

2018 SILENT Auction Catalogue

Yummy Food

S51) Two Delicious and Outrageous Fruit Pies (for the top two bidders)

Donated by Judy Friedman

Judy will bake two pies of your choosing and arrange delivery to your home. This could relieve the question of what to serve when you have guests or what to bring to a friend when you have been invited to dinner. Judy will make apple, or at your request other fruit pies.

Date: TBD

Minimum Bid: \$40

S52) Chocolate Sin Cake, Triple Chocolate Cheesecake, or 30 Miniature Truffle Brownies

Donated by Nancy Mattei

Choose one of two award-winning cakes-either the Chocolate Sin Cake or the Triple Chocolate Cheesecake, each serving 16-20. If those choices seem just not quite right, you can choose The 30 Miniature Truffle Brownies (bourbon optional) with a chocolate ganache, topped with a single almond, that melt in your mouth.

Minimum Bid: \$35

S53) Home Baked Dill Bread (for the top two bidders)

Donated by Jon Reusser

Two loaves of dill bread. Each loaf comfortably serves a dinner party or a family for a couple of days. One week's notice required. Jon will bake two loaves each for the two highest bidders.

Minimum bid: \$20

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S54) Set of 5 Homemade Quiches (for the top two bidders)

Donated by Lynn Holbein

Five homemade quiches will be delivered to your house. They will be prepared then frozen, for you to thaw and bake fresh whenever you please. Choose your fillings: spinach, mushroom, broccoli, tomato, peppers, onion, any vegetables you like in a cheesy egg filling

Minimum bid: \$40

S55) Sunday Afternoon Idyll for Two

Donated by Allan and Anne Hartman

Join Allan and Anne for an afternoon flick at West Newton Cinema (you choose the film) and dinner afterwards at The Local in West Newton Square.

Date: TBD - Either Saturday, March 10 or 24 or other date to be negotiated

Minimum bid: \$50

S56) Home Baked Challah Bread (for the top two bidders)

Donated by Jon Reusser

Two loaves of six stranded braided challah or one very impressive giant challah. These loaves are both decorative and delicious, appropriate for a dinner party or just to make into special French toast. Top bidders can choose between two regular loaves or a single large one.

Minimum bid: \$25

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S57) Specialty Homemade Soups (for up to four winning bidders!)

Donated by Barbara Bates

Barbara will make four offerings, each for One Specialty Soup, an 8 cup container of your choice of soup: Vegan Carrot Jalapeño with Cashew Cream, Vegan Curried Red Lentil Chickpea and Kale, Caldo Verde (greens, kinder beans, chicken, Japan sausages, and lots of veggies), or Fragrant Vegetable stew (contains butter and tons of veggies). You pick up the container at her home in Newton Centre.

Minimum Bid: \$25 each

S58) \$50 Gift Certificate to Happy Lamb Hot Pot Restaurant

Donated by Eileen Kurkoski

Enjoy an unusual Mongolian dinner with your choices of meats, chicken and vegetables that **you** cook in tasty boiling broth, spicy or not. Eileen recommends the dumplings and that you get there early for dinner. She says portions are big and service is great. Restaurant is located at 485 Mass Avenue in Cambridge.

Minimum Bid: \$50

S59) Let Them Eat Cake

Donated by Barbara Schmitt

Barbara will make and deliver a cake of your choice: old fashioned birthday cake (vanilla/vanilla icing), 3 layer chocolate cake, coconut cake, carrot cake, lemon pound cake. Some versions can be cupcakes instead. Serves 8-12 people. Barbara says hers tastes better than the expensive bakery cakes.

Date: TBD

Estimated Value: \$35; Minimum Bid: \$25

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S60) Bread Baking Lessons (for up to four winning bidders! Team up with friends!)

Donated by Barbara Schmitt

Spend an afternoon with Barbara learning to bake bread! Specific types of bread and methods will be tailored to your preferences, but possibilities include whole wheat bread, cheese bread, cinnamon pull-apart loaf, no-knead French bread, cinnamon rolls, or

Date: TBD

Minimum Bid: \$20 per person

S61) Four Months of Cookies

Donated by Mindy Scharlin

Mindy will donate two dozen cookies a month for four months. She has lots of recipes to choose from and she will deliver the cookies to church. Once you return the empty container, she will make and deliver more cookies.

Date: Must be used before 8/31/18. Please contact Mindy ASAP to start cookie delivery.

Minimum Bid: \$25

Music and Art to Feed Your Soul

S62) Forty-Five Minute Guitar Lessons (for up to 6 lessons, maximum of 2 lessons per bidder)

Donated by Chris Welles

Chris, guitarist and singer for Outrageous Fortune, offers you a lesson whether you are a beginner or advanced guitar student. He can tailor the lesson to your musical goals and preferences for folk, acoustic blues, pop or jazz. It's fun! His students range in age from 9 to 60. Chris has a BA in music and is an alumnus of Berklee College of Music.

Value: \$60; Minimum bid: \$30 per lesson

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S63) Introductory Watercolor Lessons

Donated by Betsy Leavitt

Find your inner artist in Besty's art barn learning the basics of watercolor painting in this private 2 session class. Each lesson is 1 ½ hours.

Date: TBD

Set Bid: \$30

S64) Make Your Own Stationery (for up to five winning bidders!)

Donated by Betsy Leavitt

Create and design your own stationary or cards in this 3-4 hour workshop at Betsy's cozy art barn.

Date: TBD

Set Bid: \$20

S65) Knitting Circle (for up to seven bidders)

Donated by Mindy Scharlin

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and knitting. Bring a current knitting project or start a new one. All levels welcome. Mindy will provide a cozy space, homemade refreshments and beverages. This gathering will take place at Mindy's new home; you must be able to walk up and down steep stairs. Contact Mindy with any questions.

Date: March 10 from 2-4pm.

Set Bid: \$20 per person

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For Your Body and Soul

S66) *Two Lessons in the Alexander Technique*

Donated by Jill Geiger

Want to improve your posture, move with ease, and relieve stiffness, pain and tension? Taught worldwide for over 120 years, the Alexander Technique teaches how to recognize and unlearn common habits of tension that lead to poor posture and cause stiffness and pain. Through this practical, educational method, individuals of all ages can improve posture, balance and coordination to look, feel, and move better for the long-term. Used by musicians, athletes, computer users and others, the AT has long been known for its effectiveness in enabling long-term relief of neck, back and shoulder pain and its efficacy is supported by research.

Two private lessons in the Alexander Technique for someone new to it with certified teacher and FUUSNite Jill Geiger in Newtonville. Jill has been teaching the AT for close to 30 years. To learn more, go to:

www.AlexanderTechniqueInstruction.com

Estimated value: \$170; Minimum Bid: \$85

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S67) Gentle Acupuncture Session

Donated by Peri Ozker, Lic Ac, MS MS MAC NCCAOM

As a longtime scientist, Peri's background in western science informs her clinical practice--combined with her personal style, Peri can offer you truly integrative and comfortable care. Acupuncture is endorsed by both the NIH and WHO for more than 40 medical conditions, including: pain, stress, headache, sleep, sports/other injuries, digestive issues, women's and men's health, side effects of chemotherapy, and much more. Ask Peri about her unique non-needle facial rejuvenation with microcurrent and colored light. See great results without injections or surgery plus provides health benefits for the whole body. Visit www.periozkeracupuncture.com or email periozker@gmail.com. for more information. Voucher must be used by Apr 30, 2018.

Value: \$140

Minimum bid: \$45 For new patients only

S68) Restorative Yoga Session (for up to 5 winning bidders!)

Donated by Helaine Golann

Helaine Golann, professional level Kripalu yoga teacher, would like to teach a one session, 1 ½ hour Restorative Yoga class to a minimum/maximum of 5 people. This is a type of yoga that involves only very slow gentle movements combined with resting in supported aligned poses that relax and renew body, mind and spirit. Inspirational readings will most likely also be included for participants to soak up or ignore as desired! She is enthralled by the benefits of this type of yoga and would love to share it. This kind of yoga is appropriate for anyone feeling a need/desire for deep relaxation and release regardless of level of physical fitness and/or previous yoga experience.

Date: TBD

Set bid: \$20

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S69) Moving Meditations Group Class (No limit on number of winning bids/attendees)

Donated by Helena Froehlich

Moving meditations: In the Energy of Infinite Love Being and Becoming Fully Present in the Universe The Moving Meditations combine clear intents and simple Tai Chi style movements. Helena Froehlich created them from her long experience as a versatile movement and dance teacher and from the work of Peggy Phoenix Dubro, the Originator of The Balancing Work, helping you to manage your most precious resource: your Energy. The combination of clear intents and precise movements is very powerful as we develop our awareness spiritually, emotionally, mindfully, heartfully, physically, and as we connect with the Universe and the Earth with every step we take. Wear warm comfortable clothing and warm socks.

Date: Friday, February 2 from 8-9pm at FUUSN in the Headstart Room

Set bid: \$15 per person

Getting Your Act Together

S70) Initial Life-Coaching Consultation

Donated by Laurette Fine-Genest

Laurette is a Registered Nurse and Life Skills Coach for kids, teens and adults with Asperger's Syndrome (ASD, PDD-NOS) AD/HD and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities. She teaches social skills, executive function, nutrition, exercise, self-care, job skills and helps all her clients reach their potential by bringing out their strengths.

Estimated Value: \$250; Minimum Bid: \$100

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S71) One Hour Linked In Consultation OR One Hour Career Consul, topic of your choosing

Donated by Leslie Warner

Need help getting started with LinkedIn? Or, if you already have a profile, Leslie can help you use LinkedIn more effectively to build your network, increase your visibility and "get found". Or, if you prefer to discuss some other aspect of your work/career life - job search, career change, re-entry, what to do in "non-retirement" --- that's fine, too.

Estimated Value: \$150

Minimum bid: \$25

S72) One Hour of Career or Life Consulting, Executive Coaching or MBA Application Process Consulting

Donated by Joan Ronayne

Do you want someone to listen to you with empathy, compassion and respect? Are you looking for more from your life? Would you like help in positioning yourself for success and happiness? Then bid on an hour of consulting with Joan. Joan is the founder and president of Opportunity Partners, a career and life consulting firm whose mission is to help people and organizations achieve their best in life. Joan has coached a wide variety of individuals on a breadth of topics and has worked with people ranging in age from their 20s to 70s.

Estimated Value: \$185

Minimum bid: \$50

S73) Basic Estate Documents

Donated by Walter Devine

FUUSN member Walter Devine, Esq., of Noble and Devine in Auburndale, will assist you in preparing basic estate planning documents: mirror image wills; health care proxies; and power of attorney for a starting family.

Estimated Value: \$750

Minimum Bid: \$150

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S74) Financial Organizing Services

Donated by Joan Caplan

2 hours of help for those who are having difficulty getting themselves to deal with financial tasks and who may have accumulated a backlog of them, including bill paying, maintaining records, organizing financial paper -- bills, receipts, checkbooks, statements, tax-related documents, etc.

Joan offers non-judgmental, empathic support and company while working with you to get the bills paid and to develop a personally compatible and workable system for your continued use.

Estimated Value: \$120

Minimum bid: \$50

Other Superb Services

S75) Wetland Regulations Consultation

Donated by Mary White

Do you want to do work on your home but don't understand the wetlands regulations and permits required? I will meet with you on your land (within the Route 128 area) and spend an hour explaining how the regulations might affect you and how to proceed and follow up with a short written summary. Distances beyond the Route 128 area and other environmental permit research can be negotiated. I have 28 years of experience working with Conservation Commissions in Massachusetts.

Estimated value: \$250

Minimum bid: \$150

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S76) Two Hours of Genealogy Research

Donated by Bob Ellertsen

Are you curious about your family's past? Bob can help you begin to satisfy that curiosity and get you started on assembling information about your family's genealogy that will enlighten you and your relatives. Invest in a gift you and your kids will treasure forever.

Minimum Bid: \$50

S77) Round Trip to Logan Airport (for up to 2 winning bidders)

Donated by Pat Rohan

A guaranteed quiet ride in a shiny red Prius. Pat will even carry your luggage to the car.

Estimated Value: \$90

Minimum Bid: \$40

S78) Round Trip to Logan Airport

Donated by Candy Saunders

This ride comes with a guaranteed reminder, "Do you have your tickets, your driver's license/passport, toothbrush and cell phone and charger?"

Estimated Value: \$90

Minimum Bid: \$40

S79) Round Trip to Logan Airport (for up to 2 winning bidders)

Donated by Connie and John Adkins

Connie and/or John will take you to the airport and pick you up when you return. They are offering this service to the two highest bidders.

Estimated Value: \$90

Minimum Bid: \$40

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S80) Round Trip to Logan Airport

Donated by Jud Leonard

Jud will take up to 4 people to the airport and pick them up when they return.

Estimated Value: \$90

Minimum Bid: \$40

S81) One Way Ride to or from Logan Airport

Donated by Allyson Gray

Allyson will take you to the airport or bring you home.

Estimated Value: \$40

Minimum Bid: \$20

S82) Calligraphy

Donated by Christine Lookner

Christine will address up to 200 envelopes in formal calligraphy. She has done this for over twenty weddings. Takes 2-3 weeks to complete.

Estimated Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$75

S83) Four hours of Math Tutoring

Donated by Josh Cohen

Josh will offer you or your student of Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus (through Math 603 in Newton South catalog) four hours of tutoring.

Dates: Must be scheduled between April and the end of the school year sometime in June.

Minimum Bid: \$100

S84) Computer/IT Services

Donated by Andrew Willinger, Senior Consultant at RCG Consulting

Andrew will provide up to two hours of general malware removal, upgrades, backups, cloud storage, installs, training, etc. Parts, if needed, are not included.

Estimated Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$100

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S85) \$100 Artitudes Gift Certificate

Donated by Bill and Leah Dusett

Bill and Leah are donating this gift certificate to Artitudes, a local gallery of fine American crafts and jewelry right down the street from FUUSN. Artitudes is owned and operated by FUUSN members Valerie Miller and Gregg DiBiasco and offers a wide variety of unique items for your purchasing pleasure.

Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$50

S86) Long Weekend Pet/House Sitting

Donated by MaryLou McArdle

Get away for a long weekend and MaryLou, an experienced house/dog sitter, will take care of your dog and guard your house---(other pets are ok too)--Newton area only; week-end must be used within 2018.

Minimum Bid: \$50

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S87) Hardcover Edition of "The Improbable Community, Camp Woodland and the American Democratic Ideal" along with book discussion over Gourmet Coffee with Author Bill Horne

Donated by Bill Horne

Folklorist filmmaker, photographer and musician with the New Lost City Ramblers, John Cohen said "Camp Woodland shaped my vision, and showed me how folk music was a living thing which could be experienced in person. It gave direction to my life's work collecting, performing and documenting traditional cultures." He wrote of the book:

"Well before there was a folksong revival, Woodlanders visited neighbors to hear fiddle tunes, old ballads and songs which flourished in the surrounding mountain communities. Although the camp's story may sound like a fairy tale, The Improbable Community documents how the visionary educator and camp director, Norman Studer, a Mennonite from rural Ohio succeeded. His intellectual and political curiosity led him to New York City where he became a teacher at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Greenwich Village in the 1930s. Later he became one of the founders of Camp Woodland which was the culmination of all his beliefs and struggles.

At Woodland, campers danced to the music of Catskill fiddlers, guitarists and accordion players, with the square dances called by a local resident. They collected songs, performed cantatas about local lore and put on festivals featuring traditional music performed by neighbors.

Date: TBD

Minimum Bid: \$20 [Hardcover Book Price \$35]

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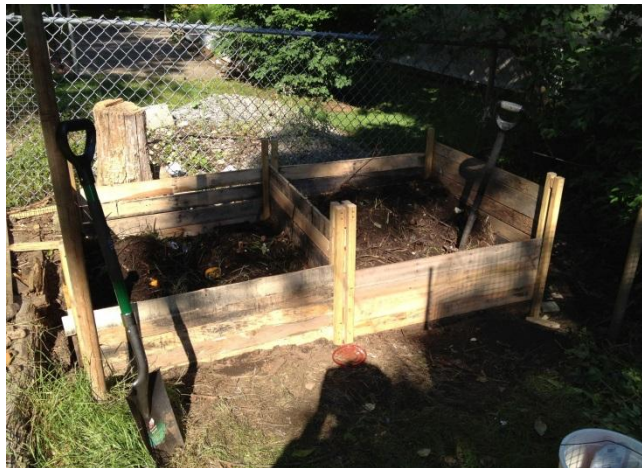
S88) No-Odor Yard and Kitchen Waste Compost Bins

Donated by Eric Olson

During the spring of 2018, Eric will build you two side-by-side compost bins at the location of your choice. The bins are constructed of repurposed pallet wood with rot-resistant cedar uprights. Eric will provide compost recipe instructions plus some "starter" compost to help initiate rapid decay of your yard and kitchen waste. This style bin **MUST** use a mix of yard and kitchen waste, and produces a remarkably rich odor-free and pest-free compost. **The winning bidder agrees to pay for the cedar uprights, approximately \$75 for this highly durable wood. Other kinds of wood will rapidly rot away.**

Date: TBD

Minimum Bid: \$50



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Tender Loving Care

S89) An Evening of Childcare (for up to 2 winning bidders)

Donated by Pat and Jacki Rohan

Experienced Grandpa and Grandma will double team loving care of your wee ones. Two sets of eyes, ears and hands can handle just about anything. Pat and Jacki will provide this service to the two highest bidders.

Minimum bid: \$25

S90) Parent Night Out and Kids Play Date

Donated by FUUSN Parents Christine and Saul Lookner and Maura and Andrew Morse

Need some time away from the kids? The Lookners and the Morse's will take your kids off your hands so that they can play and have dinner with other FUUSN kids. And you can have some time to yourself. All you have to do is drop them off at the Lookner house (12 minute walk to W Newton Center) and be on your way. The past few year's event have been a huge success for both kids and parents! Kids 10 and under; maximum number of kids: 12

Set Bid: \$25 for one kid. \$35 for two or more kids from the same family.

Date and Time: Sat., Apr.28 from 5PM-9PM

S91) Babysitting and Pizza

Donated by Suzanne DiCarlo

Need an evening out or even a night away? Suzanne will provide babysitting services and pizza for the kids. No curfew and she'll even spend the night.

Date: TBD

Minimum Bid: \$30