

## **Getaway Vacations**

### **V1) Long Weekend in Alexandria, New Hampshire**

*Donated by Aimee Lambert and Jeremy Lew*

Long weekend in Five bedroom, 2.5 baths, located on a quiet, dead end dirt road in Alexandria, NH. Large screen porch with ping pong table, dining table, and couches offers views of 200 acre fen located across the road-great for bird and wildlife watching. The house is located ten minutes from beautiful Newfound Lake, Cardigan Mtn hiking trails, and the cute town of Bristol which has cute shops, restaurants, and a brewery. Comfortable, rustic getaway available Memorial Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day weekends Friday-Monday. ”

*Minimum Bid: \$400*

### **V2) Vacation Home near Mount Snow, Vermont**

*Donated by Peter Farago*

Spend a long June weekend (either Thursday through Sunday or Friday through Monday) in a beautiful 5 bedroom and 3 bath home in Vermont near Mount Snow. WiFi, HDTV, Tennis, heated pool, clubhouse, hiking trails, all the amenities. Enjoy the Jacuzzi while gazing into the woods through a newly installed window. Lots of local activities. Sleeps 10.

***Dates Available exclusively for weekends in June 2023***

*Value: \$1000+*

*Minimum Bid: \$500*

### **V3) Ocean Side Condo in Gloucester**

*Donated by John and Elli Crocker Morse*

1-3 night stay at lovely ocean-side condo with water views and just steps to Niles Beach in Gloucester. Sleeps a maximum of four in two king-size beds. This is a town-house style unit with one bedroom on the first floor, one bedroom on the third floor, and the living space on the second floor. There is a bathroom on each floor. Also, nearby are the Gloucester Stage Company, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Good Harbor Beach, lovely walking and biking routes, and plenty of restaurants. There are several golf courses on Cape Ann. Parking for two cars. Dates are flexible and can be negotiated. A well-trained dog companion is OK, but there is a strict leash-law at the condo association.

*Minimum Bid: \$400*

**V4) Three Days in Cottage in Eastham Mass**

*Donated by Betsy Simmons*

Small, simple 2 bedroom cottage, porch, deck, outdoor fire pit, shower. Located .6 miles from Campground Beach (bayside). Weekdays are much quieter and less traffic.

*Dates: Spring or Summer – flexible*

*Minimum Bid: \$500*

## **Honor The Creative Spirit**

**V5) Select a Piece for Performance by the FUUSN Choir or Conduct the Choir**

*Donated by Anne Watson Born*

The winning bidder can select a 3-5 minute musical piece for the choir to sing at a service or alternatively can conduct the choir. Your choice.

*Minimum bid: \$100*

**V6) Home Concert with Outrageous Fortune**

*Donated by Rod Thomas and Chris Welles*

A concert in your home (or outside) with Covid precautions as needed with “OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE”! Want to make a special event a night to remember? Have a house party with live jug band music! Chris Welles, Rod Thomas and Dan Dick will perform vintage acoustic folk, blues and swing, with three-part vocals, guitar, harmonicas, jug, washboard and bass, at your home for a house full of friends. One 60-minute or two 45-minute sets.

*Minimum bid: \$300 for 60 minutes or \$450 for two 45 minute sets*

**V7) An Hour of Live Solo Guitar with Bob MacWilliams**

*Donated by Bob MacWilliams*

You may have heard Bob play at FUUSN services. Now you have the opportunity to host a concert of Bob's music in your own home! Bob has been performing on acoustic guitar, piano, and voice for many years. He will bring a mix of mostly original songs and instrumentals along with a few other personal and crowd favorites. The intimate setting of a house concert offers a great opportunity to experience Bob's unique writing and performance style.

*Minimum bid: \$150*

*Concert must be used within one year of auction*

## V8) Eleuthera Trio Concert

*Donated by Lois Shapiro and Hosted by Laurel Farnsworth at FUUSN*

*Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2pm*

*Set bid: \$50.00 per person includes beverages and light snacks.*

We are fortunate to be offering seats at a concert by our own incomparably talented pianist Lois Shapiro and her trio. A description of the program and biographies of the trio members follows:

The 'B'ees Knees: The Folksy Romanticism of Babajanian, Bruch & Brahms

Trio in f sharp minor

Arno Babajanian (1921-1983)

I. Largo-Allegro Espresso

II. Andante

III. Allegro Vivace

Romanian Melody (No. 5, in f minor)

Max Bruch (1838-1920)

Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

I. Allegro Con Brio

II. Scherzo: Allegro Molto

III. Adagio

IV. Allegro

### **Eleuthera Trio**

*Francine Trester, Violin*

*Julie Reimann, Cello*

*Lois Shapiro, Piano*

### **MISSION:**

Eleuthera Trio seeks to provide freedom, solace, and connection through live music, and to support communities in need through performance and advocacy.

### **ABOUT US:**

The name "Eleuthera" derives "from the feminine form of the Greek adjective meaning 'free.'" Music frees us from the often isolating, mundane, and limiting preoccupations and busyness of our lives. It offers an entrée into an expansive, timeless space where we can 'dwell in possibility'---and partake more fully of our integral humanity.

The members of Eleuthera Trio believe the act of music making creates a "temenos" – another term of Greek origin – a sacred space in which we are invited to open ourselves to our own

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imaginative connections to the music. At the same time, we bear witness as a community, and feel less alone. The Trio (Lois Shapiro, piano, Francine Trester, violin, and Julie Reimann, cello) was born out of a period of aloneness and isolation - the pandemic/quarantine of 2020-21, during which Trester and Shapiro met outdoors to play on Shapiro's porch for her neighborhood. Not long after, this little musical community expanded when Reimann and Trester reconnected online. Not having seen each other since graduate school, they reunited in part because of the virtual connections necessitated by the pandemic. Hailing from diverse professional backgrounds (medical, compositional, and performance), the three musicians are united in their aim of sharing in the spirit of Eleuthera, with a desire to give back through the gift of music. Their presentations are multidisciplinary, emphasizing process, and performances are accompanied by commentary, insight and interpretation that explain the music "from the inside out."

Described as a performer who “conjures enchantment”, Lois Shapiro is a highly sought-after solo and collaborative pianist, who has performed throughout the United States and abroad and has recorded on a number of labels including Afka, Bridge, Channel Classics, and Centaur. A highly regarded teacher of both piano and chamber music, Lois has taught at Smith College, Brandeis University, the Longy School of Music, and is currently on the faculty at Wellesley College, New England Conservatory, and Rivers School Conservatory of Music. Praised for her “compelling” and “thought-provoking” work, violinist and composer Francine Trester is a professor of composition at Berklee College of Music. Her compositions have been performed nationally and internationally by acclaimed solo artists, chamber ensembles and orchestras. Francine’s work is available through the American Composers Alliance and Affetto/Naxos, Albany, Crystal and Stone Records. As a violinist-composer, she attended Juilliard, Yale, and Tanglewood, and continues to maintain an active performance schedule. A graduate of Curtis Institute of Music and Stanford University (MD and PhD in Biophysics) and winner of numerous music competitions, cellist Julie Reimann has performed nationally and internationally as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player. Hailed for her “brilliant virtuosity with evocative musicality”, Julie performs regularly in solo recitals and as a chamber and orchestral musician, is a founding member of Duo Amie, and is a practicing dermatopathologist in the Boston area. She can be heard on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, SoundCloud, and YouTube.

## **Other Superb Services**

### **V9 )Transfer your Vinyl LPs to Digital**

*Donated by Norm Thibeault*

Got Vinyl? Want it on CDs or in other digital form so you may play it on all your devices? Norm will transfer up to 4 albums or 45s to CD or flash drive in the format of your choice (mp3, mp4, WAV, AIFF, AAC, FLAC, etc.). If the source material sounds bad, he will clean things up a bit with audio restoration software (Izotope Software). He can also transfer audiocassettes and 78 RPM discs. Norm has over 25 years of experience in radio broadcasting and audio, including WBUR/Boston, CBS Radio/Boston, Soundtrack Recording Studio/Boston and Reelization Recording/Portsmouth.

*Minimum bid: \$50*

### **V910) Norm Thibeault's voice on your answering machine or voicemail**

*Donated by Norm Thibeault*

Norm, a well-known announcer on WBUR, will record the greeting of your choice on your outbound voicemail message.

*Minimum bid: \$20*

### **V11) You Pick the Sermon Topic**

*Donated by our Interim Minister Parisa Parsa*

Do you have spiritual questions or longings you would like to explore? Questions of meaning or purpose that you've been dying to ask? In keeping with FUUSN tradition, this is your chance to hear your Interim Minister's reflections on the topic of your choice, to be offered in the autumn of 2023 or early 2024.

*Minimum Bid: \$100*

### **V12) Custom Designed Ritual to Mark a Life Event**

*Donated by our Interim Minister Parisa Parsa*

Would you like to celebrate an occasion or passage in your life that doesn't fit into one of the usual categories we celebrate at FUUSN? A blessing for a new home, meeting a life goal, leaving a tough relationship, celebrating an anniversary of sobriety... anything you'd like to mark with a group of close friends or family can be appropriate. Rev. Parisa will work with you to design and lead a meaningful ritual to be offered at the time and place of your choosing (subject to availability).

*Date: Ritual must be held before June 1, 2024*

*Estimated Value: \$250*

*Minimum Bid: \$100*

**V13) Fix it Up – 4 hours plus of handyman services**

*Donated by Dwight Golann*

You can hire the man who refurbished the church signs, builds shelving, and fixes our broken doors and windows to attend to what needs fixing at YOUR house! Four hours of handyman services at your home, plus a trip to the hardware store if necessary. You pay for the materials and Dwight does the rest -- anything other than licensed plumbing and electrical work. Prior bidders have had window sashes, wall and bathroom fixtures repaired, tables stabilized, shelves and pegboards mounted on walls – it's up to you!

*Minimum bid \$150*

**V14) Home Improvement Labor by a Licensed Contractor and his Sidekick**

*Donated by Kieran Reynolds (licensed) and Todd Farrell (wanna-be sidekick)*

Do you have a project you've been putting off? Or you don't have the time to complete? Let Kieran (a licensed contractor and registered home improvement contractor) and Todd (an experienced do-it-yourselfer with no certifications whatsoever) help. The pair will do 4 hours of carpentry/painting/other home improvement work. The one restriction will be to limit the electrical and plumbing requirements away from extensive plumbing and electrical work. If you have questions, feel free to ask.

*Date: TBD*

*Minimum Bid: \$200*

**V15) Computer/IT Services**

*Donated by Andrew Willinger, Senior Consultant at RCG Consulting*

Andrew will provide up to two hours of onsite IT services, including computer repairs, upgrades, networking & Internet, malware removal, backups, installs, training, etc. Parts, if needed, are not included.

*Estimated Value: \$300*

*Minimum Bid: \$125*

## **For the Home, or For Yourself!**

### **V16) Handmade Quilt**

*Donated by Kit Ryan*

It is handmade by Kit and is 100% cotton and machine washable and dryable. One StarTwo Star; traditional red, blue and cream, ~ 52”square

*Estimated Value: \$300*

*Minimum Bid: \$100*

## **Fabulous Food and Fine Dining**

### **V17) Vegetarian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders -- TWICE!)**

*Donated by Jeannie Chaisson*

Jeannie will prepare one of her famous vegetarian meals from the equally famous Moosewood Cookbook. She can host up to 8 people and will do so twice. How good is that?! At least on meal will be outside.

*Location: Chaisson/Persons home*

*Dates: TBA*

*Minimum bid: \$30 per person*

### **V18) Shellfish Feast (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Bill and Sandy Horne*

Enjoy wonderful assortment of shellfish, accompanied by an exquisite selection of Wines, Cheeses and Breads. All prepared by master chefs Bill and Sandy

*Location: the Horne residence*

*Date: To be determined in July or August*

*Minimum Bid: \$50 per person*

### **V19) Informal Chili and Fixins Dinner in the Parish Hall (for up to 30 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Bobbie Sproat, Jud Leonard, Melissa Kogut and Bob MacWilliams*

Bobbie Sproat, Jud Leonard, Melissa Kogut, and Bob MacWilliams invite you to an informal chili and fixins 'dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday night, March 11. We've reserved the Parish Hall and kitchen for this dinner for two reasons: there's much more space and much better ventilation than in our dining room, and we can include more people. We plan to make both the original meaty version of the Silver Palate "Chili for a Crowd," and a vegetarian version. We like to think of it as chili

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on steroids. And of course, there'll be sides of salad, cornbread, and beer/wine/nonalcoholic beverages. Maybe even dessert!

Kids are welcome. Come share a fun evening with us!

*Date: Saturday, March 11*

*Set Bid: \$30 per person*

### **V20) Moroccan Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio*

This year our food exploration touches the cuisine of Morocco. Morocco is in the northwestern corner of Africa and its cuisine is famously aromatic and exquisite (we love it). The country is bordered by the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. The cuisine is diverse, complex and compelling. The Wikipedia synopsis "the cuisine is a mix of Berber, Arabic, Andalusian and Mediterranean cuisines with slight European and sub-Saharan influences." Sounds pretty good to us! At any rate, Paula Wolfert's *The Food of Morocco* will be our guide. We will feast on beginnings, middles, and end with sweets. Wine will accompany the evening repast.

*Location: Bottar/Buonagurio home in Newton*

*Date: Saturday, April 22, 6:30PM*

*Minimum Bid: \$50 per person*

### **V21) Authentic Irish Breakfast Prepared by an Authentic Irishman (up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by: Kieran Reynolds and hosted by Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio*

In the beautiful home of Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio, Kieran will prepare an authentic Irish breakfast consisting of all the disparate ingredients (as many as possible sourced from Ireland), homemade Irish brown bread and some appropriate libations. Barry's tea or Lyons Tea (The choice is like an Irish version of the Yankees/Red Sox thing). This will be a great way to start your Saturday morning. You may even be tempted to sing some Irish songs.

*Location: Bottar/Buonagurio home in Newton*

*Date and Time: 10am on Saturday, March 25th*

*Minimum Bid: \$35*

### **V22) Delicious Italian Dinner (for up to 10 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Ron Margolin*

Bid on a seat for a delicious Italian dinner! It will be scheduled for June 11, preferably outdoors. The menu will include Bruschetta, Chicken Milanese,



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Caponata, Arugula Salad, Lemoncello Ricotta Almond Cake, several wines, Italian liqueurs, and more. Cooked to perfection by masterful chef Ron Margolin.

*Minimum Bid: \$75*

*Date: June 11, preferably outdoors*

**V23) Plant-Based Dinner (for up to 6 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Julia Huston and John Dundon*

Are you curious about what a flavorful, vegan meal tastes like? Come find out at the home of Julia and John! They will make a main dish from the famous vegan cookbook *Isa Does It*, along with appetizers and a dessert. Wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

*Location: Huston/Dundon Home in West Newton (please note that there is a flight of stairs to the dining area)*

*Date: TBA depending on preference of successful bidders*

*Minimum Bid: \$30*

**V24) Pescatarian Dinner and Wine (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Julia Wolfe and Eric Moore*

Julia & Eric will cook a pescatarian dinner for 8 adults at our home, which means vegetarian but with seafood. Appetizers, main dish with yummy sides, salad, and a Swedish Walnut Cake (from Julia's family recipe box) will be served, along with wine, coffee, and aperitifs. Drinks by the fire pit if weather allows. Come laugh with friends new and old! There will be dairy and wheat in some of the recipes.

*Date and Time: 6:30pm on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Minimum bid: \$40*

**V25) Summer/early fall intimate dinner feast (for up to 6 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Susanne Greelish and Wendy Haskell*

Enjoy both raucous and serious conversation while dining on the Greelish's outside enchanting porch!! Meal menu and preparation of delectable Lemon Chicken, Persian Salad and delightful discussion.

*Date: to be determined based on bidder preferences*

*Minimum bid: \$50.00*

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**V26) Flight of Pies: Eight Pies over 8 Months**

*Donated by Stephanie Kendall*

Treat yourself to a series of delicious homemade pies from an avid FUUSN baker. Service includes a monthly pie delivered to your Newton or nearby home or exchanged during FUUSN Sunday services. Pies follow seasonal trends although requests to please families and children or inclusion of savory options are welcomed! A series might include March=Chocolate Silk; April=buttermilk or boiled cider pie; May=citrus tart; June=Strawberry-Rhubarb; July=Peach; August=Blueberry Pie; September=Apple; October=Pumpkin or sweet potato. Flight of pies includes 8 months of pie starting first weekend in March and including March, April, May, June, August, July, September, and October. Pies are standard nine inch size.

*Minimum Bid: \$160*