

# Fabulous Follen!

## Follen's Annual Goods and Services Auction

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Sacred Heart

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

*Childcare provided*

# FOLLEN AUCTION FAQs

Things to Know Before You Go  
To this Fun, Fabulous, Fund Raising Event

## **When is this event?**

Saturday, March 23. The silent auction and soup start promptly at 5:30pm in the community center. The live auction begins around 6:15pm.

## **Who is invited?**

Follenites and friends. Please bring anyone you think would enjoy the evening.

## **Will there be food?**

Yes! A light supper of soup, bread, wine and dessert will be available.

## **Does it cost anything to get in?**

No! Attendance at the auction is free of charge.

**What happens at the auction?** There will be both silent and live auction sessions, plus time to eat and mingle with friends. Our dynamic auctioneers make the live auction bidding a lot of fun.

## **Do I have to spend a lot of money?**

No! We have over eighty items that range widely in value, with many items in the \$50 - \$200 range. There is no obligation to buy anything. Many people collaborate while bidding to reduce the price per person. Plan ahead!

## **How do I pay?**

Payment must be made on the night of the auction so bring your checkbook. Cash or checks preferred.

## **I won! How do I collect my item?**

When you check-out, you will receive the name and contact information of the donor of your item. Winners are responsible for contacting the donors. Items should be collected and services redeemed before the next auction.

## **Will there be childcare?**

Yes! Three Follen youth will supervise children on the first floor while the auction occurs on the second floor. Mac and cheese or pizza will be served. Parents are also welcome to serve their children at the soup and dessert buffet. While not required, it is helpful if you let us know if you will be using childcare.

## **Where does the money from the auction go?**

The auction supports Follen's annual operating budget.

## **Is it too late to help?**

No! We are still gratefully accepting help with set-up and clean-up, and donations of food and drink. Contact us at [auction@follen.org](mailto:auction@follen.org) or sign up [here](#).

**We hope to see YOU at the auction!**

Jen Vandiver, Auction Chair

## LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

**Winners - please redeem your item before next year's auction!  
Items with a (T) are tangible goods. Take them home tonight!**

### **Four Seasons of Soup Suppers for 6**

**L-1**

Delicious soup, fresh salad and crusty bread delivered to your home 4 times a year. Enjoy with family or friends or freeze some for those days when you need a quick supper. Choice of ingredients and recipes determined by you. Past seasonal favorites include Spring Pea, Minestrone, Hearty Lentil, and Creamy Fish Chowder. Delivery dates to be negotiated. All ingredients organic and locally sourced when possible.

**Est. Value: \$500      Min. Bid: \$250      Donors: Walter & Betsy Leutz**

### **Afternoon Sail on the Maine Coast for 4**

**L-2**

You must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky. And all you need is an old catboat and a tar to steer her. By cracky, you can actually do this, sailing Maine's fabled Muscongus Bay with Captain Mark "Ahab" Metzger. You'll step aboard a mere landlubber, but we'll soon have you heaving ho (Ho is served at two bells.)

Testimonial from a former auction winner: *"It was really a lot of fun for the time between when I stopped throwing up and when the garbage scow hit – about seven or eight minutes."* – [name withheld due to pending litigation]

Date between Memorial Day and Labor Day to be mutually determined. Leave mid-day from the Damariscotta area (3 ½ hours from Lexington), return late afternoon. Party of four maximum. Children must be able to swim. Adults must be able to bail. Lunch included.

**Est. Value: \$450      Min. Bid: \$200      Donor: Mark Metzger**

### **Bee Hive Tour and Honey Dinner for 8**

**L-3**

Enjoy a late spring/early early summer tour of a working bee hive, participate in a late summer honey harvest (and take home 20 pounds of that wonderful Lexington wildflower honey), and enjoy a honey themed wood-fired oven meal with up to eight total guests on the evening of harvest day. On visit day, we will discuss bee biology, suit up in protective gear, and open up a hive to see that biology in action. Queen sighting guaranteed! You will be buzzing about this adventure all year!

**Est Value: \$800      Min Bid: \$300      Donors: Brian Cali and Arie Derksen**

### **Spring Ornamental Pruning and Tree Trimming**

**L-4**

David Rines, owner of Rines ArborWorks, LLC with expertise in tree and shrub pruning will come to your home in the spring of 2019 to provide 1/2-day (~4 hours) of ornamental pruning and tree trimming and consultation. Your yard will be the envy of your neighbors.

**Est. Value: \$375      Min. Bid: \$225      Donor: David Rines**

### **The Gift of a Song**

**L-5**

John Morrison (Vivian's husband and a noted composer) and Gordon Hardy (lyricist) will compose a musical selection on a theme of your choosing. Gordon will interview you or anyone you choose, and John will set his words to music, to create a personal song for you and/or yours. This is a great gift for special occasions: landmark birthdays, retirements, receptions, graduations, roasts, etc. The style can be humorous or sincere, and may include memories, hopes for the future, or any special sentiment. Rapturous testimonials available on request.

**Est. Value: \$250      Min. Bid: \$100      Donors: Gordon Hardy & John Morrison**

**Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Extravaganza****L-6**

Your own personal chocolatier will host you and five friends for a wine, cheese and chocolate extravaganza. Sip a glass of a 2013 Santa Cruz Mountain Pascale Pinot Noir wine donated by Alisa Pascale's family while sampling chocolate and cheese from around the world. Jen Vandiver, former member of the MIT Laboratory for Chocolate Science, will teach you all about the science of chocolate as you learn to make professional quality dipped truffles using her chocolate tempering machine. Experiment with unique flavor combinations like lime coconut curry or more traditional flavors. Take home 10-20 truffles to share (or not) the next day!

**Est. Value: \$400                      Min. Bid: \$200                      Donors: Jen Vandiver and Alisa Pascale**

**Get Organized - 4 hours****L-7**

Got clutter? Four hours of hands-on organizing help. Nothing scares me! Two Follenites say, "Working with Jane is a delight," and "After "flunking out" with two other professional organizers, I have found Jane's style and way of working to be incredibly helpful."

**Est. Value: \$200                      Min. Bid: \$150                      Donor: Jane Spickett**

**Dinner/Cocktail Tasting Menu for 8****L-8**

Howie Bernstein and Nick Hart are teaming up to provide a small plate / cocktail pairing dinner. Dinner will consist of six courses that may include seafood (sashimi and cooked), duck, foie gras, pork, beef, lamb, pasta and dessert. Each course will be paired with a special demi-cocktail. Prepare for a full evening of fun as wanna-be iron chef Howie and notable home mixologist Nick work hard to delight and amaze you with some yummy food and drink. We guarantee you won't leave hungry, but coffee will be served to get you straight again to drive home. Menu can be adjusted if necessary to accommodate ethical or dietary requirements.

**Est. Value: \$1000                      Min. Bid: \$600                      Donors: Howie Bernstein and Nick Hart**

**100 Daffodils****L-9**

Nancy will come to your house this fall and plant 100 daffodil bulbs, either in a flower bed or naturalized on a hillside. In preparation, she will come in late summer to discuss daffodil placement, height, color and type. The bulbs will be planted before the snow flies!

**Est. Value: \$150                      Min. Bid: \$75                      Donor: Nancy Sofen**

**Sing-Along Party****L-10**

At the keyboard will be Jim Herzig and his huge repertoire of pop songs and show tunes from the 40's, 50's, 60's, and 70's. Lyrics will be provided. Smiles and laughter guaranteed. No talent required, just an appetite for a rollicking sing-along and having a great time. Fred Johnson has generously offered to host the party and lend the use of his lovely grand piano. Winning bidder provides all food and drink.

**Est. Value: \$400                      Min. Bid: \$200                      Donors: Jim Herzig and Fred Johnson**

**Lobster Supper for 6****L-11**

Enjoy a little piece of Maine right here in Lexington. Spend an evening in our backyard, and feast on a traditional Maine lobster dinner. Fixings will include lobsters, fresh corn on the cob, homemade whoopie pies, and more. This is a family-friendly evening and your children are welcome. Up to six guests total, adults and children.

**Est. Value: \$600                      Min. Bid: \$100                      Donors: Becky and Chris Farnham**

**24 Bottles of Home Brew****L-12**

One case (24 bottles) of custom-made beer, brewed from scratch by the famous brew master Cas Groblewski. Your choice of ale: stout, porter, pale ale, etc.

**Est. Value: \$200      Min. Bid: \$100      Donor: Cas Groblewski**

**Glider Ride - Summer or Fall Weekend****L-13**

Ride with an FAA Certified Flight Instructor. This is a ride with Kim Vandiver in a two seat glider at his club in Sterling, MA. It is offered on a mutually agreed upon weekend in the summer or fall.

**Est. Value: \$300      Min. Bid: \$200      Donor: Kim Vandiver**

**Bespoke Bourbon and Rye Tasting for 6****L-14**

You and five friends will be served barrel-aged bourbons and quality rye spirits for your appreciation and divination. The tasting itself will be held after dinner at Ben Feingold Thoryn's home or your own as mutually agreed. You and your guests will enjoy five distilled whiskeys with hand carved "clear ice" served in appropriate glassware. Your spirit guides will walk you and your guests through the flight. Some history, insight and light food will accompany the experience. Our goal is to remove all boundaries between any who suffer from the human condition and the salve of whiskey.

*The bourbon tasting was remarkable: I experienced this spirit as if for the first time - with a hand-cut jewel of ice in my glass and historical perspective on each distiller.*

- Fred Johnson

**Est. Value: \$600      Min. Bid: \$450      Donors: Ben Feingold-Thoryn, Trapper Markelz, Pritesh Gandhi, Adam Suchocki and Chris Farnham**

**Sailing on the Charles****L-15**

Would you like to try your hand at sailing? Do you want to learn about Community Boating, a public sailing center on the Charles River which is open to all? Join Nick for an informal two hour sailing lesson and tour of the Charles River aboard a Sonar - a 23' keelboat with a large mainsail and a jib which can fit up to 7. Help raise the main sail and rig/de-rig the boat. Sail between the Mass Ave and Longfellow Bridges, enjoying beautiful views of the Back Bay. The boat is owned by Community Boating where Nick is a sailing instructor. After sailing with Nick, maybe you will join Community Boating, too! April - October 2019.

**Est. Value: \$500      Min. Bid: \$125      Donor: Nick Afshartous**

**Malaysian Dinner for 8****L-16**

Selamat Datang! Welcome to Ching Lai-McKee home to enjoy an evening of Malaysian food. Malaysian food is heavily influenced by Thai, Chinese and Indian cuisine. It is spicy, fragrant and full of flavors. Spicy level can be adjusted per winner. The menu will include Chicken and Beef Satay, Beef Redang, Nasi Lemak, Assam Pedas Fish and Sambal Shrimp. The dinner will end with Malaysian sweets called kuih and tropical fruits. Date and time to be mutually decided.

**Est. Value: \$800      Min. Bid: \$350      Donor: Ching Lai-McKee**

**Dessert a Month Club****L-17**

One homemade amazing dessert every month from Sept thru June. Choose from cakes, cookies, candy, ice cream or whatever you desire. Sample choices: lavender chocolate, Buche de Noel, peppermint meringues, world peace cookies, roasted cherry ice cream, Reine de Saba, salted caramel ice cream, grasshopper brownies, strawberry rhubarb pie, pecan pie, etc. etc. All hand/made from scratch using the finest ingredients. One dessert per month for ten months. Specifics to be arranged between chef and top bidder.

**Est. Value: \$300      Min. Bid: \$150      Donor: Robin Tartaglia**

**New York Apartment – 1 bedroom for up to 3 Nights****L-18**

Stay at a beautiful one bedroom apartment on the Upper East Side of Manhattan on 72nd and 1st Ave available 2nd half of 2019 or early 2020. It is close to everything and near the subway. Available for 1-3 Follen adults on a mutually agreed upon date for two to three nights (3 days). Please note that this apartment is not appropriate for young children.

**Est Value: \$1000      Min bid: \$500      Donor: Epp Sonin**

**French Dinner for 7****L-19**

Ooh la la! Enjoy a traditional French dinner for you and six friends at chez Chef Stéphanie in Arlington. The menu will include hors d'œuvres, poulet à la lyonnaise, du riz, et de la salade. Save room for the fromage Brie (which always comes at the end of a French meal) and dessert. The dinner will be accompanied by du vin blanc (Français, bien sûr!) and French songs will serenade you in the background. Date and time to be mutually decided. Bon appétit!

**Est. Value: \$700      Min bid: \$300      Donor: Steph Chiha**

**Boston's Back Bay Walking Tour****L-20**

Follen member and Boston by Foot docent, Alison Harvey, is offering a 90 minute walking tour for up to eight people of Boston's Back Bay. Unlike the casual, chaotic way in which early Boston was laid out, the streets of Back Bay are arranged in an orderly grid. Renowned for its elegant homes, the architectural marvels of Copley Square, and its signature stately boulevard, Commonwealth Avenue, the Back Bay is one of Boston's most charming neighborhoods. On this tour you will learn how the Back Bay, once an actual body of water, was filled in and how the neighborhood was developed in the mid-1800s to become one of America's richest collections of art and architecture. The treasures of the Back Bay tour include Trinity Church, the Boston Public Library, Old South Church and the grand Back Bay townhouses. The terrain is flat and cover 7/10ths of a mile. The tour can be conducted at a mutually agreeable time before October 15, 2019.

**Est Value: \$120      Min bid: \$80      Donor: Alison Harvey**

**The Possum Dinner Experience for 6****L-21**

Join Karen and Bill for an unusual evening of potentially delicious food and a more than 50/50 chance of lively conversation. We are seeking six daring Unitarians to consume the "Catch of the Day" of Follen Hill, and other gourmet gastronomic delights. The rumors about the dinner are true. Guaranteed to be an experience you will never forget (even if you want to). Disclaimer: Be forewarned, exact entrees and activities will reflect the attributes and characteristics of the winning bidders (should there be any). Remember, "what happens at the Possum Dinner stays at the Possum Dinner."

**Est. Value: \$600      Min. Bid: \$200      Donors: Karen & Bill Carruthers**

**Guided Canoe Outing****L-22**

Sally and Andy will take you on a grand canoe outing drawing on experience leading the FUUY canoe outings for many years. The connected Concord and Sudbury rivers are delightful and close with many park-like places to picnic. This could a great event to include in your summer plans. Sally and Andy will help obtain and transport canoes to the drop in location and lead you to all the best places. Winner to contact Sally and Andy to schedule outing on a on a weekend in June, July or September 2019.

**Est Value: \$250      Min. Bid: \$ 100      Donors: Sally Cassells and Andy Dixon**

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**Pair of Red Sox Tickets****L-23**

A pair of quite extraordinary Red Sox tickets. These seats are right behind the owner's box between home plate and first base and right up against the Red Sox dugout. Tickets are for Saturday, August 17, Red Sox vs. the Baltimore Orioles at 7:10 pm.

**Est. Value: \$700      Min Bid: \$350      Donor: Jack Donahue**

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**Homemade Indian Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 for 6****L-24**

Celebrate Diwali with a homemade Indian dinner on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 for 6: Join renowned Indian chefs Stephen Ervin and Doug Durant at a dinner for up to 6 lucky guests (strictly limited!) at the Taj Mahal West (107 Vine St., Lexington) on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, at 6:00 pm. Savor hand-ground spices simmered into creamy dals and complex curries, accompanied by cooling raitas, pungent chutneys, and fresh chapattis washed down with India Pale Ale. End the evening with selections from the sumptuous dessert bar prepared by kandavikas Valerie and Anne.

**Est. Value: \$600      Min. Bid: \$300      Donors: Stephen Ervin, Valerie Perkins, Anne Englehart, and Doug Durant**

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**Accordion Lessons****L-25**

Two accordion lessons by Vivian Montgomery - Have you seen the two-paneled cartoon that says "Welcome to heaven, please pick up your harp" and "Welcome to hell, please pick up your accordion"? Well, it's time for you to enter the musical gates of hell! Whatever your association with the squeezebox (polkas, Lawrence Welk, zydeco, Macedonia, Vivaldi, klezmer, Brave Combo, Los Lobos...), you're probably curious about how it works. Over two lessons, Vivian will introduce you to the instrument's set-up, teach you some techniques, and get you going on a simple dance melody or two. If you don't have an accordion sitting around, Vivian's got a spare you can use.

**Est. Value: \$160      Min. Bid: \$80      Donor: Vivian Montgomery**

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**Studio Portrait Session****L-26**

Joe Turner's portraits capture the true character of his subjects. Joe is offering a portrait session in his Stoneham Studio (125 Main Street, Stoneham) to create a portrait that could be a wonderful gift, could be used as professional portrait, or could be a portrait to mark an important life event such as an anniversary or graduation. The winning bid includes a session in the studio and one 5" x 7" custom print. Winner must contact Joe within one week of winning (781-439-7334 or JoeTurner607@aol.com). The session must be completed by December 2019.

www.JoeTurnerPhotog.Smugmug.com

**Est. Value: \$250      Min. Bid: \$100      Donor: Joe Turner**

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**Tacos & Tequila Meal for Four****L-27**

Join the Gandhi and Marklez families on Cinco de Mayo (Sunday, 5/5/2019) for a fiesta of tacos and tequila. Your hosts will provide an inspired spread of house made tortillas, salsas and other fixings that will transport you to Mexico. A variety of agave based cocktails and refreshments including plata, reposado and anejo tequilas accompanied with clear ice (of course) & fresh cut limes will also be provided for the journey. Weather permitting, this meal will be served outdoors. If 5/5/2019 doesn't work, we can identify another day

**Est. Value: \$400      Min. Bid: \$250      Donor: Pritesh Gandhi and Maureen**

**Marklez**

**Inspire a Sermon****L-28**

Do you have a spiritual question, or are you pondering something philosophical, scientific or silly? Whether vegetable, animal, or mineral, Claire will explore the issue one Sunday morning with her inimitable style and pith. Previous winners have asked for sermons on siblings, monarch butterflies and Genghis Khan. What will be the topic this year?

**Est. Value: \$375      Min. Bid: \$100      Donor: Claire Feingold Thoryn**

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

**Please note – The silent auction will end at 6:15pm sharp!**

**Arrive on time to place your winning bids.**

**Items with a (T) are tangible goods. Take them home tonight!**

### **Yiddische Freylekh For The New Year**

**S-1**

Celebrate a joyful evening of "Jewish-keit" with Follen staff members Vivian Montgomery and Beryl Aschenberg! There will be music and stories, opportunities to sing and dance, with light noshes (both sweet and savory) from Bubbe Beryl's kitchen! You supply the participants, we'll supply the klezmer (musician), the dertseyler (storyteller), and essenvarg (food) for up to 20 mensches of any age. Get yourself farputst, turn up your naches, and come ready to party your tuches off! This event will take place on the evening of Saturday September 21, 2019 (just before Rosh Hashana) at Follen.

Place one \$20 bid per person in your group who would like to attend (only one bid required for two children under 16). First 20 bids accepted. There must be a minimum of 10 bids for the event to run.

**Est Value:\$400      Min Bid: 10 bidders      Donors: Vivian Montgomery and Beryl Aschenberg**

### **Reserved Parking Spot**

**S-2**

Would you like to have a guaranteed parking spot every Sunday morning for a year? No more driving around looking for a spot or having to walk around the Waldorf school. Winner gets to park in the front, left corner spot of the Follen Church parking lot every Sunday morning, just across the street from the front entrance. A sign will be placed on this parking spot declaring that it is reserved for the auction winner.

**Est. Value: \$200      Min. Bid: \$75      Donor: Follen Church**

### **Guided Frog Hunting Trip**

**S-3**

Janet Lane is an experienced frog hunter and will take you and your family hunting with her on a mutually agreed on Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon in the Spring. Experience the thrill of capture, the agony of a muddy escape, or watch frogs being frogs. Janet will scope out the site beforehand to increase kids' chances of success.

**Est. Value: \$120      Min. Bid: \$80      Donor: Janet Lane**

### **Christmas Stollen**

**S-4**

At Christmastide each year, Sue Halliday channels her German ancestry and prepares stollen as gifts for friends and acquaintances (in the spirit of full disclosure, the recipe Sue uses is not authentically German: there is no yeast in it, and one of the ingredients is cream cheese). Most people enjoy it heartily. Now you can, too.

**Est. Value:\$25      Min. Bid: \$15      Donor: Sue Halliday**

### **Homemade Pie**

**S-5**

Homemade fruit pie! Choose from the following: blueberry (double crust), apple/blackberry (lattice), pumpkin (single crust), traditional apple (double crust), strawberry/rhubarb (lattice), or peach (lattice -- seasonal), or we can come up with another combination!

**Est. Value: \$25      Min. Bid: \$15      Donor: Sue Halliday**

**Homemade Granola****S-6**

Start your day on a healthy note with homemade granola. Chock full of oats, almonds, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, and coconut flakes, it will give you the energy to meet your day. One 7 cup batch provided.

**Est Value:\$25****Min Bid:\$10****Donor: Kay Lamer****Kentucky Kernels****S-7, S-8**

Southern holiday chocolates that are delicious year round. Chopped walnuts soaked in bourbon, surrounded by a fondant of confectioners' sugar, butter and bourbon, and then dipped in bitter chocolate. Impossible to eat just one!

**Est. Value: \$60****Min. Bid: \$30****Donor: Anne Grady****Learn to Knit****S-9**

Want to learn to knit? Come to an off shoot of Follen Stitches for private or semi private lessons to learn to make a project like a hat or a scarf. Bring up to two friends with similar interests and we will see you through a minimum of three conveniently spaced lessons that will help you to completion. You provide the time and the yarn (advice given) and we'll do it together. Offered by Debbie Bassett and a rotating cast of other Follen Stitches members.

**Est Value: \$300****Min Bid:\$100****Donor: Debbie Bassett****College Care Package****S-10**

Two dozen homemade chocolate chip cookies, a silly item, and a customized finger puppet - I'll take requests! Einstein? Yoda? Iguana? All sent to the college student closest to your heart.

**Est. Value: \$40****Min. Bid: \$25****Donor: Janet Lane****Pet Sitting****S-11**

Try an alternative to pet boarding while you are away. I will care for a small animal in my home for a week. I love animals and would give your special pet the best of care and lots of attention. Available April – November.

**Est. Value: \$210****Min. Bid: \$150****Donor: Lil Swanstrom****Two Piano Lessons****S-12**

Epp is offering two 45 minute piano lessons to an adult or child beginner. Give it a try!

**Est. Value: \$100****Min. Bid: \$50****Donor: Epp Sonin****Gluten Free Dessert****S-13**

Are you eating a gluten free diet and can't figure out how to quiet your sweet tooth? Gluten-free guests coming over for dinner and don't know what to serve for dessert? Well with one week's notice Sylvia will supply a delicious, gluten-free dessert. Choose from a dozen cookies, an 8 inch single layer cake or a dozen decadent bars to end a meal. Please note that the dessert will be gluten free but comes from a kitchen where gluten and nuts are used.

**Est. Value: \$40****Min. Bid: \$20****Donor: Sylvia Fohlin****Personal Coaching****S-14**

Ready to take on your next goal with clarity, focus, and grace? Work with certified coach Melissa Merres and find out what consistent coaching support can change for you. Three months of private coaching (six sessions) on any issue that is relevant to you - personal, professional, or anything in between. Makes an excellent gift for those friends and family members graduating, searching (for a job, a partner, a purpose?) or approaching a transition.

**Est. Value: \$400****Min. Bid: \$100****Donor: Melissa Merres**

**Kayak/Canoe on the Mystic River****S-15**

Dominique Vo will lend out her large canoe (large enough for 3 adults or 2 adults + 2 children) and her two individual Kayaks for you to explore the beautiful Mystic River for up to two hours between May and October 2018. Park at Dominique's house in Arlington and access Mystic lake from her front lawn. Paddle the Mystic and see ducks, swans, heron and possibly a turtle or two sunning on a log. Dominique will supply a refreshing snack when you return and, if you like, you can practice your French with Dominique! Winner is to contact Dominique (vodomi@yahoo.com) to arrange a date and time for this outing.

**Est Value: \$100****Min Bid: \$50****Donor: Dominique Vo****X-Ray Polarimetry Lab Tour****S-16**

MIT Astronomer, Dr. Herman Marshall will take you on a tour of the Polarimetry Lab at MIT, near Kendall Square, and provide context for words you've heard and always wondered about such as quasars, polarization, and neutron stars. The lab is a research facility where X-rays are generated in a 15m long vacuum system. You'll learn about the Chandra X-ray Observatory (launched in 1999) and the parts that were made at MIT and tested in the Polarimetry Lab before launch. You'll hear about how light is polarized and how we can measure the polarizations. Finally, you'll see the design of an instrument that would be the first to measure the polarization of low energy X-rays from neutron stars and quasars: the Rocket Experiment Demonstration of a Soft X-ray Polarimeter (the REDSoX\* Polarimeter). Tour is for a small group (maximum 10) and ends with a round at the nearby Cambridge Brewing Company. Each attendee can receive a free pair of polarized sunglasses, good for home experiments!

**Est. Value: \$200****Min. Bid: \$75****Donor: Herman Marshall****Bike Tune Up****S-17**

Are you ready for the nice weather. Is your bike ready? If not, Andy will come by your home and do a tune up on your bike so you can hit the trails.

**Est Value \$75****Min Bid \$50****Donor: Andy Dixon****Help With Fall Clean Up****S-18**

Do you wish you had help raking leaves? Jane and Hugh will come to your home for two hours this fall (Oct-mid Nov) and help with your fall cleanup. Winner to contact Jane and Hugh to schedule time.

**Est Value:\$200****Min. Bid: \$100****Donor: Jane Current and Hugh Truslow****Boost Your Batting Average****S-19**

Want to get ready for the Spring season and give yourself or the sports player in your life a boost to their batting average? Matt Widiger, current AA coach for the Lexington Little League will bring over a decade of coaching experience at both the adult and Little League levels to provide one on one evaluation and coaching to an adult or child, softball or baseball. Matt will rent a batting cage and provide bats and balls. Winner to provide email and phone contact to Matt to agree upon time and place. Subject to schedule of both parties and availability of cage.

**Est. Value: \$150****Min. Bid: \$50****Donor: Matt Widiger****Homemade Bread - 4 loaves****S-20**

Savor the taste of homemade bread. Nancy will deliver four loaves of freshly baked bread during the cooler months. Choose from garden herb braid, buckwheat, onion rye, Portuguese cornbread, cardamom coffee bread, orange cinnamon swirl or oatmeal cinnamon swirl.

**Est. Value: \$40****Min. Bid: \$15****Donor: Nancy Sofen**

**Museum of Fine Arts Membership, Contributor Level****S-21**

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) is Boston's oldest, largest and best-known art institution. The MFA houses one of the world's most comprehensive art collections and is renowned for its Impressionist paintings, Asian and Egyptian collections and early American art. This membership provides a year of free admission to the collections and all exhibitions as well as member discounts for two adults. It includes free admission for up to six children (17 and under), free or discounted tickets to films, lectures, and concerts, access to members-only events, exhibition previews, curator talks, and family programs and also up to 40% off parking, 15% on dining and 10% at all Museum shops.

**Est. Value: \$200****Min. Bid: \$100****Donors: Alan & Ellen Adolph****Decorated Giant Chocolate Chip Cookie****S-22**

Sally will make a giant chocolate chip cookie for your next special occasion with custom decorations, writing or M&M designs.

**Est. Value: \$50****Min. Bid: \$20****Donor: Sally LeGore-Nusholtz****Airport Transportation – Departure and Return****S-23**

Harvy Simkovits will provide transportation to and from Logan or Manchester airports for both departure and arrival flights, anytime. Maximum capacity: four people plus luggage. Needs to be scheduled when Harvy is available, yet he will fight off the relentless forces of entropy (Murphy's Law) to be there for you.

**Est. Value: \$150****Min. Bid: \$75****Donor: Harvy Simkovits****Antianxiety Art Gift Certificate****S-24**

Math professor by day, Julianna has been painting and making mixed media art as a creative outlet since 1998. Julianna is offering a \$100 gift card to her shop [www.antianxietyart.com](http://www.antianxietyart.com) where you could pick out your painting of choice or commission a custom piece. Gift card will cover two 4x4 minis, one 8x10, or can be put toward a larger painting if you wish

**Est Value: \$100****Min. Bid: \$50****Donor: Julianna Stockton****Last Minute Snow Plow****S-25**

Kim Vandiver will come by with his snow plow one time of your choosing, subject to Kim's and truck availability, to help dig you out. Maybe it was six inches of snow followed by rain and that foot of ice at the end of your driveway is not budging. Or maybe you have guests coming over and need to plow out a street parking spot for them. Or maybe you are just tired and want to save your back from one snow storm. Winner to call Kim to arrange for snow plowing.

**Est. Value: \$150****Min. Bid: \$100****Donor: Kim Vandiver****2nd-6th grade reading diagnostic****S-26**

Kathy will administer a reading and spelling evaluation for your 2nd-6th grade child. The evaluation takes about an hour but can be broken into shorter periods with breaks. Includes meeting with parent(s)/guardian(s) to give feedback from evaluation, explain some of the jargon used in teaching reading today, and recommend ways to help child as they read.

**Est. Value: \$75****Min. Bid: \$40****Donor: Kathy Hoben**

**UU-Split Firewood****S-27**

Keep your hearth burning brightly with our locally-sourced air-chilled maple. Hand-split by UU elves and cured a minimum of one year. Two heaping wheelbarrow loads. Available for immediate pick-up at our South Lexington woodlot. We will load your vehicle, UU-haul!

**Est. Value: \$150      Min. Bid: \$60      Donors: Greg Shenstone and Alden Carpenter**

**Meeting or Reception Space  
at the Historic Munroe Center for the Arts****S-28**

Your choice of either the visual arts room (aka Ms. Peterson's 3rd grade classroom), or the hallway and gallery area. The art room is an approx. 800 sq.ft. space that can accommodate 28 people for a meeting, party, or other gathering. The hallway and gallery space can be closed off from the rest of the Center with 1904 wooden doors with windows.

There can be no alcohol on the premises without a permit from the Town (which the Center can assist you with). Use of the space shall be in accordance with current Center rental agreements (only during non-class time, etc.).

**Est. Value: \$200      Min. Bid: \$75      Donor: Christina Burwell**

**Your Own Personal "Just Listening" Session:  
Music and the Beginner's Mind with Composer John Morrison****S-29**

Did you miss John's popular Food For Thought, or did you get so much out of it that you want to do it again, with different music? Or if you know nothing about it, "Just Listening" is a workshop whose aim is to reveal the joy of encountering music of any kind as a path to spiritual awareness. By repeatedly listening to the same music, sharing thoughts and intuitions, a deeper experience of the piece gradually reveals itself. This offering will be adapted specifically for a follow-up group - the bidder gets to steer the musical choice and the workshop's shape.

**Est. Value: \$200      Min. Bid: \$50      Donor: John Morrison**

**Photoshop Expertise and Print****S-30**

Photographer and Photoshop guru Jim Fesler will provide Photoshop expertise to create a print of your choice. Improve your favorite photo or photos, clean up a valued family photo with scratches, dirt or other problems, add someone you like or remove someone you don't like from a group photo. Or create a photo collage combining elements of your choice, fun or artistic. This offer Includes a custom print of your chosen creation, and up to 4 hours of Photoshop work

**Est. Value: \$200      Min. Bid: \$75      Donor: Jim Fesler**

**Foot Reflexology****S-31**

Foot reflexology is a scientific art based on the premise that there are zones and reflex areas in the feet which correspond to all body parts. The physical act of applying specific pressures using thumb, finger and hand techniques result in stress reduction which causes a physiological change in the body. (Reflexology Association of American) Practitioner: Catherine Collins is a Certified Reflexologist [www.healingwaysconcord.com](http://www.healingwaysconcord.com)

**Est. Value: \$75      Min. Bid: \$50      Donor: Catherine Collins**

**Past Life Regression - 75 minutes****S-32**

Past Life Regression is a healing technique that uses hypnosis to uncover memories and events of previous lives in earlier reincarnations. PLR can heal troubling emotional, behavior and relationship patterns; alleviate grief, depression and anxiety; release phobias, offer insight, deepen creativity and clarify your unique life purpose. Xing is a certified PLR therapist, and can offer these sessions in person or by video.

**Est. Value: \$150      Min. Bid: \$60      Donor: Xing Griffith**

**Dumpling Party for 8****S-33**

If you think frozen pork dumplings from the store are addictive, then just you wait until you try these homemade ones. Ching Lai will host up to 8 people in her kitchen and teach you how to make plump and nicely chewy dumplings flavored with fresh ginger, green onion, and sesame oil. Bet you can't eat just one. Date and time to be mutually decided.

**Est. Value: \$600      Min. Bid: \$200      Donor: Ching Lai-McKee**

**Winter Warmer Island Rum Drinks for 8****S-34**

You and seven friends will be served a flight of special rum drinks (from light to dark), accompanied by some light Caribbean fare and Reggae! Feeling parched? A mojito perhaps. Snow coming? What about a Dark & Stormy? Rough week? A Painkiller may be just the thing. The tasting will be after dinner on January 11, 2020 in Davis Square Casa Snellings or in Lexington Casa Ervin/Perkins, TBD. Bring your flip-flops and island attire. There will be some colorful lore on the history of rum, and maybe a pirate joke. Arrgh you ready? No driving! Participants must use a ride service. Your hosts are Stephen Ervin, Valerie Perkins, Hill & Lisa Snellings.

**Est. Value: \$600      Min. Bid: \$200      Donors: Stephen Ervin, Valerie Perkins, Hill & Lisa Snellings**

**Coffee Hour Child Care****S-35**

Have you ever had wanted to simply enjoy coffee hour, but end up being disrupted by your children? We have a solution - we will provide your children with entertainment for the duration of coffee hour, leaving you to enjoy your time in peace. For four weeks of your choice any time in March, April or May. We will present your children with games, snacks and supervision. We are two experienced and caring babysitters. We will be happy to watch any kid(s) eight and under and will care for your children during the whole duration of coffee hour. Both you and your children will enjoy this auction prize!

**Est. Value: \$80      Min. Bid: \$30      Donors: Alisha Gandhi & Hannah Markelz**

**\$25 Gift Card to Crafty Yankee****S-36 - S-39 (T)**

Crafty Yankee, located in downtown Lexington, and owned by Kathy Fields, has a wide range of gifts from artisan jewelry to bags and accessories; home accents and table settings; baby gifts and commemorative gifts.

**Est. Value: \$25      Min. Bid: \$10      Donor: Kathy Fields**

**Two Weeks of Unlimited Classes at Barre3 Bedford****S-40 (T)**

Barre3 is a full-body balanced workout combining strength conditioning, cardio and mindfulness. Our workouts are designed with a signature approach of sustained holds, micro-movements, and cardio bursts that will leave you feeling balanced in body and empowered from within. From the elite athlete to someone just getting back in the game, Barre3 workouts are designed to equally challenge people of all fitness levels and life stages, connecting where they are with where they want to be.

This pass is valid for two weeks of unlimited classes at Natasha's studio, Barre3 Bedford (located at 158 Great Road in the Whole Foods plaza.)

**Est. Value: \$69****Min. Bid: \$40****Donor: Natasha Groblewski****A Taste of Summer Jams****S-41 (T)**

Four 8-oz. jars of homemade jam will bring a taste of summer to your breakfast toast: Strawberry-Lime-Cardamom, Seedless Raspberry, Blueberry-Lime and Cherry-Almond.

**Est Value: \$16****Min Bid: \$5****Donor: Nancy Sofen****Strawberry Fields of Jam****S-42 (T)**

Four 8-oz. jars of homemade jam, to satisfy your strawberry obsession: Strawberry, Strawberry-Lime-Cardamom, Strawberry-Lemon-Ginger and Strawberry-Vanilla-Balsamic.

**Est Value: \$16****Min Bid: \$5****Donor: Nancy Sofen****Memoir "Just Lassen to Me" by Harvy Simkovits****S-43, S-44(T)**

A signed copy of Harvy Simkovits' recently published memoir. Twelve years in gestation, "Just Lassen to Me!" is a true, enthralling father-son tale. War survivor, escapee from communism, and Canadian immigrant, Johnny Simkovits, amassed a fortune through devious and deceitful means. His son, Harvy, enticed to follow in his father's finagling footsteps, works to reconcile, repudiate, and rectify his dad's dubious legacy.

**Est Value: \$20****Min Bid: \$10****Donor: Harvy Simkovits****Book - The Lamps of Albarracin by Edith Scott****S-45 (T)**

New Follen member Edith Scott, international lawyer, business consultant and author, has written a book with a UU message of interfaith tolerance and brotherhood set in the times of the Spanish Inquisition. This novel, *The Lamps of Albarracín*, is a best seller on Amazon Spain where it ranks alongside works by Philip Roth and Isabel Allende. It explores the beliefs, identities, and inter-faith friendships and conflicts of the diverse peoples of late-medieval Aragon. The peculiar logic of the Inquisitors, and those who supported them. The shock of forced conversions to Catholicism. The dramas of resistance. Stories of ordinary people in extraordinary times. The Barcelona League Against Racism and Antisemitism hails it as "the great publishing surprise of 2018." Winner takes home a copy of this book and an invitation to sit down with the author over a nice cup of tea to discuss the text as well as view the historical artwork and clothing that inspired the book.

**Est Value: \$30****Min Bid: \$15****Donor: Edith Scott****Handmade Wooden Collage Box****S-46 (T)**

Come to the auction to see this unique and artistic handmade wooden collage box perfect for holding small keepsakes. Item is handmade by Follenite and artist Karen Watson.

**Est. Value: \$150****Min. Bid: \$50****Donors: Karen & Peter Watson Holton**

**Photo book: The Year of the Lighthouses****S-47 (T)**

Follow Mark Sewell on a photographic mission to capture 52 lighthouses in 52 weeks. With his original photographs and personal observations, Mark takes you on a journey to beautiful and historic beacons in 14 states and several countries. A unique coffee table book for lighthouse lovers or travel enthusiasts!

**Est. Value: \$42      Min. Bid: \$20      Donor: Mark Sewell**

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**Small Table Runner or Wall Hanging****S-48 (T)**

Impress your guests with this 12" x 30" wall hanging or table runner suitable for a table or dresser sewn by Nancy Mimno. Enjoy your new runner as you entertain your guests and casually drop words such as standard straight-stitch, free-motion quilt, and a machine that has feed dogs that drop as they admire this one-of-a kind work of art.

**Est. Value: \$100      Min. Bid: \$50      Donor: Nancy Mimno**

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**Blue and White Throw Pillows****S-49 (T)**

Brighten up a room with these two handmade pillow covers in a blue and white modern design. Covers are removable and washable and come with two 16 inch pillows for immediate use.

**Est. Value: \$100      Min. Bid: \$60      Donor: Nancy Mimno**

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**Table Runner with Plum Motif****S-50 (T)**

Come to the auction to see this lovely table runner with a plum motif in green, purple and black.

**Est Value: \$100      Min. Bid: \$50      Donor: Marita Hartshorn**

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**Hand Knitted Scarf****S-51 (T)**

Come to the auction to see this hand knitted scarf of hand-dyed superwash 100% merino wool, 6" x 6'. In a neutral color.

**Est Value: \$30      Min Bid: \$15      Donor: Edie Engel**

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**Snowfall Earflap Hat****S-52 (T)**

Stay warm while selling Christmas trees next December in this soft wool and mohair hand-knit earflap hat, in dark green with a pattern of snowy trees. Fits most adults.

**Est Value: \$30      Min Bid: \$15      Donor: Nancy Sofen**

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**Hand-woven Market Bag from Guatemala and El Salvador****S-53 (T)**

Bring this brightly colored, fair trade market bag on your trips to the library, the farmer's market or wherever your adventures take you. The fabric is hand woven on back strap looms by the Sololá woman's cooperative in Guatemala and sewn by a woman's cooperative in Arlington's sister city, Teosinte, El Salvador. 100% of proceeds are used to pay the artisans and to support education and community development projects in Guatemala and El Salvador. Follen friend Elizabeth Dray is the Executive Director of the Arlington Teosinte Sister City Project.

**Est Value: \$50      Min Bid: \$15      Donor: Elizabeth Dray**

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**Hand Knitted Socks****S-54 (T)**

Come to the auction to see these wonderful socks Debbie has knitted especially for the auction. Can be adjusted to fit your foot.

**Est. Value: \$35      Min. Bid: \$15      Donor: Debbie Bassett**

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**Fantasy Basket****S-55 (T)**

Ben and Jen Vandiver enjoy an escape from reality with a good fantasy book or an fun boardgame. So if you want a bit of Fantasy in your world but don't know which game to play or book to read, this basket can help you. Here are two of their favorite books and two of their favorite games to enjoy.

**Est. Value: \$75      Min. Bid: \$25      Donors: Ben and Jen Vandiver**

**Handmade Earrings****S-56 (T)**

Come to the auction to see these wonderful earrings Kathy has made especially for the auction. They could be yours.

**Est. Value: \$15      Min. Bid: \$5      Donor: Kathy Hoben**

**Kumihimo Necklace****S-57 (T)**

Come to the auction to see this stunning purple and gold Kumihimo necklace with magatama bead work made by Sylvie Gondouin.

**Est. Value: \$150      Min. Bid: \$50      Donor: Sylvie Gondouin**

**Kumihimo Choker****S-58 (T)**

Come to the auction to see this amber Kumihimo choker with magatama bead work made by Sylvie Gondouin.

**Est. Value: \$125      Min. Bid: \$50      Donor: Sylvie Gondouin**