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NBPT Community Center

**Live Auction
Items**

Instructions for Bidders

*Welcome and thank you for taking part in our Art & Services Auction.
We hope you have obtained your bidder number and use it often.*

Donors should contact the winning bidders. If the bidders do not hear from the donors within a few weeks, contact the donor.

Unless otherwise specified, all services should be used within one year. After that you are at the mercy of the donor.

Some services have specific times or dates established.

Some services have set amounts.

Vacation Homes – Winning bidders must be present at the home– You cannot turn the rental over to strangers or in particular teenagers.

Bidding on Dinners – For almost all the dinners, the price per seat is set by the highest bidder. There is a limit on how many seats the winning bidder can receive. For dinners with six or less seats, the winning bidder can only take two. For dinners with more than six seats, the winning bidder can take up to four seats. If there is more demand than seats available, the highest bidder receives their chosen number of seats, and the other bidders put numbers in a hat and draw to see who receives the balance of available seats.

Silent Auction will be open until it's closed at the end of the first round of the live auction.

There are some items on display.

Please pay at the end of the night or whenever you leave by check, cash, credit card or debit card. If you cannot pay at the end of the night, once you know how much you owe, please send a check to Diane Carroll with a notation for the Arts & Services Auction.

All proceeds after expenses go to First Religious Society in Newburyport.



- 6:00pm Doors Open
- Silent Auction Begins
- Bar and Appetizers Available
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- 6:30pm Live Voice Auction Begins
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- 7:30pm Break in Voice Auction
- Dinner Buffet Open
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- 7:45pm Silent Auction Ends
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- 8:30pm Voice Auction Begins
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- 9:30pm Voice Auction Ends
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- 9:45pm Bidder Check-out Begins

Thank You—We Hope You Had a Great Time!



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Spiritual

L1 Plan a Sermon of your Choice with Reverend Rebecca

Donated by Reverend Rebecca Bryan

Do you ever wish you could hear a sermon about something that is particularly meaningful to you? Here's the perfect opportunity. You'll meet with Rev. Rebecca to share your thoughts and ideas, and she'll create that sermon. *Value Priceless*

Minimum bid \$150

L2 Vow Renewal Ceremony with Reverend Rebecca

Donated by Reverend Rebecca Bryan

How long has it been since you've said "I do!" Maybe it's time for a vow renewal ceremony, offered by our very own Reverend Rebecca. Whether you are celebrating 50 years or 5 years, whether it's a marriage, a partnership or a friendship. Love is love. All love is a blessing and deserves to be celebrated. Reverend Rebecca will work with the fortunate winners to design the perfect ceremony which can then be held in the FRS sanctuary or a location of your choice. Date to be determined. *Value Priceless*

Minimum bid \$150





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Getaway Vacations

L3 5 Days/4 Nights at Rangeley Camp on Mooselookmeguntic Lake

Donated by Susan Stone & Vern Ellis

Maximum 6 guests. Enjoy this 3-bedroom, 2-bath waterfront home in a private setting, surrounded by the beautiful mountains in Rangeley, Maine. Year-round home has spectacular views of the lake and a large lawn down to the water. Summer activities include swimming, kayaking, and hiking; in winter there is downhill skiing at Saddleback Mountain, cross country and snowshoeing right outside the door. *Value \$3,750*

Minimum Bid: \$800



L4 3 Days/2 Nights at Maine Lakefront Cottage on Square Pond

Donated by Pat Skibbee

Maximum 6 guests. Mid-week, 3 days/2 nights at lakefront cottage in Shapleigh, Maine, on Square Pond. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, kitchen, dock, private beach (water shallow and deepens gradually). Swim raft and 4 kayaks to use. From Newburyport it's just over an hour drive. The house is on an island, no cars nor stores, but nice walking. Free "on-call" ferry takes you to and from the island (does not run late at night). 4 minute ferry trip. *Value \$1,000*

Minimum bid \$250





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L5 5 Days at Vermont Ski Condo Getaway on Sugarbush Mountain

Donated by Linda Lu Burciaga

2 guests. Mid-week, five-day retreat in central Vermont just 3½ hours from Newburyport. One bedroom modern condo awaits two persons to enjoy the views, nearby hiking trails, indoor and outdoor pools and excellent tennis courts that are part of The Bridges, an intimate resort setting where the unit is located. Nearby communities of Waitsfield and Warren are charming arts colonies with tempting restaurants, but the unit's fully stocked kitchen awaits those preferring to cook for themselves. Dates to be agreed to. *Value \$1,200*

Minimum bid \$300



Fine Art

L6 Marsh Oil Painting by Kittie Mercer

Donated by Anne White

Kittie (John Mercer's mom) was head of the Art Department at Governors Academy and probably the first woman to be an instructor there in the 1970s. Some of her work comes out of the early abstract artist movement with interest in experimentation; this one is one of her more realistic landscapes, but moving. 18 x 24" *Value \$350*

Minimum Bid \$100



L7 "Looking Out/Looking In" Painting

Donated by Anne White

"Looking Out/Looking In" is a painting by Anne White from a photograph taken by Fran Dalton of the First Religious Society Church. This painting is in memory of Fran Dalton. *Value \$1,000*

Minimum Bid \$500





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Dinner Experiences

L8 Luncheon on the Grass: Plein Air Painting and a Gourmet Picnic

Donated by Janet Sutherland and Mike Dorsey

4 participants. We are offering a session of on-site landscape painting instruction tailored to our participants skill levels and desires - we will work with up to 4 beginners to intermediate level artists. Choose to work in watercolor, oil or pencil and let us know what skills you are hoping to hone. Our “mini workshop” will take up the better part of a day and be punctuated by an al fresco luncheon. Mike and Janet are graduates of Rhode Island School of Design and The Cooper Union and have been painting en plein air for more than three decades. Their work is represented by the Sidoti Gallery in Rockport and Roux & Cyr International Fine Art in Portland, Maine.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$100 per person

L9 Fall Vegetarian “Free” Dinner

Donated by Rev. Rebecca Bryan and Bart Bracken

8 people Join Rev. Rebecca, Bart and their dog Charlotte for a night of fun and fellowship. The date will be in September or October. The menu will be vegetarian and free of many allergies. You will be surprised how good food can taste without meat, gluten, sugar, nuts and dairy! The company will be even better and there is a surprise for all guests.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$45 per person

L10 Come Enjoy a One Pot Wonder!

Donated by Tina and Greg Benik

6 people. Will it be beef bourguignon? Lasagna? Coq au Vin? Jambalaya? Be adventurous! Parlor games to follow. A mutually agreeable time between June 2023 and December 2023.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$40 per person



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L11 Tomato Lovers Dinner Under the Pergola

Donated by Greg & Catherine Garnache

6 people. Join the Garnaches for a celebration of tomatoes grown in our garden. We will start with cherry tomato topped bruschetta. The 2nd course will feature pasta with a tasty folleto sauce. The third course will consist of a beef roast braised in tomatoes and red wine with appropriate side dishes. The dessert will be tomato tart tartine (after all, tomatoes are a fruit). The dinner is restricted to 6 people and it must occur during fresh tomato season (Aug. 1-31). There will be six different tomatoes to sample and will feature wines known to pair well with tomatoes.”

Suggested Minimum Bid \$35 per person

L12 Ring of Fire Dinner

Donated by Cyd Raschke

4 people. Ring of Fire refers to cuisine from the volcanic belt around the Pacific Ocean. All hot spices served on the side; accommodations made for dietary preferences. Menu includes Shrimp with Encocado de Camaron dip (Ecuador), Beef or Tofu Inaha (Indonesia), Orange Salmon (America) with snap peas and Asian Rice (Japan), and Flan and chocolates (Mexico). Soft drinks, mocktails and non-alcoholic beer provided. Guests welcome to bring adult beverages.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$40 per person

L13 The Amazing Race of Amesbury and Dinner

Donated by Julie Parker Amery & Steve Amery

12 people. Come out for a fun scavenger hunt-road rally with fellow FRS friends around Amesbury, followed by dinner at Julie and Steve’s house. Participants will be divided into small teams to complete as many challenges as possible. This is a fun bonding experience and there will be stories to share over dinner. No special knowledge, skills or abilities are required and nothing of a physically strenuous manner is involved! Date TBD with participants.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$25 per person



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L14 French Dinner

Donated by Anzie Dodge and Chuck Kennedy

6 people. A four course meal with wine. Chuck and Anne went to France last year and have gathered some very tasty recipes. Warning: this meal contains lactose and gluten, it is a French meal after all. Bon appetit! *Value \$300*

Minimum bid \$45 per person

L15 Lobster Dinner Overlooking the Ocean

Donated by Karen LeTourneau

2 people. Enjoy a complete lobster dinner while sitting on the deck looking out at the ocean on Plum Island! To be scheduled for September 2023 at least two weeks ahead (with a rain date). BYOB.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$50 per person

L16 Peter Rabbit's Garden Smorgasbord Dinner

Betsy and Doug Latham

4 people. The Lathams will host a summer garden bounty buffet dinner in late July or early August. Indulge your inner rabbit with dishes prepared from vegetables of the season.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$30 per person

L17 Cookout and Trivia night

Donated by Nancy Crochiere

12 people. Come enjoy a cookout by the pool at the home of Nancy & Paul Crochiere. Marinated chicken, steak tips, vegetable skewers, beer, wine, and a trivia game with silly prizes.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$30 per person



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L18 Eat, Drink and be Merry

Donated by Julie Menin & Susan Cooper

6 people. The Galloping Gourmand (Julie Menin) and The Woman Who Can't Cook (Susan Cooper) offer Vegetarian and Pescatarian Fare en Plein Air (aka Julie's deck). Summer/Fall 2023.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$30 per person

L19 Speck-tacular Dinner

Donated by Anne & Forrest Speck

8 people. Enjoy a delightful dinner and evening in the charming company of longtime FRS members Anne and Forrest Speck.

Suggested Minimum Bid \$30 per person

L20 Lobster Dinner

Donated by Lee and Susan Fasoli

4 people. Summer is the season for relaxed conversations and outdoor dining on our deck overlooking Collins Cove in Salem, with Lee's specialty developed over 30 years of practice. Dinner will include shrimp cocktail appetizer, baked stuffed lobster, homemade Caesar salad, and a light dessert with plenty of fine wine (or beverage of your choice) to complement the meal. We look forward to spending a fun evening together!

Minimum Bid \$50 per person