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Spiritual

L1 Handmade Beautiful Blessings Bowl

Donated by Reverend Rebecca Bryan

Rev. Rebecca offers this handmade bowl from an award winning artist Ellen Hoffman Griesedieck. It comes complete with a promise of blessings for you, however you choose. The bowl comes bestowed with love and blessings from Rev. Rebecca and a willingness to do whatever in-person ritual of blessings is meaningful for the lucky winner. House blessing, vow renewal, child blessing, a promise to one's future ...the sky is the limit. Ellen is Rev. Rebecca's long-term fundraising client from her previous work. Ellen resides in North Western Connecticut and her Wall of America gallery is in Winsted, Connecticut. *Value \$500*



Suggested minimum bid: \$250

L2 Trip to Winsted, CT with Reverend Rebecca

Donated by Reverend Rebecca Bryan

10 guests. Experience a full-day trip to Winsted, CT with Rev. Rebecca. You'll be visiting with Ellen Griesedieck, the creator of "The American Mural," as she talks about her thoughts and inspiration to create the largest indoor mural in the United States depicting workers from all walks of life. So incredibly moving! In addition, you'll be visiting another part of Winsted where artists market their work, the Whiting Mills. Enjoy this wonderful experience with Rev. Rebecca as you explore Winsted and all its charm. Date: 4/11/26. *(Does not include transportation or lunch.) Value \$50 per person*

Suggested minimum bid \$30

THE ARTIST, ELLEN GRIESEDIECK





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L3 You Pick the Tune! — Choose the Choir's Anthem or Hymn

Donated by Nick Place & FRSUU Choir

Ever dreamed of being the choir director for a day (without waving your arms around)? Now's your chance! The winner of this item gets to call the tune—literally—by picking the anthem or hymn our choir will sing during a Sunday service. Have a favorite hymn that gives you goosebumps? An anthem that makes you tear up (in a good way)? Or maybe a song that just gets your toes tapping? Tell us what it is, and our fabulous choir will perform it with heart and harmony! Includes: You choose one anthem or hymn for a future service; Shout-out in the bulletin (if you'd like!); Bragging rights as a guest music director. *Value Priceless*

Suggested minimum bid \$250



Getaway Vacation

L4 5 Days/4 Nights at Vermont Ski Condo

Donated by Linda Lu & John Burciaga

Maximum 2 guests. Mid-week, 5 days/4 nights retreat in central Vermont just 3 1/2 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 well stocked kitchen awaits those preferring to cook for themselves. Dates to be scheduled by agreement of owners and guests. *Value \$1,200*

Suggested minimum bid \$300





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L5 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 with a recently renovated kitchen surrounded by the beautiful mountains in Rangeley, Maine. It's a year-round home that has spectacular views of the lake and a lawn down to the water. Summer activities include swimming, kayaking, and hiking; in winter there is downhill skiing at Saddleback Mountain or Sugarloaf, cross country and snowshoeing right outside the door
Value \$3,750



Suggested minimum bid \$900

Dinner Experiences

L6 Big Fat Speck-tacular Greek Dinner

Donated by Forrest & Anne Verret-Speck

12 guests. You are invited to join in making and consuming a multi-course dinner typical of the Aegean island of Paros, Greece. Anne & Forrest Speck, Elizabeth & Skyler Shepard, and Teddy & Cailin Speck will be your hosts and facilitators. Come with aprons and appetites! Date will be winter/early spring, depending on mutual schedules and availability of elevator access to Anne & Forrest's condo.

Suggested minimum bid \$40 per person



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L7 Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor Dinner

Donated by Betsy & Doug Latham

8 guests. Hop into a whimsical evening straight from the pages of Beatrix Potter! Join Peter Rabbit (don't worry, he's on his best behavior) and the not-so-grumpy Mr. McGregor for a charming garden-to-table dinner. Enjoy fresh, farm-inspired cuisine and delightful conversation. Just keep an eye on the vegetables — Peter's been known to sneak a nibble!

Suggested minimum bid \$30 per person



L8 Baked Stuffed Lobster Dinner

Donated by Sue & Lee Fasoli

4 guests. 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 afternoon or evening together!

Suggested minimum bid \$50 per person

L9 Murder Mystery at the Botanic Garden

Donated by Tina & Greg Benik

6 guests. It is the 1920s and there is something sinister going on at the recently renovated Whitaker Botanic Garden—someone has a secret worth dying for.... Come play sleuth and discover “who dunnit”? You will be assigned a character... Dressing in character gets you extra points!!

Suggested minimum bid \$45 per person





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L10 Natural Wood Barbecue Dinner

Donated by Susan Stone & Vern Ellis

6 guests. Natural wood, mediterranean inspired barbecue, with seasonal desserts, quality wines and craft beers. And if it's during the summer, swimming in the salt water pool.

Suggested minimum bid \$35 per person



L11 A Night with the Stars

Donated by Woman, Julie Menin & Paula Renda

6 guests. America's favorite former duo Sonny and Cher and Cher's BFF P!nk invite fellow musicians to join them at the Newburyport Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for a rollicking evening of lip syncing. Dress as your favorite musician and compete for a coveted spot at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The hosts do not discriminate on the basis of musical genre, fashion sense, or the ability to carry a tune. Food, libations and good vibrations will be flowing!

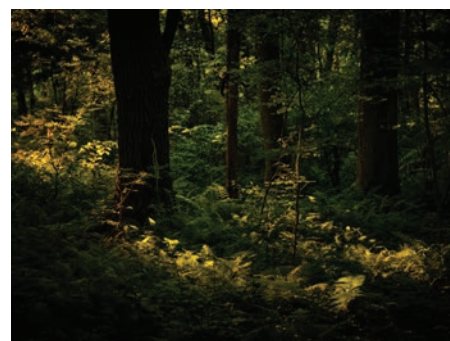
Suggested minimum bid \$35 per person

L12 Dinner in the Newbury Woods

Donated by Annie & Lark Madden

6 guests. There's no theme to this dinner, save for fun and good cheer.

Suggested minimum bid \$30 per person



L13 Moroccan Dinner

Donated by the Green Team

8 guests. Moroccan dinner with dessert around the fireplace, sponsored and prepared by the Green Team.

Suggested minimum bid \$30 per person



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L14 The Great Race of Amesbury

Donated by Renée & Stephen Wolf Foster

20 guests. You may not know each other well when your team begins racing around town searching for random items and unique situations—but you'll be friends by the time you're sharing stories, photos, and dinner afterwards at our house! The only requirements: A sense of adventure and the willingness to feel like a kid again.

Suggested minimum bid \$25 per person

