitting wood handle. We promise the ice cream will taste even sweeter.

Value: \$ 75 Donor(s):

606 Blue-Tinted Hand-Turned Ice Cream Scoop

If you are serious about your ice cream and want to look classy serving it, be sure to get this stainless steel scoop with an attractive and well-fitting wood handle. We promise the ice cream will taste even sweeter.

Value: \$ 75 Donor(s):

607 Maple Wood Turned Pen

Do not miss your chance to pick up this one-of-a-kind hand-turned pen. It's well-balanced and takes refill cartridges so you can enjoy it forever.

Value: \$ 75 Donor(s): Dick Stohr

608 Multicolored Wood Turned Pen

Do not miss your chance to pick up this one-of-a-kind hand-turned pen. It's well-balanced and takes refill cartridges so you can enjoy it forever. Plus, bonus, also includes a stylus top for working with your smartphone and tablet.

Value: \$ 100 Donor(s): Dick Stohr

609 Pagoda-style Cocobolo Box

In 1670, Louis XIV had the Trianon de Porcelaine erected at Versailles. This small structure ignited a trend for Asian-inspired décor. This unique little box adds just the right amount of chinoiserie chic to your bookshelf or dressing table. Made from Cocobolo wood, it is the perfect size to hold small and precious keepsakes.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Tom Huber

610 Mulberry Box with Tall Finial

Made of mulberry wood, this lidded box is perfect for small jewelry. Remove rings and place them on the finial for safe keeping. Though we are partial to the osage tree here at River Farm, the mulberry is a close relative and its wood is similar in look, but harder in density. While turning, mulberry shows an orange color that darkens to a rich, medium brown when aged.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Tom Huber

611 Set of 2 Maple-Walnut Plates

These coordinating mixed-wood plates have a modern and contemporary style within a traditional medium. You'll love showing them off to your guests.

Value: \$ 200 Donor(s): Tom Huber

612 Cherry Burl Natural-Edge Bowl

This unique piece is a juxtaposition of textures - the finished portions are smooth as silk and contrast sharply with the raw wood edge. This handsome cherry bowl brings the beauty of the outdoors to your table and would look right at home in a variety of settings - a rustic log cabin, a boho bungalow, or an industrial modern loft.

Value: \$ 200 Donor(s): Patrick O'Brien

613 3-Sided Winged Poplar Box with Maple Lid

A delicately crafted example of local artisan Tom Huber's turning, you will not find another small piece like this one. We envision using this as a desk accessory (with receptacle for paper clips or stamps and a high-brow fidget spinner finial top for those long conference calls) or as the piece de resistance on your coffee or console table.

Value: \$ 200 Donor(s): Tom Huber

614 6" River Farm Walnut Bowl in a Spiral Motif

Savor the evening with us here at our riverfront Eden and take home a piece of River Farm at the end of the night. Dan will get angry if you take illicit cuttings so here is a better way. This stunning and solid hand-turned bowl is an earth-friendly reuse of a River Farm walnut tree.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Tom Huber

615 Spalted Hackberry Bowl from Montpelier

Spalting, for those of you outside the wood-turning world, refers to dark veins that can appear in the beginning of the decay process, creating beautiful marbled patterns. Simple in design, but unique in its coloring, the hackberry wood was collected from the grounds of Montpelier, the central Virginia home of James and Dolly Madison.

Value: \$ 200 Donor(s): Tom Huber

616 13" Maple Centerpiece Bowl

The wood in this large, uniquely-shaped bowl really tells its own story. If you can bear to cover up the rings, it would look excellent holding an assortment of fruit.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s):

617 14" Bubinga Platter

An immensely popular imported African hardwood, Bubinga may be loved as much for its quirky name as it is for its strength and beauty.

Bubinga has a close resemblance to rosewood. Yet Bubinga also features a host of stunning grain figures, such as flamed, pommele, and waterfall, which make this wood truly unique. Display this platter or use it, you will get envious results either way.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Joe Zadareky

618 "Celestial Clouds #1," Tom Huber

This one-of-a-kind, hand-painted, and hand-turned maple wood bowl will make a stunning art piece in your home. Evoking celestial clouds, the rim uses jewel tones jade, sapphire, and amethyst to complement the light maple wood.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Tom Huber

619 Spiral Sycamore Vase

A full five years in the making, this vase exemplifies the hard work and dedication which goes into the art and craft of wood-turning. Though not suitable for cut flowers, this vase would look stunning filled with silk or dried stems, a Pottery Barn-esque bronze palm frond, or fanciful peacock feathers.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Tom Huber

620 Wooden Inlay Serving Bowl

A gorgeous and sophisticated piece, this two-toned, hand-made bowl will have your guests clamoring for more.

Value: \$ 500 Donor(s): Tom Huber, Robert Kinsel

621 "To Bee or Not to Bee," Handmade Quilt

Support all those pollinators out there with this stunning bee-themed quilt put together by two staff members of AHS, Mary and Beth. Psst...Make sure you take a look at the back too! Truly one-of-a-kind.

Priceless Donor(s): Beth Colton, Mary Boden

622 Aeron Office Chair

Aeron chair by Herman Miller is, simply put, the best ergonomic chair you can buy. No other office chair works harder to relieve your back and neck pain than the Aeron chair. The high tech mesh fabric means that this chair doesn't look (or work) like other conventional office chairs. Herman Miller Aeron spontaneously supports your posture. Imaginative design gives superior comfort, body support, and style. Made largely of recycled materials, the Aeron chair is designed to last a long time. Just what you would expect in a well thought-out design.

Value: \$ 950 Donor(s): Herman Miller Furniture, Washington DC

Relax

800 Pedicure & Pasta

Get a Signature Spa Pedicure from Bliss Nail & Lash Lounge, then head over to Fratelli's for some excellent pasta.

Value: \$ 60 Donor(s): Bliss Nail & Lash Lounge, Fratelli Italian Restaurant

801 Treat Your Feet, then Eat

Take your feet out for the day with a mani-pedi at Solace Day Spa in Alexandria, VA (\$50 gift certificate), then show off your new toes with a fancy new pair of shoes from the Shoe Hive (\$100 gift certificate). What good are new shoes if you don't have anywhere to go? Finish your day with a meal at Chadwick's Restaurant (\$100 Gift Certificate)

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Chadwicks Restaurant, Solace Day Spa, The Shoe Hive

802 Cruisin' in Style

"Treat Yo'self!" Get your hairs did at Bazzak Hair Salon on King Street in Old Town Alexandria (\$85 toward any service at the salon). Then meet your family on the docks for a leisurely and informative DC cruise. Cruise highlights include Washington's majestic monuments, landmarks, buildings, and bridges.

Value: \$ 200 Donor(s): Marzie Mohamadi, Potomac Riverboat Company

Sports

900 Autographed Dmitry Orlov Puck

Enjoy a priceless piece of Washington Capitals memorabilia! The perfect gift for any Caps fan, this game puck is autographed by defenseman, Dmitry Orlov, #9. Certificate of authenticity is included. Show off your prize while you watch Orlov at Hard Times (\$25 Gift Certificate).

Value: \$ 125 Donor(s): Hard Times Café, The Washington Capitals

901 Autographed Gio Gonzalez Ball

Enjoy a priceless piece of Washington Nationals memorabilia! The perfect gift for any Nats fan, this baseball is autographed by starting pitcher, Gio Gonzalez, #47. Certificate of authenticity is included. Show off your prize while you watch Gio pitch at Hard Times (\$25 Gift Certificate).

Value: \$ 175 Donor(s): Hard Times Café, Washington Nationals

902 Round of Golf for Four - Mt. Vernon Country Club

Enjoy a round of golf for 4 at the luxurious Mount Vernon Country Club. Includes cart rental, driving range time, and, of course, lunch!

Value: \$ 400 Donor(s): Mount Vernon Country Club

903 VIP Nationals Experience

Watch the Nats like a celebrity! This Delta Sky360 Club package includes 4 tickets to a Nats home game where you'll have an unmatched view of the action from the 2nd row behind home plate. Enjoy a full buffet dinner and unlimited (!) beer/wine and soda.

Value: \$ 1,600 Donor(s): Karen and Richard Davis

Technology

1000 Amazon Echo Show

Voice responses from Alexa are now enhanced with visuals and optimized for visibility across the room. Call or message your family and friends that also have an Echo or the Alexa App, get the news with a video flash briefing, see your Prime Photos, shop with your voice, see lyrics with Amazon Music, browse and listen to Audible audiobooks, and more. All you have to do is ask.

Value: \$ 230 Donor(s): Henrietta Burke

1001 iPhone Photography Kit

"The best camera is the one you have with you!" Everything you need for top-notch garden photography using your cell phone, including a list of helpful photography apps. Kit includes: MeFOTO Classic Aluminum Backpacker Travel Tripod Kit, iPhone Lens Kit with Super Wide Angle Lens, Macro Lens, Universal Clip, 2 in 1 Professional HD Camera Lens for iPhone 7 Plus (fits most smart phones), and MeFOTO Smartphone adapter SideKick360 Plus. Now get out there and snap some great shots!

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Terry Hayes

1002 Whole Panel Surge Protector

House full of expensive electronic toys? This surge protector can be used individually or as part of a coordinated application strategy, to protect sensitive electronic equipment, in industrial, commercial and residential locations, from the stress and degradation inflicted by voltage transients on a bigger scale than your current 5-plug surge protector.

Value: \$ 400 Donor(s): Becker Electric

Unique Experience

1100 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, MD, Admission for Four

Enjoy an authentic Chesapeake experience for guests of all ages by exploring our collection of wooden boats, historic structures and programs, all along a beautiful waterfront setting. Immerse yourself in our interactive exhibitions, meet real Chesapeake people, attend a signature program, or take a river cruise aboard a historic Chesapeake Bay boat. Celebrate and learn about the Chesapeake Bay's people, culture, boats, seafood, and history.

Value: \$ 60 Donor(s): Chesapeake Maritime Museum

1101 National Mall Water Taxi Tickets for Four

Let the Miss Sophie water taxi transport you to the National Mall, the heart of our Nation's Capital. The boat will dock at West Basin and Ohio Drive, a short walk from the Lincoln Memorial, Franklin Roosevelt Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the Tidal Basin.

Value: \$ 112 Donor(s): Potomac Riverboat Company

1102 Sunday Funday

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at Alexandria's Tempo Restaurant (\$50), then head to Old Town for a show. Package includes two Sunday matinee tickets to Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of Anne of Green Gables. Sunday, January 14, 2018; 3:30 p.m.; Center, Row F.

Value: \$ 114 Donor(s): Barbara Becker, Tempo Restaurant

1103 Doggie's Day Out

Potomac Riverboat Company offers this fun and unique cruise, which includes a 40-minute tour of Alexandria's seaport. All are invited, with or without a four-legged friend. A howling experience for all. Then treat your mutt with a \$50 gift certificate towards veterinary, grooming, or boarding services at Ft. Hunt Animal Hospital, Alexandria, VA

Value: \$ 114 Donor(s): Ft. Hunt Animal Hospital, Potomac Riverboat Company

1104 Ditch the Car, Take the Taxi

Ditch the car at the shop and enjoy a daytrip to National Harbor using these two vouchers to the Alexandria-National Harbor Water Taxi. Enjoy a relaxing and delightful ride across the Potomac River. Departures from both the National Harbor Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in Oxen Hill, MD, and from Alexandria City Marina, Alexandria, VA. Includes \$55 Gift Certificate for oil change, oil filter, lubrication, tire rotation at Hollin Hall Automotive.

Value: \$ 119 Donor(s): Hollin Hall Automotive, Potomac Riverboat Company

1105 Ingleside Vineyards VIP Tour & Tasting

Up to 6 guests can experience Ingleside's history and winemaking on a private, guided tour of the winery. Following the tour, you'll enjoy a wine and cheese reception featuring a full array of Ingleside's award-winning wines from whites to reds, dry to sweet. This experience will allow you to learn more about how wine is made and will help you in choosing your own wine preferences.

Value: \$ 150 Donor(s): Ingleside Vineyards

1106 Mt. Vernon by Water; George Washington Tour for Four

You will reach George Washington's Mount Vernon after a refreshing 50-minute, narrated cruise down river from Old Town Alexandria. Docking at Mount Vernon's Wharf, there will be no waiting in long admission lines, for your tickets are included in the roundtrip fare. Includes four individual passes.

Value: \$ 168 Donor(s): Potomac Riverboat Company

1107 Port City Brewing Co. VIP Tour Certificate

You and 11 friends will have a private tour at the award-winning craft brewery in Alexandria, VA. The grain-to-glass tour lasts about 30 minutes with one of Port City's knowledgeable and entertaining Beer Guides. The VIP Tour includes a full flight of beer to taste (six five-ounce samplers), as well as a taste of green beer out of the fermentation tanks. And, you get to keep your tasting glass as a souvenir.

Value: \$ 240 Donor(s): Port City Brewing Company

1108 Brunch at the Cosmos Club

Want to rub elbows with the distinguished members of DC's art, science, and literature set? Enjoy a Sunday Brunch for 4 at the exclusive Cosmos Club. Club Member, Robert Weinhagen, will provide a personalized tour.

Value: \$ 250 Donor(s): Robert Weinhagen

1109 RdV Vineyards Escape

RdV Vineyards is an internationally acclaimed winery located in Delapane, VA. Tour for two includes a guided walk through the winery, including the caves, production facilities and vineyards. During the tour you will learn the fascinating story of how the vineyard was established by an ex-US Marine and the meaning of the three finches on the bottle labels. The tour culminates with a glass of each of their current release wines, and a charcuterie board. Package includes actual wine to take home! (1 bottle of 2012 Rendezvous 1 bottle of 2013 Lost Mountain) You'll also take home 2 Charles Viancin Grape Leaf Bottle Stoppers and a Wine Enthusiast 2-Bottle Neoprene Wine Tote Bag.

Value: \$ 400 Donor(s): Erich Veitenheimer

1110 TSALT Shopping Spree with Wine & Cheese

Enjoy spending \$200 at swanky Alexandria boutique, TSALT, while you and up to 15 of your friends sip wine and eat cheese. Oh, and did I mention everyone gets a 20% discount during the evening?

Value: \$ 400 Donor(s): TSALT

1111 Tour of the U.S. Capitol Building

Bring your party of up to 10 visitors for a walk through the Capitol building with U.S. Capitol Historical Society historian Steve Livengood, who will provide anecdotes and commentary about the construction of the building, discuss the history and functioning of Congress, and add perspective about the meaning of the democratic form of government. If possible, your group may also visit the Chambers of the House and Senate.

Value: \$ 400 Donor(s): United States Capitol Historical Society

1112 Private Wine Class for 20

Treat your fellow wine lovers to a private wine tasting for up to 20 people in the store classroom! Total Wines & More will host an event that is certain to impress you and your guests. Taste eight of their premium, hand-selected wines. Choose California Dreaming, An Inspiring Taste of Italy, or Tour De France. You and your guests will learn about the famed appellations and grape varietals that make each region so unforgettable. One of their wine experts will be on hand to present and discuss each delicious wine during your two-hour tasting. Total Wine & More will provide all necessary stemware and educational handouts for tasting notes.

Value: \$ 500 Donor(s): Total Wines & More

1113 Maggie Austin Cake Decorating Class

Dahlia with Ranunculus & Ivy Class held at River Farm, Alexandria, VA. The spectacular dahlia and delicate ranunculus are ever-popular flowers in modern wedding arrangements. But, boy do they look intimidating! Leave your fears behind and join Maggie in a stress-free and joyous exploration of these sugar flowers and bring home your stunning (and everlasting) creation, complete with a touch of ivy. In a three-day workshop, learn to construct gumpaste dahlia, ranunculus, and ivy, brush with color, and arrange on a single faux cake tier. All supplies and materials are provided for in-class use. Lunch will be included.

Value: \$ 1,000 Donor(s): Maggie Austin Cake

1114 Thomas Fallon Photography Session

Includes one-hour portrait planning consultation, one hour portrait session at any regularly scheduled location (usually the most scenic and pictorial in the area), and one hour design and décor session.

Value: \$ 1,185 Donor(s): Thomas Fallon Photography

1115 Wreath Making Class with Former White House Chief Floral Designer

This exciting class led by Laura Dowling, former Chief Floral Designer at the White House, will focus on creating holiday and seasonal wreaths in the French style. The two hour class will conclude with a celebratory champagne toast. It will take place at the winning bidder's choice of venue and is good for up to 6 people. All flowers and materials are provided.

Value: \$ 1,500 Donor(s): Laura Dowling

1116 Flower Workshop with Former White House Chief Floral Designer

This exciting workshop, led by Laura Dowling, former Chief Floral Designer at the White House, will focus on creating hand-held, seasonal bouquets in the French style. The two hour workshop will conclude with a celebratory champagne toast. It will take place at the winning bidder's choice of venue and is good for up to 6 people. All flowers and materials are provided. Participants must bring their own clippers.

Value: \$ 1,800 Donor(s): Laura Dowling

1117 Bocce Ball Party at River Farm

Are you loving your Gala experience at River Farm? What would you think of a privately hosted bocce ball party on the grounds? Our Board Member, Skipp Calvert and his wife, Mary, will host you and 7 of your friends here for a fun and casual afternoon/evening of bocce, drinks, and Five Guys food. You'll have the whole estate to yourselves...the gardens... the view, along with some pretty spectacular hosts. Good friends, good food, good times!

Value: \$ 2,900 Donor(s): American Horticultural Society, Skipp Calvert

1118 Champagne Reception with Private River Farm Garden Tour

Host a private River Farm garden tour for up to 25 guests with our Horticulturist followed by a champagne reception with passed hors d'oeuvres, displayed cocktail items, and miniature desserts hosted by Well Dunn Catering.

Value: \$ 7,800 Donor(s): American Horticultural Society, Well Dunn Catering