

2018 Voice Auction Catalogue

Getaway Vacations

V1) Weekend Vacation Home on Cape Cod – 2 weekends to the 2 highest bidders!!

Donated by Ron Margolin and Lesley Sneddon

Spend a relaxing (or active) weekend at a 4-bedroom, fully-winterized house on a quiet cul-de-sac near Route 6A in Dennis. Sleeps 8 comfortably. Has air conditioning and an outdoor shower. Near the start of the Cape Cod Bike Trail and Scargo Lake (great for canoeing and kayaking). Also near Dennis Pines Golf Course and many fine restaurants. 2 miles from the bay beaches. Available any weekend from Mar 30-April 1 to June 1-3 except Memorial Day weekend, or any weekend from September 7-9 to November 9-11 except Columbus Day weekend. Contact information: phone 617-413-8166; email: ronles@rcn.com

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 2018

Value: \$1000+ Minimum Bid: \$400

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V3) Weekend in Saco, Maine

Donated by Anne and Ted Hess-Mahan

Weekend in a three bedroom cottage. Accommodates six people (4 twin beds and one double). Walk down the drive to the boardwalk. Beautiful nearby Ferry Beach has miles of sandy beach. Conservation land trails across the street. Bike trails nearby. Available weekends in the spring or fall by arrangement

Minimum Bid: \$400

V4) Weekend in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire

Donated by Urban Larson

Escape for the weekend to a quiet, comfortable house on a hillside with spectacular views of Lake Winnepesaukee. This four bedroom year-round house can comfortably sleep six adults and 3-5 children (depending on size). The kitchen is large and fully equipped and there are three full bathrooms. There is a gas grill on the deck and plenty of room to eat outside overlooking the lake. It's a short drive to a private neighborhood beach or to Gunstock Recreation Area for hiking or zip-lining in the warm months or skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. There are lots of other beautiful hiking trails nearby and it is an easy hour or so drive to the White Mountains. If you get bored of nature, the "world's biggest video game arcade" is at nearby Weirs Beach. The Lakes Region also offers scenic cruises on the Mount Washington, a steam railroad, miniature golf and a range of other activities. The house is in Gilford, NH, just under two hours from Newton/Brookline by way of I-93. Available any non-holiday weekend by mutual agreement except July and August.

Minimum bid: \$400

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V5) WEEKLONG WATERFRONT VACATION ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Donated by Glenn Palmer and Barbara Krause

Brand new home on Lagoon Pond in Vineyard Haven. Sleeps 6 people in 3 bedrooms. There is also a queen size fold out couch, 3 baths, private beach, central air conditioning, Wi-Fi, on-demand video with Netflix, Amazon Prime, PBS. Induction range in kitchen.

Private location in quiet neighborhood. The deck, living room, dining area, and the master suite all overlook salt-water Lagoon pond. Enjoy every meal at the waterside. Swimming, kayaking from private beach. Outside shower. 10 minutes from ferry. Easy access to island-wide bike paths.

Notes: This is a year round home, not a rental property. Please no pets and no smoking. Round trip vehicle ferry reservations (for one car and the driver) are included.

Date: Saturday, Aug 18-Saturday August 25.

Value: \$5000; Minimum Bid: \$1000

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Honor The Creative Spirit

V6) 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

V7) Home Concert with Outrageous Fortune

Donated by Rod Thomas and Chris Welles

A concert in your home 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

V8) 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 more than thirty 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: \$125

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V9) Write a Song with Catie Curtis

Donated by Catie Curtis

Catie has been writing and performing songs professionally for over twenty years. Catie won the Grand Prize for the International Songwriting Competition (out of 15,000 submissions) in 2005 and hosts a songwriters' retreat every summer in Maine. She performs all around the country, writes songs for film and television, and has performed at the White House and at both inaugural balls for President Obama. This is a great opportunity to meet for 90 minutes with Catie & write a song. You will do what Catie does in her songwriting process: toss around ideas, play with chords & melodies, map it out, puzzle over the lyrics, and leave with a recording of a first draft of your new song.

Estimated Value: Priceless;

Minimum bid: \$80

V10) Home Piano Concert (for up to 30 winning bidders)

Donated by Lois Shapiro and Hosted by Laurel Farnsworth

Join pianist Lois Shapiro for a guided tour into the remarkably intimate and spiritually uplifting world of some of the greatest music ever written for solo piano. Here are some of the potential "itineraries":

1. The three last Beethoven sonatas--works that teach us to inhabit more deeply our full humanity.
2. Music of Johannes Brahms--Music of Splendor, Sensuality, and Seditious Iconoclasm. At once both sublimely intimate and awesomely cosmic, Brahms' music transforms the "straw" of simple musical building blocks into the pure "gold" of soul utterance.

Date: Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 pm

Set bid: \$40.00 per person includes beverages and light snacks.

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V11) Two Tickets to The Book of Mormon

Donated by Bill and Sandy Horne, Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio and Pat and Jacki Rohan

Two Orchestra Center seats for the 8pm performance on August 18, 2018. This show is highly acclaimed, award winning and thoroughly enjoyable. You will laugh from start to finish.

Estimated Value: \$280

Minimum bid: \$280

V12) Dovera Designs Bracelet

Donated by Susanne Greelish

Susanne will custom make a Dovera in the colors you would like, to your exact size. It could be the birthstones of your children/grandchildren, your favorite color combination, or Classic and down to earth. The possibilities are what make it fun. Using Sterling, 14kGF, Swarovski crystals, and natural gemstones.

Estimated Value: \$380

Minimum bid: \$225

Other Superb Services

V13) Wonderful Family Friendly Salem Sound 2 1/2 Hour Boat Cruise (for up to 20 people)

Donated by Walter Beebe-Center

You have seen the Manchester-by-the Sea movie and now you have a chance to spend 2 1/2 hours on a boat cruise in the waters near Manchester, Beverly, Marblehead and Salem. As you cruise on the Double Eagle, a 36 foot converted lobster boat, you will see birds, wildlife, lighthouses, oceanfront mansions, and the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. And you may make new friends along the way. Feel free to bring beverages and food. Boat is located at Beverly Port Marine in Beverly. All contacts should be through the Auction team.

Set Bid: \$25 per person Date: July 14 from noon to 2:30pm (rain date July 28)

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V14) Vinyl to CDs

Donated by Norm Thibeault

Got Vinyl? Want it on CDs? Norm will transfer up to 5 albums or 45s onto CD (or 4 hours of time - whichever comes first). If they sound bad, he will clean them up a bit first with audio restoration software (Izotope Software). Norm can also transfer audiocassettes and 78 RPM discs. Norm has over 25 years of experience in radio broadcasting and audio, including CBS Radio/Boston, Soundtrack Recording Studio/Boston and Reelization Recording/Portsmouth.

Minimum bid: \$50

V15) Legal Services

Donated by Michael Barrows, Devine Barrows, LLP

A practicing real estate attorney for over 30 years, and a member of the MA and RI bars, Michael will either represent you in the sale or purchase of your house or condominium located in either Massachusetts or Rhode Island. Michael's office is located in Wellesley (near Newton Lower Falls).

Seller representation includes the following:
Preparation and negotiation of the purchase and sale agreement; draft deed; and attend closing.

Buyer representation includes the following: Conduct review and make buyer's revisions to the purchase and sale agreement; and attend closing.

Value: \$900;

Minimum Bid: \$350

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V16) 2 Hour Landscape Consultation

Donated by Betsy Leavitt

Let Betsy help you think about your garden this spring! She has over 30 years of experience creating fabulous gardens in Newton and would love to help you with yours.

Date: TBD, Spring 2018

Estimated Value: \$150;

Minimum Bid: \$40

V17) Trip to the Nursery

Donated by Betsy Leavitt

Trouble selecting plants for your garden? Take Betsy, an experienced landscape designer, with you on a 2-3 hour trip to a nursery.

Date: TBD, Spring 2018

Estimated Value: \$200;

Minimum Bid: \$45

V18) Two Hours of Interior Design Consulting

Donated by Annie Hall

Annie is a professional Interior Designer. She will provide two hours of in-home consultation on kitchen and bath design, furnishings, colors, etc.

Estimated Value: \$400;

Minimum Bid: \$100

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V19) 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

V20) A Tour of WBUR (up to 4 people)

Donated by Wendy Schwartz

Tour WBUR with broadcast producer Wendy Schwartz on a mutually agreed date and time. Options include meeting on-air hosts and/or reporters (schedules permitting), watching part of a live show, and getting a behind-the-scenes look at it all. You might even catch FUUSN member Norm Thibeault in the voice booth, if he is there when you come. Tour will last two hours.

Minimum Bid: \$100

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For the Home

V21) Hand Blown Glass Bowl

Donated by Valerie Miller & Gregg DiBiaso (Artitudes)

This Hand blown glass pedestal bowl by Callahan Mountain Studio will look beautiful in any home.

Estimated Value: \$125

Minimum Bid: \$75

V22) Magic Tiles Quilt

Donated by Kit Ryan

This beautiful quilt will add color and joy to your home. This is handmade by Kit Ryan. It is 100% cotton and is machine washable and dry-able.

Dimensions are 53.5" by 67"

Estimated Value: \$300-\$500

Minimum Bid: \$100

Fabulous Food and Fine Dining

V23) 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?! Location: Chaisson/Persons home.

Dates: TBA;

Minimum bid: \$30 per person

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V24) Barbecue for Pescatorians (Seafood Lovers) (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Bill and Sandy Horne

A fabulous seafood feast with Bill as grillmaster and Sandy as preparer of wonderful side dishes and desserts. Location: the Horne residence.

Date: Saturday, July 7 at 5PM

Minimum bid: \$50 per person

V25) Natural Wood Barbecue (for up to 6 winning bidders)

Donated by Susan Stone and Vern Ellis

Each year Vern and Susan prepare special dishes cooked on a natural hardwood grill. Fresh bread, tasty wine and micro-brews will accompany the grill items. The appetizers will be on the beach weather permitting. We finish the meal with a summer dessert. Come up early and spend the day on the beach or in the Audubon Bird Sanctuary.

Location: The Stone/Ellis home on Plum Island.

Date: Saturday, June 9

Minimum bid: \$50 per person

V26) Authentic German Biergarten (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Jacki and Pat Rohan

Here is your chance to enjoy a meal inspired by the FUUSN musician's trip to Germany. The menu will include some unusual appetizers and special breads, meats, red cabbage, and will conclude with a torte for dessert. German beers and wines will be served to accompany this feast. Location: The Rohan home.

Date: Saturday, July 21

Minimum bid: \$50 per person

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V27) Indian Dinner for Six

Donated by Pam and Megan McA'Nulty

A dinner of not-completely-traditional Indian dishes. Pam will decide what dishes will work that day, but they usually include one or two vegetable main courses, chicken tikka masala, naan bread, Riesling wine, and a dessert. Location: The McA'Nulty home in West Newton.

Date: Saturday, March 24

Minimum Bid: \$50

V28) Hungarian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Bobbie Sproat and Jud Leonard

Bobbie and Jud are feeling nostalgic for their Unitarian choir trip to Transylvania in 2013. So they will make a typical Hungarian meal, reminiscent of the home-cooked food they were served by several of the Hungarian-speaking Unitarian congregations they visited.

Date: Friday, April 20

Minimum Bid: \$40 per person

V29) Dinner Inspired by Yotam Ottolenghi Cookbooks (for up to 12 winning bidders)

Donated by Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio

We are great fans of Yotam Ottolenghi and cook often from our collection of his cookbooks, "Ottolenghi", "Plenty", "Plenty More", "Jerusalem", and "Nopi". Who could not love the food of a man with German, Italian, and Jewish roots? We love it all! So come for a delicious dinner with recipes drawn from the books named above. 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 14

Minimum Bid: \$50 per person

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V30) Chicken Marsala Dinner (for up to five winning bidders)

Donated by Allyson Gray

Allyson will prepare a dinner with delicious Chicken Marsala, Caesar Salad, Rice, and dessert. Beverages included. Location: The Gray home in Newtonville.

Date: Saturday, June 16 at 7PM

Minimum Bid: \$30

V31) Family Friendly Backyard BBQ (for up to 6 winning bidders)

Donated by the Welles, Farrell and Lambert/Lew Families

Join the Welles, Farrell and Lambert/Lew families for a family friendly Backyard BBQ at the Welles' home in West Newton. Winning bidders will enjoy smoked meats, veggie sides, fried goodies, homemade pies, and plenty of beer and lemonade to wash it all down. This event is family friendly and will include a bounce house and other activities for kids. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, including those without children. Winning bids include up to 2 adults and 4 children (additional children can be accommodated on request).

Date: May 19 (rain date May 20)

Minimum Bid: \$40 per family

Number of families: six

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V32) Authentic Irish Breakfast Prepared by an Authentic Irishman (for up to 10 winning bidders)

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

Kieran will prepare an authentic Irish breakfast consisting of Irish sausages, Irish rashers, white and black pudding, grilled tomato, fried mushrooms, Irish beans, eggs, homemade Irish brown bread and some appropriate libations (Barry's tea of course). This will be a great way to start your Saturday morning. You may even be tempted to sing some Irish songs.

Date and Time: 10am on Saturday, April 21

Minimum Bid: \$35

V33) Flight of Pies: Eight Pies, Sweet and/or Savory (Winning Bidders Choice)

Donated by Stephanie Kendall

Treat yourself to a series of delicious homemade pies from an avid FUSN baker. Service includes a monthly pie delivered to your Newton or nearby home or exchanged during FUUSN Sunday services. Pies can be a mix of sweet or savory, including standard bearers (blueberry, apple, pumpkin, other fruits), dinner (chicken pot pie, turkey shepherds pie), or variations (fruit tarts, quiche, hand formed galettes). Winning bidder will be asked for preferences; this baker loves to please adults, kids, and families. Flight of pies includes 8 months of pie (total of 8 pies) 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