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Honored Guest Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture
at George Washington's Mount Vernon

2016 Silent Auction Preview

Art & Fashion

Art & Fashion 1: Three original watercolors by Pierre E. Cambier

Three medium sized ink and watercolor paintings by French artist Pierre E. Cambier. Depicting everyday life in mid-20th century Paris, the artist captures famous Parisian landmarks as the backdrops for his scenes. Cambier's paintings emanate the comfort of an afternoon stroll through one of the world's most famous and loved cities from the perspective of a local. These paintings will add elegance and charm to the walls of any home!

Donated by: Skipp and Mary Calvert

Value: \$3,200

Starting Bid: \$1,000

Bid Increment: \$150

Art & Fashion 2: Dahlia Print

Bethesda artist Amy Lamb's growing interest in gardening led her to observe more closely a variety of plants, from sun lovers to shade seekers, and wildflowers to cultivars. Seeking to communicate the beauty she was seeing and the sense of wonder it was evoking, she studied photography to be able to interpret and communicate what she was experiencing. Today she continues her work with the production of botanical photographic prints. Proudly display this signed and numbered print in your home today!

Donated by Harry and Grace Risetto

Value: \$700

Starting Bid: \$200

Bid Increment: \$25

Art & Fashion 3: Williamsburg Wine and Design Package

A delightful 16" X 20" oil painting titled, "A Backyard in Williamsburg," donated by the Belvoir Garden Club. This painting will have you wishing that you could stroll down the brick path to this backyard cottage, surrounded by trees, flowering gardens and shrubs! Includes a bottle of red and a bottle of white wine from Williamsburg, VA in an attractive metal "twigs" holder.

Donated by Belvoir Garden Club

Value: \$300

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Art & Fashion 4: Breezes Reason by local artist, Peter McClintock

Local artist Peter McClintock maintains a studio in the Gateway Arts District just outside of Washington, DC. Early on, he focused on fine furniture and architectural millwork, through one of the region's most distinguished builders. The experience influenced his artwork; witnessing the influence architecture has on the way the world is perceived. After a few years working in art education, Peter committed fully to creating paintings that reflect his dedication to craft and his unique expression of how we see the world. Breezes Reason is 30" X 40" on linen.

Donated by Peter B. McClintock

Value: \$1,600

Starting Bid: \$500

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 5: Designer Jacket

Prada inspired leather jacket design by Bettina Rizzi of Argentina for The Rolling Stones in 1998. Retro, knee length, hand-made black leather, unisex styled. One-size-fits-many. Can be worn with or without the belt, of course.

Donated by Bettina Rizzi Leathers & Furs

Value: \$900

Starting Bid: \$400

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 6: King's Jewelry Bracelet

You'll be waving "your hands in the air like you don't care" so you can show off this gorgeous sterling silver and cubic zirconia rose plated bracelet! Silver and rose colored rows twist and weave around the bracelet, sparkling with your every move. A magnetic clasp adds to the impact of this piece.

Donated by King's Jewelry

Value: \$295

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 7: King's Jewelry Bracelet

This brushed sterling silver and rose plated bracelet features a decorative cubic zirconia center accent piece that's sure to have you checking your wrist often to admire it! A magnetic clasp adds to the impact of this piece.

Donated by King's Jewelry

Value: \$395

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 8: Murano Glass Beads Necklace

Murano glass is made on the Venetian island of Murano, which has specialized in fancy glass wares for centuries. Murano's glassmakers led Europe in developing and refining many technologies including crystalline glass, enameled glass, glass with threads of gold, multicolored glass, milk glass, and imitation gemstones made of glass. This very special necklace, designed by the husband and wife team of Giorgio Nason and Trina Trygett, features beads in shades of blue, teal, and green, with gold accents.

Purchased at the Victoria and Albert Museum!

Donated by Marcia and Klaus Zech

Value: \$225

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 9: Floral Print

This beautifully matted piece includes intricate floral artwork intertwined with quotes from Thoreau's journals and essays, stating his love of nature. Susan Loy is an American artist, calligrapher, and author best known for her "Literary Calligraphy" watercolor paintings of the Language of Flowers. Her work has been described as a mix of "magic circles, calligraphy, and philosophical texts." In 2000, the coordinator of the Yankee Peddler Foundation in Medina, Ohio stated that, "Ms. Loy's Literary Calligraphy demonstrates how type blossoms into art in a calligrapher's hand."

Donated by Jane and George Diamantis

Value: \$250

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Art & Fashion 10: Floral Print

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Donated by Jane and George Diamantis

Value: \$250

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Art & Fashion 11: "Low Country" Watercolor Print

The low country is a geographic and cultural region along our southern coast. Known for its agricultural wealth in rice and indigo that flourished in the hot subtropical climate, the low country today is known for its historic cities and communities, natural beauty, cultural heritage, and tourism industry. This beautifully framed and matted watercolor print from Victoria at Home depicts an impressionistic Low Country woodland scene. You can easily imagine the Savannah marsh just beyond your view!

Donated by Victoria at Home

Value: \$425

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 12: "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 the tone to your living or dining room.

Donated by Tradition de France

Value: \$1,200

Starting Bid: \$500

Bid Increment: \$100

Art & Fashion 13: Madeira Oil Painting

The AHS Portugal/Madeira Travel Study trip was so fun and informative that Ann Currey wanted to hold on to a concrete memory. An iconic photograph of Winston Churchill painting on Madeira was it! For her painting, she chose a view from the Belmond Reid's Palace Hotel where Churchill once sat to paint and she painted this. In the footsteps of Winston...her Madeira Moment!

Donated by Jane and George Diamantis

Value: \$600

Starting Bid: \$200

Bid Increment: \$50

Art & Fashion 14: Meg Carter Designs Necklace

Inspired by nature's most beautiful treasures from the sea ... this Meg Carter Designs necklace features natural seashells, freshwater pearls, semi-precious stones and sterling silver. Designed and crafted by hand for the woman of effortless elegance.

Simple. Beautiful. Timeless.

Donated by Meg Carter Designs

Value: \$310

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Books

Books 1: *The Cruise of the Corwin: Journal of the Arctic Expedition of 1881 in Search of DeLong and the Jeannette*, by John Muir

John Muir, also known as "John of the Mountains", was a Scottish-American naturalist, author, environmental philosopher and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. He founded The Sierra Club and his activism helped to preserve the Yosemite Valley, Sequoia National Park, and other wilderness areas. In 1881 he agreed to sail aboard the Corwin, whose fruitless mission it was to search for the missing scientific research vessel Jeannette, which had become icebound while exploring the distant and mysterious Wrangell Land in the higher latitudes of the Arctic. This is that story, in a First Edition!

Donated by Rachel C. Muir and Lauren Hefner

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$250

Bid Increment: \$50

Books 2: *Christmas in Plains: Memories*, by Jimmy Carter with illustrations by daughter, Amy Carter
In a beautifully rendered portrait, Jimmy Carter remembers the Christmas days of his Plains boyhood—the simplicity of family and community gift-giving, his father’s eggnog, the children’s house decorations, the school Nativity pageant, the fireworks, Luke’s story of the birth of Christ, and the poignancy of his black neighbors’ poverty. This book is especially distinctive because it includes illustrations by Amy Carter and is autographed by Jimmy Carter himself!

Donated by William and Beth Fink

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$150 Bid Increment: \$50

Books 3: *Barbara Bush, Presidential Matriarch*, by Myra G. Gutin

Wife of one president and mother of another, Barbara Bush was an outspoken first lady who looked more like her constituents than did her predecessors. A White House resident for only four years, she nevertheless became and remains one of the most admired women in the world. This new look at Barbara Bush draws on recently opened records at the Bush library, the first lady's many speeches, interviews with the first lady's staff, and an exclusive interview with Mrs. Bush to impart a new appreciation for this beloved former first lady. Autographed by President George H.W. Bush & Barbara Bush!

Donated by President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$150 Bid Increment: \$50

Books 4: *All the Best; My Life in Letters and Other Writings*, by George H W Bush

Though reticent in public, George Bush openly shared his private thoughts in correspondence throughout his life. Organized chronologically, the volume begins with eighteen-year-old George’s letters to his parents during World War II. Readers will gain insights into Bush’s career highlights—the oil business, his two terms in Congress, his ambassadorship to the U.N., his service as an envoy to China, his tenure with the Central Intelligence Agency, and of course, the vice presidency, the presidency, and the post-presidency. This new edition includes new letters and photographs that cover the last fifteen years, highlighting the Bush family’s enduring influence on history. Autographed by President George H.W. Bush & Barbara Bush!

Donated by President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$150 Bid Increment: \$50

Books 5: *Destiny and Power; The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*, by Jon Meacham

This brilliant biography chronicles the life of George Herbert Walker Bush. Drawing on President Bush’s personal diaries, on the diaries of his wife, Barbara, and on extraordinary access to the forty-first president and his family, Meacham paints an intimate and surprising portrait of an intensely private man who led the nation through tumultuous times. From the Oval Office to Camp David, from his study in the private quarters of the White House to Air Force One, from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the first Gulf War to the end of Communism, *Destiny and Power* charts the thoughts, decisions, and emotions of a modern president who may have been the last of his kind. This is the human story of a man who was, like the nation he led, at once noble and flawed. Autographed by President George H.W. Bush & Barbara Bush!

Donated by President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$150 Bid Increment: \$50

Books 6: 41, *A Portrait of my Father*, by George W Bush

Countless books have been written about the Presidents of the United States, but never before has a President told the story of his father, another President, through his own eyes and in his own words. The book covers the entire scope of the elder President Bush's life and career, including his service in the Pacific during World War II, his pioneering work in the Texas oil business, and his political rise as a Congressman, U.S. Representative to China and the United Nations, CIA Director, Vice President, and President. In addition, George W. Bush discusses his father's influence on him throughout his own life. Autographed by President George H.W. Bush & Barbara Bush!

Donated by President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$150 Bid Increment: \$50

Books 7: *Inspired by Nature, The Garfield Park Conservatory and Chicago's West Side*, by Julia S. Bachrach and Jo Ann Nathan

One of the nation's most stunning and intriguing botanical havens, the Garfield Park Conservatory celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary in 2008. Often referred to as a "landscape art under glass," Jens Jensen's revolutionary design is a poetic interpretation of his beloved Midwestern landscape as it was in prehistoric times. Published in honor of the centennial, *Inspired by Nature* blossoms into a living history that looks to the future, and covers everything from the history of the conservatory and Garfield Park to the revival of the surrounding community. Autographed by author, Julia S. Bachrach!

Donated by Julia S. Bachrach

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$75 Bid Increment: \$25

Books 8: AHS Award Winning Book Collection

Enjoy a complete set of the five 2016 AHS Book Award Winning Books, each signed by the author. Covering both the art and science of horticulture, this set is sure to please every gardener. Titles include:

-*The Art of Gardening, Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer*

-*How Plants Work*

-*The Seed Garden, The Art and Practice of Seed Saving*

-*Planting in a Post-Wild World, Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes*

-*Seeing Seeds, A Journey into the World of Seedheads, Pods, and Fruit*

Donated by the American Horticultural Society

Value: Priceless Starting Bid: \$150 Bid Increment: \$50

Get Away

Get Away 1: 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. Select a week in mid March or any week during the lush green season, June through August. Subject to availability.

Donated by Bob and Lynn Murray

Value: \$4,000 Starting Bid: \$2,500 Bid Increment: \$500

Get Away 2: Two weeks in a London Flat

This charming two-bedroom, 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 lives in the neighborhood. Cheers! Time to be mutually agreeable. Maximum of 4 people. No pets or smoking, please.

Donated by Marcia and Klaus Zech

Value: \$7,000

Starting Bid: \$3,500

Bid Increment: \$500

Get Away 3: Two Weeks in an Oceanfront Maui Condo

You could spend your next 14-days 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. Time to be mutually agreeable. Not available February, November, or Christmas. Maximum of 4 people. No pets or smoking, please.

Donated by Marcia and Klaus Zech

Value: \$11,200

Starting Bid: \$4,500

Bid Increment: \$500

Get Away, 4: Two night Hilton Vancouver Stay

A two night stay in a guestroom at the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, Washington. Vancouver offers the opportunity for copious outdoor activities like hiking, biking, boating, and golfing in the lush, green landscape of Washington State. The city also has a lively nightlife, and is known for its artisan coffee and beer, and its breathtaking views of Mount St. Helens and the Columbian River. While you're there also pay a visit to Portland, Oregon, another famous Pacific Northwest city which is right over the Columbian River Bridge.

Donated by Hilton, Vancouver.

Value: \$350

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Get Away 5: One Weekend Night Stay at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City

One night weekend stay at the beautiful Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, perfectly located for both designer shopping and transit into the city!

Donated by The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City

Value: \$259

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences

Experiences 1: Biology Cruise on Lake Barcroft

Join biologists and residents, Kevin Howe and Betsy Washington, for a 2.5 hour cruise on Lake Barcroft in Fairfax County, Virginia. Time and Date must be mutually agreeable. This natural history tour for up to five people will include some drinks and appetizers. Lake Barcroft is home to an oak-hickory community with a myriad of songbirds and a lake with such visitors and residents as ospreys, bald eagle, owls, herons. and a myriad of reptiles, fish, and mammals.

Donated by Betsy Washington and Kevin Howe

Value: \$500

Starting Bid: \$250

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 2: Potomac River Whitewater Kayaking Adventure

Get an introduction to the exciting and wonderful yet hair-raising sport of whitewater kayaking. Private lessons for one or two people on the Potomac River by an American Canoe Association Certified Instructor who has paddled from Oregon to Georgia, Canada to New Mexico and lots of running water in between. All day adventure and all equipment provided. Minimum age of 12 years. Valid until water freezes or through 2017.

Donated by Betsy Washington and Kevin Howe

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 3: Introduction to Tour Kayaking in Northern Virginia

Come learn the mellow, nature-loving sport of touring kayaking. Private lessons for one or two people on wonderful 135 acre private lake in northern Virginia or another beautiful, mutually agreed upon body of water. Instruction by an American Canoe Association Certified Instructor who has paddled from Maine to Key West and the Virgin Islands, Alaska to California and taught for LL Bean for years. All equipment provided, minimum age 12 years. Valid until water freezes or through 2017.

Donated by Betsy Washington and Kevin Howe

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 4: Garden Tour of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia

A walking tour of *private* gardens in Old Town Alexandria, to be followed by dinner at the Landini Brothers Italian Restaurant. Tuscany's cuisine and culture have made it the most popular region in Italy; the same can be said about Landini Brothers, an Old Town Alexandria destination for regulars, locals, and tourists since 1979. Hosted by AHS board member and seriously retired landscape designer and leisure & tourism professional, Skipp Calvert.

Donated by Skipp and Mary Calvert and Landini Brothers Restaurant

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$200

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 5: New York City Stay and Portrait Session in the Pierre Hotel

A portrait session for up to eight people with master photographer Steven Kramer of Kramer Portraits and a one night stay in the Pierre Hotel in New York City. Kramer Portraits combine the accuracy of a photograph with the majesty of an oil painting. Your family will treasure this beautiful portrait for generations to come as a family heirloom. The portrait session will be conducted in the prestigious Pierre Hotel overlooking central park in New York City, and your family will be provided with a one night stay in the Pierre for the night of your portrait session.

Donated by Kramer Portraits, New York

Value: \$6,500

Starting Bid: \$2,000

Bid Increment: \$500

Experiences 6: Introduction to Indoor Rock Climbing in Alexandria or Sterling Virginia

One certificate for the Sportrock Basic Skills Class for two guests. With two convenient locations in Alexandria and Sterling, Sportrock is Northern Virginia's premier center for rock climbing. You and a guest will learn your way around a climbing harness, how to tie into a rope, and how to belay for a partner. The Basic Skills class will give you the experience and knowledge needed to start regularly rock climbing at a state-of-the-art Sportrock facility.

Donated by SportRock Climbing Center

Value: \$60

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 7: Membership to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, Maryland

One household membership to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels Maryland. Learn about the Chesapeake Bay and boating with your family. The museum features interactive exhibits, a working boatyard, and boat rides on the Miles River. Members enjoy free general admission, free admission to the museum's festivals, day docking privileges, and more. Explore and support one of the most environmentally important and most scenic estuaries in the nation.

Donated by Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Value: \$75 Starting Bid: \$25 Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 8: Round House Theatre Tickets

Round House Theatre, in Bethesda MD, is a home for outstanding ensemble acting and lifelong learning. The group's goal is to captivate audiences with stories that inspire compassion, evoke emotions, and demand conversation. This auction item includes a voucher for two tickets to any performance of the 2016-2017 season, excluding Saturday evenings and Sunday matinee shows.

Donated by Round House Theatre

Value: \$110 Starting Bid: \$50 Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 9: Metro Stage Theater Tickets

Founded in 1984 as American Showcase Theatre Company, Inc., MetroStage in Alexandria, is the oldest professional theatre in Northern Virginia. MetroStage presents original, challenging, and innovative work: work that is unpredictable and nontraditional, work that tells a compelling story and showcases remarkable talent. The 130-seat theatre presents opportunities for both the actors and the audience to experience theatre in an intimate, communal setting. This auction item includes a voucher for two tickets to any performance of the upcoming 2016-2017 season.

Donated by Metro Stage

Value: \$120 Starting Bid: \$75 Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 10: Kennedy Center, Eisenhower Theater Performance

The Kennedy Center, located on the banks of the Potomac River near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., opened to the public in September 1971. From its very beginnings, the Kennedy Center has represented a unique public/private partnership, as the nation's living memorial to President Kennedy. Be the lucky winner of this package and you'll enjoy the Monday November 21, 8:00 PM performance of Young Vic's two-time 2016 Tony Award winning production of Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge" - *in box seats* in the Eisenhower Theater!

Donated by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Value: \$198 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 11: Private Tour of Monticello/Clifton Inn in Charlottesville, Virginia

Monticello is the autobiographical masterpiece of Thomas Jefferson—designed and redesigned and built and rebuilt for more than forty years. Its gardens were a botanic showpiece, a source of food, and an experimental laboratory of ornamental and useful plants from around the world. Includes a private tour, including the Revolutionary Gardens, for up to 4 people. Tours must be scheduled before Sept. 30, 2017, excluding holidays, and are subject to the availability of the Monticello staff. Includes a copy of the book “A Rich Spot on Earth, Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello” and two rooms for a week-night stay at the Clifton Inn, a petite hotel that puts guests in the best of both worlds with the intimacy of small inns, and exquisite comforts and luxury of a world-class hotel. Located in a spectacular 100-acre setting in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Donated by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello and the Clifton Inn

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$500

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 12: A VIP Tour Experience of George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill during Whiskey Production

A special behind the scenes tour of George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill, in Alexandria Virginia, led by Director of Historic Trades, Steve Bashore. This tour will take place during rye whiskey production and will highlight all aspects of the production from the grinding of the grains in the gristmill, through the fermentation process to distillation on the five copper pot stills which are heated by wood fires. A tasting of George Washington's unaged and aged rye will be offered during the tour. Includes a bottle of unaged rye whiskey and a copy of “Founding Spirits: George Washington and the Beginnings of the American Whiskey Industry” by Dennis J. Poque. Limit 10 people.

Donated by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$500

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 13: Tour of the 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. Special conditions apply.

Donated by the United States Capitol Historical Society

Value: \$400

Starting Bid: \$300

Bid Increment: \$50

Experience 14: Clearwater, FL Package

Enjoy a beautiful weekend on the water in Clearwater, FL! Package includes a certificate valid for one 6 hour chartered fishing trip for up to 6 people with Caladesi Fishing Charters and four passes to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Restrictions apply.

Donated by Caladesi Fishing Charters and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Value: \$885

Starting Bid: \$300

Bid Increment: \$50

Experience 15: Arena Stage

Enjoy an exclusive night out! Two tickets to the Opening Night performance (January 18, 2017) of “Roe”, to include a post-show reception and complimentary parking.

Donated by Arena Stage

Value: \$260

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Experiences 16: Washington Performing Arts

Wow!!! Two Prime Orchestra Seats at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall to see Hilary Hahn, violinist extraordinaire, on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 8pm. You don't want to miss this!

Donated by Washington Performing Arts

Value: \$144

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 17: Mt Vernon tour by Water; George Washington Tour

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 you tickets are included in the roundtrip fare.

Includes four individual passes.

Donated by Potomac Riverboat Company

Value: \$168

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 18: Alexandria by Water Seaport Cruise

This is a roundtrip waterside tour of Alexandria, VA. It is aboard the Admiral Tilp and promises both relaxation and fun. As you take in the architecture and landmarks of this historic waterfront, you'll be entertained with fun facts, history and legends that bring this picturesque city to life. Our longest-running and most popular tour on the Potomac River, this excursion both enlightens and delights. Includes passes for up to four.

Donated by Potomac Riverboat Company

Value: \$48

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 19: 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 Memorial and the Tidal Basin.

Donated by Potomac Riverboat Company

Value: \$112

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 20: Alexandria-National Harbor Water Taxi Tickets for Four

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.

Donated by Potomac Riverboat Company

Value: \$64

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 21: Canine Cruise on the Potomac River

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. The dog rides free, but must be on a 6ft. flat leash. Departs from the Alexandria City Marina. Includes four vouchers, each admitting one person.

Donated by Potomac Riverboat Company

Value: \$64

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Experiences 22: Washington Monuments Cruise for Six

Six tickets to cruise the Potomac with the Potomac Riverboat Company. Cruise highlights include Washington's majestic monuments, landmarks, building and bridges-the Lincoln memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, to name a few. Depart from the quaint and historic seaport of Old Town Alexandria with its cobblestone streets or from world famous Georgetown with its upscale shops, pubs, and restaurants.

Donated by the Potomac Riverboat Company

Value: \$168

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Sports

Sports 1: Four second row tickets to the 360 Club at a Nationals Home Game:

The Delta 360 Club is a premier luxury sporting experience in Washington, D.C. Enjoy the home game while sitting in the second row, directly behind home plate. Your event will include an in-seat food and beverage service, a private bar featuring all-inclusive draft beer and house wine, and private restrooms for you and three friends.

Donated by Karen and Rick Davis

Value: \$1,400.00

Starting Bid: \$500

Bid Increment: \$100

Sports 2: Bocce Ball Game at River Farm, Catered by Five Guys

You, and seven of your friends, can do it! Bocce ball provides a congenial blend of pool, shuffleboard, Italian cultural memories, and social engagement for everyone involved. River Farm provides a beautiful lawn "court" surrounded by acres of gardens. Hosted by AHS Board Member Skipp Calvert and catered by Five Guys. Skipp is a Bocce fanatic and Five Guys has been a Washington, DC area favorite since 1986. Good friends, good food, good times! Date and time to be mutually agreeable, good for up to one year.

Donated by Skipp and Mary Calvert and Five Guys

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Sports 3: Autographed Washington Capitals Hockey Game Puck

Mike Latta, former centre for the Washington Capitals Ice Hockey team, has signed a puck used by the team during this year's 2015-2016 Stanley Cup Playoffs. The team finished their 2015-2016 season with a 56 and 18 record, came in first in the Metropolitan Division, and scored a whopping 120 points earning the team their second ever Presidents' Trophy. This signed puck commemorates another fantastic season for the Washington Capitals; take home your own piece of Washington DC Sports History! Comes with certificate of authenticity.

Donated by the Washington Capitals

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Sports 4: Washington Nationals Autographed Baseball

Enjoy a priceless piece of Washington Nationals memorabilia! The perfect gift for any Nats fan, this baseball is autographed by pitcher, Shawn Kelley, #27. Certificate of authenticity is included.

Donated by the Washington Nationals

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

For the Kids

For the Kids 1: ThinkFun, Inc. Five Family Board Games

Five family board games made by the Alexandria based board game company ThinkFun. Thinkfun focuses on creating games and puzzles that spark children's imagination, and make learning fun. The five games included in the bundle are Escape the Room, Code Master, Gravity Maze, Laser Maze, and a Thinkfun puzzle classic, Rushhour. With hundreds of different challenges, these games will inspire your kids to think critically while also providing fun activities that can be played again and again.

Donated by ThinkFun Inc.

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

For the Kids 2: Three Books and a Children's Nature/Gardening Briefcase

Introduce your child to reading and gardening, early! Three delightful and colorful, easy for a child to hold, children's books by Lois Ehlert: Growing Vegetable Soup, Eating the Alphabet, and Planting a Rainbow. Also includes a "briefcase" containing garden tools, a butterfly net, and a gardening apron and gloves.

Donated by Thomas E. Johnson and Julie Mueller and the AHS

Value: \$40

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

For the Kids 3: A Child's Intro to Gardening and Nature

You'll thank the Belvoir Garden Club for jump starting your child's interest in gardening and nature when you show him/her all the goodies in this basket! Includes five children's books, a felt frog, knee pads, a birdhouse kit, a Gund squirrel, a miniature carryall, a beginner's gardening set, a buffet window bird feeder, a frog moisture meter, a Be Happy figurine, a lizards puzzle, and a plant saver. Whew! That's a lot of nature!

Donated by the AHS

Value: \$175

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort

Garden & Hort 1: The Sharper Cut Inc. Landscape Design

The Sharper Cut is a full service design and build firm in Upper Marlboro, MD. They specialize in creating lifestyles in a phased approach based on proper design. They do it right and they do it beautifully! Includes 2 professional landscape conceptual designs and 1 final design, catered to your needs. You can choose from Front Yard Curb Appeal or Backyard Living Space. This offer is good for 1 year. Property must be within a 30-mile radius of River Farm.

Donated by The Sharper Cut Inc.

Value: \$1,000

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Garden & Hort 2: 3 Decorative Garden Spheres

Plant an ever-blooming garden with these decorative glass bulbs! No need for electricity or batteries. These clear, blown-glass style bubbles soak up the sun during the day, then glow for you and your guests at night. They'd look great lined up along your sidewalk to light the way to your garden!

Donated by Nancy and Herbert Hargroves

Value: \$50

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 3: Plant and gift card to Green Street Gardens

This beautiful Anthurium is a gorgeous addition to any window sill! Enjoy it and pick up any supplies you may need for your garden using the \$50 gift card to Green Street Gardens, with three convenient locations to serve all of your needs.

Donated by Greenstreet Gardens

Value: \$72

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 4: Flower Workshop with Former Chief Floral Designer at the White House

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.

Donated by Laura Dowling

Value: \$1,800

Starting Bid: \$900

Bid Increment: \$100

Garden & Hort 5: Group of Bare-Root Daylilies

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.

Donated by Marcia and Klaus Zech

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 6: Indoor Grow Kit

LED Habitats™ are the naturally beautiful indoor grow light and gardening system for nurturing seedlings, herbs, flowers, fresh salad greens, and any sun-loving plants in a small space (patent pending). Perfect for kitchen gardens, indoor herb gardens, miniature and fairy gardens, and growing fresh salads or microgreens. Overall outside dimensions: 10" W x 16" L x 20" H. Each Habitat includes a set high quality, custom planting trays--one leak-proof and one with drainage holes. 8.7" W x 14.5" L x 2.25" H (exterior dimensions).

Donated by the AHS

Value: \$280

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$50

Garden & Hort 7: Gift certificate for Woodhenge Gardens Daylilies

Your visit to Woodhenge Gardens will surely make them your source for northern hardy, surprisingly different daylilies! They're located near the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and they specialize in Spider, Unusual Form, and Exotic Daylilies. Margo Reed and Jim Murphy have been breeding daylilies for many years and you can be assured that the visit will be informative and the plants will be tempting! Includes a \$250 gift certificate for daylilies.

Donated by Nancy and Herbert Hargroves

Value: \$250

Starting Bid: \$200

Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 8: Solar LED Blossom Lights and Framed Glass Panel

Add a little extra fun to your décor with these power-saving and eco-friendly solar powered LED blossoms! Lights automatically turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn. They can be set to a steady light or flashing. Suitable for indoors and outdoors. Give your garden some height and color with this decorative framed glass panel. Each hand-cut glass panel is a unique work of outdoor art, showcasing

various glass insets, beads, and more. It looks especially beautiful with the sun shining through! A Plow & Hearth exclusive design.

Donated by Thomas E. Johnson and Julie Mueller and Plow and Hearth

Value: \$70 Starting Bid: \$50 Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 9: Bonsai Package

Enjoy learning about the art of Bonsai! This package includes your very own Verdoni Dwarf Hinoki Cypress plant and a copy of "The Little Book of Bonsai" by Malcolm and Kath Hughes. This manual will guide you through the art and history of Bonsai to the proper techniques for caring for your new plant.

Donated by Holly Woods and Vines and the AHS

Value: \$65 Starting Bid: \$50 Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 10: Springfield Acres Garden Club Basket

Everything you need to keep your gardening practices fresh! An extensive inventory of gardening supplies, from new gardening gloves to plant labels!

Donated by the Springfield Acres Garden Club

Value: \$ 150 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 11: Garden Themed Christmas Ornaments

Get a jump on the Christmas season! This adorable set of handmade, blown glass ornaments have a garden theme, making them the perfect gift for any gardener! The set includes ornaments shaped and decorated as gardening trowels.

Donated by Thomas E. Johnson and Julie Mueller

Value: \$30 Starting Bid: \$25 Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 12: Rolling Scoot-N-Do Garden Seat and Handmade Gardening Tools

With its soft pneumatic tires and comfortable tractor seat, this Plow & Hearth Green Scoot-N-Do Caddy lets you garden with fewer ups and downs and less strain on your back. A new steering mechanism makes it super easy to pull and maneuver and the swiveling tractor seat is height adjustable. Includes a metal mesh tray for your garden tools, and a removable rear basket. Of course the tubular steel frame is rust-resistant. Additionally, these three pieces feature beautiful handles turned, by Joe Zadareky, from cherry wood. Truly something wonderful to work with.

Donated by Plow and Hearth and Joe Zadareky

Value: \$225 Starting Bid: \$125 Bid Increment: \$25

Garden & Hort 13: Garden and Household Items Basket

This basket from OXO is full of goodies! Almost too many to mention, but included for your gardening are gel-e trowel, a hand-held cultivator, a gel-e weeder, an hand-held plow, a hand rake, garden scissors, and Good Grips pruners. For indoors you'll find a Good Grips kitchen compost bin, a hand-held spiralizer, a strawberry huller, several produce keepers in various sizes, a flexible veggies brush and more!

Donated by OXO International

Value: \$250 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Household

Household 1: A set of 4 AHS Mugs and Coffee

Our new and *Exclusive to AHS* Floral Garden Mugs bring the garden indoors all year round! Each limited edition 8-ounce bone china mug features a seasonal wraparound design by nature artist Liz Clayton Fuller. Our AHS logo can be found on the underside. Dishwasher and microwave safe, of course. Perfect as birthday, anniversary, hostess, and holiday gifts - and for your morning coffee or tea!

Donated by Sylvia Schmeichel and Kerry Duax and the AHS

Value: \$65 Starting Bid: \$50 Bid Increment: \$25

Household 2: Crystal Vase

This striking and significant centerpiece bowl measures 10" in diameter. It features beautiful Vista style vertical cuts in lead crystal. This dish would be especially beautiful with floating flowers in it!

Donated by Daphne and Gary Steinberg

Value: \$60 Starting Bid: \$25 Bid Increment: \$25

Household 3: Turned Wooden Maple Bowl

This gorgeous and unique bowl, hand turned by Kevin Sherlock of Alexandria, is the perfect addition to any table. Both functional and beautiful, it measures approximately 9 inches wide and 2.5 inches deep.

Donated by Kevin Sherlock

Value: \$150 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Household 4: Turned 8" Maple Bowl

This beautiful hand-turned, by C. David Wolff, maple bowl is perfect for chips, pretzels, salads; anytime you want your presentation to be special.

Donated by C. David Wolff

Value: \$150 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Household 5: Turned Wooden Bowl Made from River Farm Ash Tree

This beautiful hand-turned, by Frank Jessup, bowl is made from an ash tree right here at River Farm!

Almost 11" in diameter, the outside lip is accented by three black carved lines. The wood grains on this bowl are going to look even more beautiful after use!

Donated by Frank Jessup

Value: \$150 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Household 6: Turned 10" Ash Salad Bowl

This hand-turned, by Patrick O'Brien, 10" salad bowl is nicely deep and beautifully grained. Two black carved lines accent the outside lip.

Donated by Patrick O'Brien

Value: \$150 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Household 7: Three Piece Bowl Set

These bowls, hand-turned by Patrick O'Brien, can really get you organized! The 5" sycamore bowl is perfect for your keys. The 6" beaded River Farm maple with ambrosia beetle is perfect for your eyeglasses. The 10" ash bowl is perfect for the salad that you'll enjoy after putting your keys and glasses away!

Donated by Patrick O'Brien

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 8: 8" Maple with Ambrosia Bowl

This hand-turned, by Don Johnson, maple with ambrosia beetle wooden bowl has a rolled edge, to give it even more punch than the beautiful wood itself does.

Donated by Don Johnson

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 9: 8" Maple Bowl

This hand-rolled, by Joe Zadareky, 8" wooden maple bowl would be the perfect accent piece for your coffee or dining room table! Picture apples in it a watercolor inspiration?

Donated by Joe Zadareky

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 10: Wooden Bowl

This hand-turned bowl, by Scott Hurley, is the perfect accent to any table. The dark wood grain makes for a beautiful and unique piece. Made from River Farm Walnut, it measures approximately 7 inches wide by 2.5 inches deep.

Donated by Scott Hurley

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 11: Wooden Bowl

This beautiful bowl is hand-turned by Ed Hochard and made from Red Marlee Burl. With the Red Marlee's Australian origins and the shape of the burl, this piece is guaranteed to be one of the most unique bowls around!

Donated by Ed Hochard

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 12: Wooden Dyed Plate Set

Hand-turned and dyed by Tom Huber. The 10 inch plate is titled, "Zen tangles" and is made of River Farm Pine with blue India Ink. The 12 inch plate is titled, "Crazy Quilt" and is made of River Farm Maple and multi-colored Stippled Dye.

Donated by Tom Huber

Value: \$ 85

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 13: Eames Lounge Chair and Ottoman

Charles and Ray Eames had ideas about making a better world, one in which things were designed to bring greater pleasure to our lives. Their iconic Eames Lounge Chair (1956) began with a desire to create a chair with “the warm, receptive look of a well-used first baseman’s mitt.” The result has become the consummate lounge. In continuous production since its introduction, the Eames Lounge Chair is widely considered one of the most significant designs of the 20th century. Pairing soft, inviting leather with the sleek form of molded wood, this piece was the culmination of the Eames’ efforts to create a club chair using the molded plywood technology that they pioneered in the ‘40s. Even today, each piece is assembled by hand to ensure the highest level of quality and craftsmanship, and you’ll be pleased to discover that this chair gets even better with use and age. The configuration of this chair is a registered trademark, and this is the authentic Eames Lounge Chair by Herman Miller. Made in U.S.A

Donated by Herman Miller

Value: \$6,150

Starting Bid: \$4,000

Bid Increment: \$250

Household 14: Mont Blanc Meisterstück No. 149 Gold Tipped Fountain

This is Mont Blanc’s flagship pen! Aptly named the “Papa” of Montblanc fountain pens, this legendary pen has a large, hand-crafted 18k gold nib inlaid with platinum. Montblanc’s famous white-star logo is emblazoned on the nib’s front. Its finely sculpted barrel is made out of a precious jet-black resin that highlights its gold-plated accents. The rings are embossed with the Montblanc logo. Includes a stylish and significant glass ink bottle and a silk-lined presentation box that holds both items.

Donated by Viveka and Josh Neveln

Value: \$900

Starting Bid: \$450

Bid Increment: \$100

Household 15: Fairfax Ferns Garden Club, Tea Themed Basket

“Tea Time in the Garden” donated by the Fairfax Ferns Garden Club. This lovely basket includes everything you need to sit down to a relaxing cup of tea. The extensive inventory includes teas and supplies, including a Sterling silver tea set (coffee pot, tea pot, creamer, & sugar)

Donated by Fairfax Ferns Garden Club

Value: \$400

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Household 16: Isfahani Floor Rug

Decorate your home around this beautifully hand woven masterpiece! The Iranian city of Isfahan has long been one of the world centers for production of the famous Persian carpet and Isfahani carpets are internationally known for their high quality. This 50” X 63” fine lamb’s wool rug has 600 knots per square inch!

Donated by J & J Oriental Rug Gallery

Value: \$2,600

Starting Bid: \$1,200

Bid Increment: \$100

Household 17: Household and Garden Items Basket

This basket from OXO is full of goodies! Almost too many to mention, but included for your kitchen you’ll find a Good Grips compost bin, a hand-held spiralizer, a strawberry huller, several produce keepers in various sizes, and a flexible veggies brush. For gardening you’ll find a gel-e trowel, a hand-held cultivator, a gel-e weeder, a hand-held plow, a hand rake, garden scissors, Good Grips pruners and more!

Donated by OXO International

Value: \$250

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 18: Weber Charcoal Smoker

This Weber 18-Inch Smokey Mountain Cooker Charcoal Smoker can do almost anything! It has two separate cooking areas for versatility, easy access aluminum door for adding fuel while cooking, and adjustable vents for controlling air flow and temperature. It includes a cover to protect it from the elements. Includes the perfect set of tools to assist in your culinary adventure! Smoke any meat from pork to a full-sized turkey!

Donated by Henrietta and Taylor Burke

Value: \$299

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$50

Household 19: Wooden Bowl with Turquoise Inlay

This unique piece is hand-turned by Scott Hurley and made from River Farm Ash. The rim of the bowl features a quarter inch, decorative, inlay made of crushed turquoise. The perfect complement to any table, it measures approximately 9 inches in diameter.

Donated by Scott Hurley

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 20: Bubinga Serving Platter

This 12 inch serving platter was hand-turned by Tom Huber. It is made from Bubinga wood, from South America, and includes a lovely, textured design.

Donated by Tom Huber

Value: \$85

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 21: Hayfield Farm Gift Basket

"Items We Need, But Don't Always Have" Basket! Never get caught empty handed again with this gift basket, which includes gift bags, note cards, socks, and HOPE letter blocks presented in a lovely woven basket.

Donated by Hayfield Farm Garden Club

Value: \$75

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 22: Wicker Serving Basket with an Ensemble of Vases

Wicker tray measuring 10.5" X 13" with two beautiful and interesting ceramic bud vases along with an exquisite 7.5" orchid porcelain vase.

Donated by Mahrou Akhundzadeh

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 23: "Welcome Fall" Basket

Fall inspired home décor multi-purpose willow basket with a tall brass hanging lantern with pillar candle from Pottery Barn, eight fall themed placemats, eight coordinating dinner napkins, two fall kitchen towels. Now all that is needed is for Mother Nature to cooperate.

Donated by the Red Hill Garden Club

Value: \$175

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 24: Hand-Turned RF Cherry Bud Vase

This hand-turned 3-tiered wooden bud vase made from one of River Farm's very own cherry trees would be a perfect addition to any home to display your favorite dried flowers.

Donated by Tom Huber

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 25: Hand-Turned RF Black Walnut Bud Vase

This hand-turned 6" Black Walnut bud vase was crafted from the wood of a tree that once grew at RF during George Washington's ownership. This lovely bud vase would be perfect for dried flowers.

Donated by Tom Huber

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 26: Hand-Turned Cottonwood Vase

Lovely 5" hand-turned cottonwood vase with a burned floral design. This vase would be perfect for dried flowers or would be beautiful on its own.

Donated by Tom Huber

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 27: The Enchanted Florist Gift Card

The Enchanted Florist is located in historic Old Town Alexandria just outside of Washington, D.C. Their experienced team offers a diversity of creative skills with training in horticulture, European floral design, fashion and interior design. Their passion for flowers and attention to detail enables us to customize each order, from large scale events to individual creations.

Donated by The Enchanted Florist

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 28: Hand-Turned Shallow Camphor Bowl

Exquisite hand-turned 5" shallow beaded Camphor bowl perfect for coins, jewelry and other small items.

Donated by Patrick O'Brien

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 29: Hand-Turned RF Maple Bowl

Unique hand-turned 6" shallow RF Maple bowl with a rolled edge. Perfect for coins, jewelry, potpourri, and other small items.

Donated by Don Johnson

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 30: Hand-Turned Apple Wood Bowl

Beautiful hand-turned natural edged Apple wood bowl. To preserve this natural edge is difficult and requires great skill. The smooth interior of the bowl contrasts nicely with the natural edge for a more dramatic look. The bowl measures approximately 11" long by 7" wide and has three stub wooden feet. This piece would make a great base for a centerpiece of your own design.

Donated by Don Johnson

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$125

Bid Increment: \$25

Household 31: Hand-Turned RF Maple Container

Hand-turned 4.5" RF Maple container with top. The snug fitting top sports a spiral textured design complete with the markings from an Ambrosia Beetle. Use this container to hold small items or as a decorative accent.

Donated by Tom Huber

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage

Food & Beverage 1: Bee Package

Discover the wonder of bees, how to garden for pollinators, and how to harvest your own honey! The package includes one copy of *The Bees in Your Backyard* and *The Bee Book*, one 16 oz. jar of raw honey harvested from bees at River Farm, and two adorable glass bee ornaments!

Donated by Ping and Phil Honzay, the AHS, and Thomas E. Johnson and Julie Mueller

Value: \$70 Starting Bid: \$50 Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 2: Forge Brew Works Gift Package

A gift certificate for one 64 ounce growler with one fill and a signature hat from Forge Brew Works. Forge Brew Works is a locally owned Craft Brewery located in Lorton Virginia. Forge makes eight flagship beers including the fruity Farmhouse Ale and the hoppy Slake IPA. Forge also makes two experimental brews, the White Label and the Striker Series that are new every week! Spend an evening in their rustic tasting room enjoying your local and artisanal beer in your new growler with your own custom Forge Brew Works hat.

Donated by Forge Brew Works

Value: \$40 Starting Bid: \$25 Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 3: Ingleside Vineyards Tour & Wine and Cheese Reception

Opening in 1980, under the direction of Doug Flemer, Ingleside Vineyards is one of Virginia's oldest and largest wineries. They produce over 18 types of wine from their estate-grown grapes and have won numerous awards and top honors in state, national and international wine competitions. Their unspoiled and unpretentious surroundings offer an atmosphere of relaxation; the perfect getaway from the hectic life of the city. We invite you to experience our exceptional wines and indulge yourself in the rich history and beauty of Virginia's Northern Neck region! Includes a private, guided tour for up to six (6) guests, followed by a wine and cheese reception featuring Ingleside's premium and reserve wines.

Donated by Ingleside Vineyards

Value: \$150 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 4: Wine basket with electric opener, crystal bottle stopper, and bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon

Everything you need to enjoy a bottle of wine at home! Basket includes one electronic bottle opener, two Waterford crystal bottle stoppers, a glass aerator, and a bottle of 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Donated by the AHS

Value: \$200 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 5: Private wine class for 20

Treat your friends, family, and fellow wine lovers to a private wine tasting for up to 20 people in our store classroom! Total Wines & More will host an event that is certain to impress you and your guests. Taste eight of our premium, hand-selected wines and discover hidden treasures from the wine region of your choosing. Choose California Dreaming, An Inspiring Taste of Italy, or Tour De France. You and your guests will enjoy a “tour” of the land and learn about the famed appellations and grape varieties that make each region so unforgettable. One of our wine experts will be on hand to present and discuss each delicious wine during your two-hour tasting, which can be arranged as a seated class-style or more casual walk-around event. Total Wine & More will provide all necessary stemware and educational handouts for tasting notes.

Donated by Total Wines & More

Value: \$500

Starting Bid: \$250

Bid Increment: \$50

Food & Beverage 6: Port City Gift Pack

Drink Local! This package will give you a taste of Alexandria’s own, Port City Brewing Co., which was named the Small Brewing Company of the year at the 2015 Great American Beer Festival. This growler gift pack includes one 64 fl. oz. custom growler, a gift certificate for a complimentary fill, as well as four Port City Brewing Co. beer glasses.

Donated by Port City Brewing Co.

Value: \$60

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 7: Naked Mountain Winery Tasting Cards

Set upon 41 acres of Blue Ridge mountainside in bucolic Fauquier County, Virginia, Naked Mountain boasts spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. In the warmer months, spend an afternoon enjoying the panoramic views, picnic areas, and soothing mountain air. During the winter months, sit by our grand fireplace that warms our chalet-style tasting room. It's always a great time to visit us on the mountain! Package includes three tasting cards, each good for complimentary tastings for two.

Donated by Naked Mountain Winery

Value: \$60

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 8: Taste of Alexandria Gift Card Set

Gift card, gift card, gift card! One \$25 gift card to any of the nine different restaurants owned by the Great American Restaurant Company; Coastal Flats, The Carlyle, Ozzie’s Good Eats, Jackson’s, Mike’s American Grill, Artie’s, Sweet Water Tavern, Best Buns Bread Co., and Silverado. One \$50 gift card to Tempo Restaurant for a Sunday Brunch, and one \$50 gift card to Fratelli II Restaurant in Alexandria, VA!

Donated by Great American Restaurants, Tempo Restaurant, and Fratelli II

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 9: A Jar of Homemade Caramels

Bid on this and bid often if you want to win! This very special offering of a jar of caramels, homemade by AHS’s very special friend Klaus Zech, has been offered at previous auctions and it sold like hot cakes - or should we say it sold like the most delicious homemade caramels ever!

Donated by Marcia and Klaus Zech

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 10: Grow Cook Eat, A Food Lover's Guide to Vegetable Gardening and Electric Food Dehydrator

From sinking a seed into the soil to sitting down to enjoy a meal made with vegetables and fruits harvested right outside your back door, this gorgeous kitchen gardening book is filled with practical, useful information for both novices and seasoned gardeners alike. *Grow Cook Eat* will inspire people who already buy fresh, seasonal, local, organic food to grow the food they love to eat. The Ivation Food Dehydrator enables you to serve your family delicious home-made, healthy, wholesome food and snacks that are high in nutrients and low in calories! Make delicious, crunchy string beans, dried sweet potato sticks, banana chips or dried apples with cinnamon, or any variety of fruits, nuts, herbs, vegetables and meats. Dehydrating foods on your own will help you avoid the numerous chemicals and toxins that are often added in commercially-oriented dried fruits and vegetables!

Donated by Terry Hayes and Thomas and Julie Mueller

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 11: Gin Kit

The Homemade Gin Kit contains everything you need to transform a generic bottle of vodka into a unique and delicious home-blend of your very own gin! Over years of testing, they've perfected the tools needed to bring the art of creating small-batch gin out of the distillery and into your hands, including a hand-selected blend of juniper berries, botanicals, spices and aromatics. Like a modern alchemist turning lead into gold, with this kit you can transform a simple bottle of vodka into an outstanding bottle of delicious homemade gin in just 36 hours!

Donated by Holly and Osamu Shimizu

Value: \$50

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 12: Laurel Garden Club Fall Picnic Basket

All of the goodies that you need in order to have a wonderful fall picnic! Includes an extensive inventory of fall treats, from smoked cheeses to delectable chocolates!

Donated by the Laurel Garden Club

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$150

Bid Increment: \$25

Food & Beverage 13: Great Falls Garden Club, Virginia wines

Sure to please any wine lover, this basket contains five bottles of wine from wineries around the commonwealth of Virginia. It includes two different bottles from Horton Vineyards in Orange, VA., a Merlot and a Rose` from Barbourville Vineyards, one bottle of Seyval Blanc from Lake Anna Winery, and a bottle of "The Black Dog" from Chateau Morrisette. This basket also includes artisanal, garden themed chocolates, a copy of the 2016 Winery Guide of Virginia, and the Summer 2016 issue of Virginia Wine Lover magazine.

Donated by Great Falls Garden Club

Value: \$165

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Relaxation

Relaxation 1: Bliss Nail and Lash Lounge

Pamper yourself with a pedicure at the newly established Bliss Nail and Lash Lounge. This gift certificate is good for one deluxe pedicure package. Available appointments go quickly. Don't miss out!

Donated by Bliss Nail and Lash Lounge

Value: \$65

Starting Bid: \$50

Bid Increment: \$25

Relaxation 2: Adult Coloring Book

Join the latest craze in relaxation and stress relief! Coloring is no longer a child's activity. Enjoy this adult coloring package including two books filled with garden and nature themed pictures as well as Artist Premium colored pencils.

Donated by Thomas E. Johnson and Julie Mueller

Value: \$45

Starting Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$25

Relaxation 3: Holly's Botanicals

Give yourself a spa treatment at home! A well-respected leader in the world of public gardens and horticulture for over 30 years, Holly Shimizu has tended and managed public gardens around the world and recently retired as the Executive Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden. In 2015, she was recognized as one of the public horticulture industry's most influential, inspirational, and pioneering individuals with The American Public Gardens Association's Honorary Life Member Award. She has written for numerous publications, books, and magazines, and serves on several advisory councils and boards, including the AHS board of directors. With a background like that, you know her botanicals are amazing! Includes a basket collection of natural products from Holly's Botanicals including a youthful skin organic facial serum, organic skin cream, anti-aging face spray, Sambac Jasmine fragrance, and an anti-moth spray.

Donated by Holly and Osamu Shimizu

Value: \$150

Starting Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$25

Relaxation 4: TSALT Boutique Gift Card

TSALT is a boutique that has developed a dual concept of producing private label styles along with complimentary brands that embody the same vision - women who are looking for chic and sophisticated clothing that will travel well and compliment their busy lives. The TSALT private label collection offers free alterations in our studio above the boutique. Time and desire to put a stylish wardrobe together every season spawned TSALT where each piece builds off of the next and together they offer a collection of clothing that will *season* your style.

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$175

Bid Increment: \$25

Technology

Technology 1: iPad Air

iPad® Air is 20 percent thinner and weighs just one pound, so it feels unbelievably light in your hand. It comes with a 9.7-inch Retina display, the A7 chip with M7 motion coprocessor, ultrafast wireless, and up to 10 hours of battery life. Over 475,000 apps are waiting for you in the App Store!

Donated by Terry Hayes

Value: \$500

Starting Bid: \$350

Bid Increment: \$50

Just In

Just In 1: Tobacco Rose Candle

Patrick's Fine Linen and Décor sells high end items spanning, not just linens and décor, but tableware and apothecary items. Enjoy this beautifully scented candle and own a piece of Patrick's today!

Donated by Patrick's Fine Linen and Décor

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$75

Bid Increment: \$25

Just In 2: Erich's Favorite Gardening Tools Basket

Enjoy a package of AHS Board member and gardener, Erich Veitenheimer's favorite gardening tools, . Includes two different size Tubtrugs, pruner/hand spade/holder, ornamental hose guard, and more!

Value: \$165 Starting Bid:\$75 Bid Increment:\$25

Just In 3: Circe Salon & Spa

Treat Yourself! Package includes gifts cards for:

- 30 minute Elemental Nature Facial

-45 minute Salt Room Session

-Shampoo and Blowdry

All at Circe Salon and Day Spa, an Old Town favorite!

Value: \$210 Starting Bid: \$100 Bid Increment: \$25