

2019 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 29-31 to May 31 to June 2 except Memorial Day weekend, or any weekend from September 13-15 to November 15-17 except Columbus Day weekend Contact information: phone 617-413-8166; email: ronles@rcn.com

Minimum Bid: \$400

V2) A Week at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont

Donated by Allan and Anne Hartman

An unforgettable weeklong (**June 15-22**) vacation at a guest house on the 2800 acre Trapp Family Lodge high above Stowe, Vermont donated by the Hartmans. Two bedrooms and living room with queen size sleeper sofa which will accommodate 6 people and private deck. Unit has fully equipped kitchen, fireplace with wood, towels and linens(mid-week linen exchange). Facility has Indoor family and outdoor heated pools (towels provided), fitness center, bike trails(including bike rentals), clay tennis courts, daily activity schedule, nature walks , children's programs, beautiful lodge with superb restaurant, and onsite brewery with wine tastings. Besides spectacular mountain views, close by are many Stowe antique stores, art shops, concerts, theatre, restaurants, farmer's and specialty markets, groceries, and scenic drives (Mt. Mansfield). 45 minutes from Burlington. About 4 to 5 hours from Boston.

Value: \$2000; Minimum bid: \$800

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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

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

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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 17-Saturday August 24.

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

V6) Weekend in Wells, ME

Donated by Demie Stathoplos

Enjoy a weekend in Wells, Maine at a home that sleeps 8 (up to 10 w/children). House is within walking distance to Wells Beach, and about 2 miles from North Beach in Ogunquit.

Date: Any weekend in June or the 3rd or 4th weekend in July

Minimum bid: \$400

Honor The Creative Spirit

V7) 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

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V8) 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

V9) 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

V10) 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.

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Estimated Value: Priceless

Minimum bid: \$80

V11) 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 15 at 2:00 pm

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

V12) \$350 Toward Purchase of Artwork in her Studio

Donated by Mary Beth Maisel

Experienced and highly regarded artist Mary Beth Maisel (one of FUUSN's own) is offering \$350 toward the purchase of items in her studio. Framed artwork varies in size from approximately 8"x10" to 32"x38" and price from about \$150 to \$2,000, unframed less.

Mary Beth also offers house portraits specialized to emphasize what makes it the place you want to call home. She also sells washable 100% silk scarves of various sizes, washable 100% cotton aprons of various sizes and Notecards at \$25 per box.

Mary Beth is happy to arrange a visit to her studio before the auction (call 617-969-7860) and you can visit her website:

marybethmaisel.com.

Minimum bid: \$75

Transactions need to be completed by May 2019

V13) Dovera Designs Bracelet

Donated by Susanne Greelish

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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.

*Winning bidder must connect with Susanne **in February** to design the bracelet of your dreams!!*

Estimated Value: \$380

Minimum bid: \$225

Other Superb Services

V14) 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 13 from noon to 2:30pm (rain date July 20)

V15) 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 WBUR/Boston, CBS Radio/Boston, Soundtrack Recording Studio/Boston and Reelization Recording/Portsmouth.

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Minimum bid: \$50

V16) 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

V17) 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 2019

Estimated Value: \$150

Minimum Bid: \$40

V18) 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 2019

Estimated Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$45

V19) Two Hours of Interior Design Consulting

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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

V20) Fix it Up – 4 hours 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. You pay for the materials and Dwight does the rest -- anything other than licensed plumbing and electrical work.

Minimum bid \$150

V21) 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

V22) 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

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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

V23) Two Hours of Apple Software Help

Donated by Jud Leonard

One of our resident Computer/IT experts will provide up to two hours help on Apple Software (MacOS X, Iphone, or IPad). Jud helps to keep FUUSN's computer system going so he certainly can help you.

Minimum Bid: \$75

For the Home

V24) Lazy Susan, by Sticks

Donated by Valerie Miller & Gregg DiBiaso (Artitudes)

Beautiful heirloom quality hand carved and painted Lazy Susan by Sticks.

Estimated Value: \$420

Minimum Bid: \$140

V25) Batik Lap Quilt -Pineapple Punch Pattern

Donated by Kit Ryan

This beautiful quilt will add color and joy to your home. This is handmade by Kit. It is 100% cotton and is machine washable and dry-able. Dimensions are 45" by 57".

Estimated Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$100

Fabulous Food and Fine Dining

V26) Vegetarian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders -- TWICE!)

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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

V27) Sicilian Seafood Barbecue with Mt. Etna Bianco White Wine Tasting (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Bill and Sandy Horne

Experience this seafood feast and white wine tasting inspired by Bill and Sandy's trip to Sicily. It will excite your taste buds and give you new insights into Etna Bianco white wines. [Sicilian red wines we also be served.] The New York Times recently reported on these whites: "To describe a wine as "salty" may not seem like much of a compliment. Yet it can be high praise indeed. Some of the world's greatest wines have a distinct saline tang. Few wines demonstrate this notion of salinity as well as the whites in the Etna Bianco category, made largely or entirely from carricante grapes grown in the foothills of Mount Etna in Sicily. These whites have a pronounced savory quality that belies another wine cliché, that Italy cannot produce white wines with character."

Location: the Horne residence

Date: Saturday, June 29th at 5PM

V28) Greek Themed Dinner (for up to 6 winning bidders)

Donated by Lynne Karlson and Bruce Kimball

Lynne and Bruce will prepare a Greek themed dinner at their home with fish as the main course. Spend an evening pretending you are at the Parthenon, and bring an appetite as if you've just run a marathon!

Date: June 8

Minimum bid: \$40 per person

V29) Roman Feast (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Bobbie Sproat and Jud Leonard

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Having been bowled over by the cuisine in their Testaccio neighborhood of Rome this past fall, Jud and Bobbie will recreate some of their favorite traditional dishes for a multi-course feast. Please join us, and bring your appetites. No togas required - this is 21st century dining!

Date: Saturday, April 6

Minimum Bid: \$40 per person

V30) Catalonian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio

This year we will explore an old favorite, the culinary dishes of Catalonia. One of our favorite cookbooks is by Colman Andrews, "Catalan Cuisine" and this book will serve as our guide for the Northeastern region of Spain. The cuisine has many influences reflecting conquerors, cross pollination and innovation. If we had to describe it we would say the dinner will have a Mediterranean spirit. 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 13, 6:30PM

Minimum Bid: \$50 per person

V31) FUUSN Family Fiesta (up to 10 families: 1 ticket= 2 adults and 4 children)

Donated by the Welles, Farrell and Lambert/Lew Families

Join the Welles, Farrell, and Lambert/Lew families for a Family Fiesta in FUUSN's own Parish Hall. Winning bidders will enjoy a Tex-Mex feast including nachos, meat and vegetarian tacos, homemade salsa, salads, and plenty of lemonade and cerveza to wash it all down! This event is family friendly and will include activities for kids of all ages. One winning ticket includes up to 2 adults and 4 children (additional children from the same family may be accommodated on request). Up to 10 families can win!

Date: Saturday, May 11th 5:00-7:30PM

Location: FUUSN Parish Hall

Minimum bid: \$40 per family

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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 27

Minimum Bid: \$35

V33) 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