

Live Auction Catalog

1 Four Homemade Deep Dish Pies

Donated by Jim Bradley

Four 9.5 inch pies, spaced at least two weeks apart, of your choice. Pies have a homemade crust with Crisco or oil, only fresh or frozen fruit, and your choice of sugar or stevia. Jim's great great great grandfather was a pie-maker in 19th C Germany. Jim has inherited those pie-making genes. Pies will be made and delivered at mutually agreed upon times.



2 Northern Italian Dinner for Four

Donated by Marcia Rossi and Larry Moore

4 available.

Marcia's relatives in Northern Italy taught her the value of a delicious risotto. This meal features various antipasti including insalata caprese, followed by a creamy parmesan asparagus risotto made the traditional Italian way and chicken scallopine with lemon and capers accompanied by sauteed zucchini. Top the meal off with cappuccinos and a special dessert. This dinner includes fine Italian wines and is served at Marcia and Larry's home. Two friendly and polite standard poodles will be your welcoming committee. This meal will be naturally gluten free.



3 Opelika Center for the Performing Arts: Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra

Donated by Randy Melius

Please be our guests for a very special performance of the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra. Founded in 1892, the Sophia has been long recognized as one of Bulgaria's leading cultural institutions. The Sophia Philharmonic, or the National Orchestra of Bulgaria, represents a wide range of the country's classical and contemporary musical traditions. The Orchestra's high artistic achievements are easily recognized in its performance history with renowned conductors such as Bruno Walter, Kurt Masur, and Neville Marriner. Some noted soloists who have performed with the orchestra are Sviatoslav Richter, Alexis Weissenberg, Dmitri Shostakovich, Placido Domingo, and others. Don't miss this chance to share in a night of musical wonderment with a world class orchestra, not in New York City, Los Angeles, or Atlanta, but right here in Central Alabama! What a deal!! The date for this performance is Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



4 Opelika Center for the Performing Arts Concert: Canadian Brass

Donated by Randy Melius

Enjoy Canadian Brass joined by the East Alabama Arts Community Band on stage for a special Spotlight performance on Thursday, January 25th, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Over 52 years, Canadian Brass have made 152 full length recordings and have received a combined total of 24 Grammy and Juno nominations, and won the German Echo Award for Goldberg Variations. Their repertoire encompasses Bach, Vivaldi, Scott Joplin, Duke Ellington, Peter Schickele, the music of opera and ballet, Drake, and DeadMau5. The Canadian Brass loves talking with the audience during performances. "These are the men who put brass music on the map with their unbeatable blend of virtuosity, spontaneity, and humor." - Washington Post . Don't miss this concert!



5 Dinner Made and Delivered by the AUUF RE Younger Kids

Donated by Becki Retzlaff

Do you want to experience the joy of a homemade meal made by elementary children just for you? Our young kids in the K-6 grade Religious Exploration classes will deliver a meal to your house with the love and joy that only a young child can bring. The kids will work with you to find out your tastes and food restrictions and plan a vegetarian meal for you based on your preferences. The meal will include a salad/appetizer, main dish, and dessert. The kids will make the shopping list, shop for the items, cook the food at one of their homes, and deliver it with love to you. The best part (in addition to interacting with our



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great kids): no messy kitchen to clean up!

6 **Chicago Style Deep-Dish Pizza Dinner for Eight**

Donated by Carolyn and Ralph Levy

8 available.

Denizens of the Windy City know how great their distinctive variety of pizza is. If you've never had real Chicago style deep-dish pizza, you have denied yourself missed a real culinary gem. Now is your chance to patch that woeful gap in your gastronomic repertoire. With this dinner, Carolyn and Ralph invite you to take a deep dive into the deep dish. They will whet your appetite with a charcuterie board. Prosciutto, anyone? Two (2) authentic, freshly baked Chicago deep -dish pizzas constitute the pièce de résistance of the meal. For dessert, enjoy vanilla ice cream topped with fresh strawberries macerated in a mixture of sugar and sabra liqueur. This culinary celebration of Chicagoness will be delivered to your home, sometime during the four months January to April, 2024. Beverages to be supplied by the lucky winners of this item; we suggest any of the fine beers from Goose Island Beer Co, a Chicagoland favorite.



7 **Starcaster Guitar With Hardshell Case**

Donated by Isaac McNeely

Starcaster by Fender acoustic guitar with hard case



8 **Soil Whisperer**

Donated by Kirk Iversen

2 available.

Soil – the living skin of the Earth. Is yours healthy? Are your worms smiling? The Soil Whisperer will help you communicate with your soil and determine if each of you are getting what you need from each other. Soil sampling and testing may be used to reveal some of the secrets, as will direct observations and reflections on past history and future needs.



9 “Lamplight,” by Terry Rodriguez

Donated by Teresa Rodriguez

2011, Digital collage, 24” x 30” Terry writes, “I found the images of Muslim women and the umbrellas in books, and photographed the hanging lamps.”



10 Small Group Yoga Class for 2–3 People

Donated by BeWell Services, LLC., Pam Wiggins

Elevate your Zen and bid for bliss from a small group yoga class for 2–3 people. Yoga provides a journey of mindfulness and flexibility, an opportunity to align your mind, body, and spirit.



11 Pine Trees on the Plains

Donated by Cindy Reinke

This 29 inch square autumn wallhanging will fit on a wall, can hang from a door, or be a table topper. It is an original design by Cindy Reinke.



12 Fabric Art Studio Tour and Pillowcases

Donated by Cindy Reinke

Take a morning or afternoon to tour Cindy Reinke’s fabric art studio. If you wish, bring a friend to share the fun and pillowcases. At the studio, ask Cindy about her art and how she makes it; see the machines and tools she uses (she will demo if you are interested.); look at some of her artwork. Rummage through her quilting fabrics (mostly cotton) and choose some for her to use to make you up to 12 (mostly different) pillowcases (can be twin to king size). They will be custom-made and delivered to you. Have a coffee, espresso, or latte from her coffee bar.



13 The Delivery of One Homemade Apple Pie and Accompanying Stories

Donated by Zach Morgan

In Zach's family there is a recipe for apple pie that goes back around four generations. Making it is almost spiritual...so, it seems reasonable to donate it as part of the spiritual community. For the winning bidder, Zach will make a delicious, home-baked apple pie. Just like grandma used to make. Served with stories on the side.



14 Preserving Memories and Favorite Stories

Donated by Gary Lerude

It's AUUF's own StoryCorps: Capture favorite stories or deep thoughts from a family member or friend, preserving the recollections and the sound of their voice for future generations. After helping you plan the conversation or interview, Gary Lerude will record and produce it, providing you with an edited, high-quality audio file.



15 Farrier demonstration for Four

Donated by Stephanie Ostrowski

4 available.

Swapping horses while crossing the river is a bad idea. But shoeing horses while at Stephanie's farm is a great idea! Nancy Fuller, a local professional farrier has graciously agreed to demonstrate her tradecraft in the fine art of Hoof Maintenance. This will include the ways professionals provide expert hoof care, including reshoeing their patients. The event will be held at Stephanie's farm in Tuskegee, based on Nancy's scheduling. Stephanie, an accomplished equine specialist, can offer insight and advice to the beginning rider, to those interested in a career in the care of horses, or to those thinking of Veterinarian Medicine as a career. Just ask- she'll tell Ya! When you bid on this item, don't hold your horses!



16 I Didn't Know My iPhone Could Do That!

Donated by Darrell Crutchley

iPhones have vast capabilities. Maybe a little too vast! Who can keep track of all the bells and whistles? Darrell can! And he will help you get the most from your iPhone. Are you wrestling with your address book? Are you unsure of how to store photos so you can find them later? Is the print on the screen too tiny to read? What does that button labeled "Wallet" do? Does the phone send you messages that make no sense to you? What does "Focus" mean??? Are there some games you are interested in trying? Darrell will listen to you about how you would like to use your phone and show you how to get there. Darrell will consult with you for two one-hour sessions.



17 One-of-a-Kind Knife, Designed by You

Donated by Jason Pratt

Jason will work with you on a design for the knife you always wished you had. A Bowie knife? No prob. Fillet knife, dagger, whittling knife – piece of cake for Jason. A machete? Can do. A Samurai's katana. Yes. Nepalese kukri. Yes. A Viking sword. Sure. A knife unlike all others, designed by you? Absolutely! Let's get edgy.



18 Mama Mocha's Coffee for a Year

Donated by Gary Lerude

Each month for 12 months, you will receive a 12 oz. bag of freshly roasted coffee beans from Mama Mocha's Roastery in Opelika. Choice of light, medium, or dark roast or a mix. Whole bean or ground.



19 Two 45 Minute Session at Harmony in 3D

Donated by Sue Bradley

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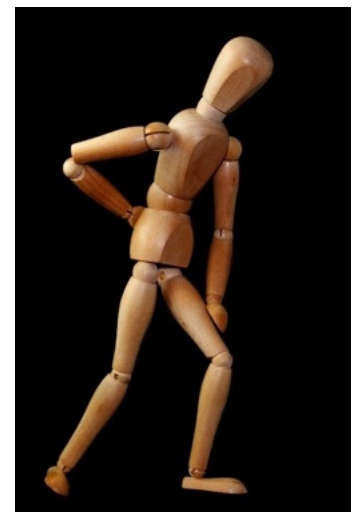
Relax and be refreshed while being surrounded by music and feeling gentle vibrations built into a platform suspended from an open geodesic dome. Sue Bradley will design a playlist to enhance your experience and meet your individual goals.



20 Back Mechanic Session

Donated by Jason Cornish

Jason loves helping people get out of back pain. This session will cover how to identify your pain triggers, how to change your habits to let your back heal, what exercises to do and to avoid, and hopefully move on with far less or no back pain. This session is best for people with disc problems or with back pain that comes and goes.



21 Holiday Bucket of Suds and Soaks

Donated by Sylvia Rogers

6 available.

Get clean this Holiday with a Bucket of Suds and Soaks, handmade by Sylvia! In each of these holiday-themed buckets are delectable holiday-themed soaps, oils, and salt soaks for fantastic holiday bath time experiences! Each bucket contains the following curated items: A. Candy Cane Soap with striped white and red layers of buttermilk and glycerin soap. The candy cane fragrance oil gives this soap a delicious aroma. B. Glycerin Gingerbread Man Soap scented with gingerbread cookie oil. Please don't eat it! We recommend using it to wash your hands or in the shower so you can smell like gingerbread! C. Sparking Fig Soap is swirled with glycerin gold and merlot soap in a light green goat milk soap base. The cranberry fig fragrance oil will make your bath time a rich aromatherapy experience. D. Rosemary Salt Soak – Epsom salts, kosher salt, Hawaiian red volcanic salt, and rosemary essential oil will relax you in a hot bath after a long day of holiday festivities. The rosemary aroma also promotes cognition so you can think of the next great novel! E. Lavender Hops Salt Soak – Epsom salts, kosher salt, Hawaiian red volcanic salt and lavender hops essential oil will help relax you so you can dream about sugar plums and ski resorts. One of these buckets is a great gift for a cherished family member or friend. Or you could gift it to yourself!

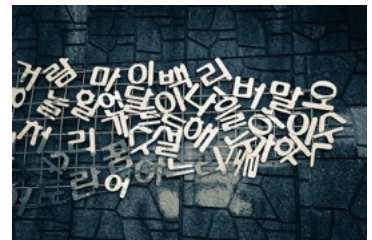


22 Learn How to Read Korean with Josie! A 10-week Course to Get You Reading Hangeul

Donated by Josie Gates

10 available.

A ten-week in-person course on Mondays from 6 pm-7 pm in the Busch Center at AUUF. This course will teach the history of Hangeul, the letters of the alphabet, and how to read basic phrases. The objective of this class is to get you reading and understanding basic phonetic concepts of the Korean language. Josie lived for many years in Korea and is a fluent Korean speaker. A minimum of 5 students is required. The maximum enrollment is 10.



23 Gourmet Olive Oils and Vinegars

Donated by Marcia Rossi

An offering of gourmet olive oils and vinegars, perfect for salads, other food, or desserts! Infused with flavors and packaged with recommended pairings, such as Tuscan herb olive oil paired with traditional balsamic vinegar or Persian lime olive oil paired with cranberry pear white balsamic vinegar. Be sure to try the blood orange olive oil and dark chocolate balsamic vinegar, delicious over vanilla ice cream. And, the collection includes one medicinal quality bottle of extra virgin Greek olive oil, Athinolia. The basket includes gourmet olives, Himalayan pink salt, and two beautiful pouring spouts.



24 Chili Dinner for Eight

Donated by Tom and Angie Hodges

10 available.

This isn't just any old chili made by any old Tom, Dick, or Harry. It's fabulous one-of-a-kind chili made by our own one-of-a-kind Tom: Tom Hodges. Tom's award-winning chili is the star of the dinner. Top a bowl of this delicious chili with some cheese, add a bit of sour cream and celebrate the yummy happiness. Great chili deserves great cornbread, not just any old cornbread. Angie's heavenly homemade cornbread will bring you as close as you have ever come to the Platonic Form of cornbread, which you will assuredly love (Platonically). This out-of-taste-bud chili-plus-cornbread experience would seem to be a hard act to follow. It is, but trust Tom and Angie to follow it with not just any old dessert, but a dessert to die for. Cold brews provided. Delivered to your home, with a smile. And not just any old smile!



25 **100% Whole Wheat Bread, Baked by an Amateur, Delivered at Unpredictable Intervals**

Donated by Peter Livant

This wholesome, un-fancy bread is the Livants' daily bread. Here's the bread rhythm: Peter bakes a batch of four loaves, and one of those loaves goes to you right away. (Occasionally, it's still warm when it arrives)! After an unpredictable interval, during which the other three loaves will have been eaten, and it's time to bake another four loaves. You get one, and the cycle repeats. If you're OK with some variation, Peter will gladly experiment. Eight deliveries before next December are guaranteed, but chances are excellent that you'll get more loaves than that. Please note: no bread machines are involved. Peter is the machine!



26 **Eight-and-a-Half Reasons to Bid on the Macho Men Work Party**

Donated by Shawn Jacobsen

2 available.

1) You are insane. 2) You're sane, but common sense is just not your strong suit. 3) By chance, are you drinking an alcoholic beverage while bidding? 4) OK! OK! You're sane, sensible, and sober, BUT... you have a weird kinky "thing" for sweaty old guys leaning on shovels, pretending to work, maybe even pretending to sweat. 5) You love to cook, and you look forward to making The Machos an exquisite gourmet feast at the end of their labors (we use the word "labors" here in a poetic sense). 6) You've had the Men of La Macho out to your house in the past and you want them to come back and fix the stuff they messed up then. 7) You believe in miracles. 8) You have a bet with a friend on how many dozens and gallons of donuts and coffee AUUF men can eat and drink in four hours and still have room for the aforementioned exquisite gourmet feast (see reason 5). 8.5) You are writing a dissertation on "Non-Migrant Non-Workers in the Modern American South: Religio-Psychosocial Roots of Laziness as an Art Form." Whatever! Pick a reason and bid, bid, bid!!!

Should you nail the 2023 winning bid, here are some things to know: a) Allow 4 – 6 weeks to set up a date. Macho Men lead complex lives, a lot like feral cats; it takes a while to round them up. c) They work either 8 am – noon or 1 pm – 5 pm, typically on a Saturday. d) They supply the donuts. You supply the coffee and the exquisite gourmet feast. e) The exquisite gourmet feast is, technically, optional, but it is a charming tradition the continuation of which the Macho Men highly encourage. f) You supply the required construction materials, and all (you and the Machos) collaborate on supplying the tools. g) All work is guaranteed for 30 days or until the Machos leave the job site, whichever comes first.



27 **Gourmet Catered Super Bowl Watch Party for Ten**

Donated by Connor O'Neill and Shaelyn Smith

10 available.

Watch the Super Bowl in grand style. Enjoy the game on the big screen at the Fellowship while eating homemade gourmet gameday fare. Can Connor and Shaelyn interest you in some brined and smoked chicken wings? Homemade ranch and queso? White bean chili? Korean-style ribs? Vegan and vegetarian options available. A selection of beverages will also be provided. Super food for the Super Bowl!



28 **Make a Guest Appearance with The Rangers (Tonight's Band!)**

Donated by Randy McDaniel

Have you dreamed of being onstage, performing in a red-hot band in front of thousands of wildly screaming fans? If yours is the winning bid, all that would be yours! Except maybe not all the fans would be screaming. But everything else would be yours! Well... there might not be thousands of fans. Hundreds. Maybe. (Dozens?) But everything else would be yours! Well, there might not be a stage. Anyhow, The Rangers would be tickled to have you sit in with them for a few tunes at one of their many gigs all over Lee County and beyond. If you're a vocalist...super! Do you play an instrument? Great! Can you sing while



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you play? Shazzam! Walk out onto that stage (if there is one) an unknown and come back a star!!!

29 Lidded Urn #1945

Donated by Richard Shelby

Urn with removable lid made of pear wood. 12" tall with shellac finish.



30 Small Opportunities

Donated by Terry Rodriguez

12"x24" Collage and mixed media, 2007



31 Unique Mixed Media Print "Conversation IV"

Donated by Julia D Kjelgaard

Unique Mixed Media Print by Julia Kjelgaard. One of a kind. Framed 19 1/4 x 25 1/4



32 Large, Framed Print by Conrad Ross, ca. 1960

Donated by Ruth and Malcolm Crocker

Large, framed print of the first baby born to Janice and Conrad Ross. The baby, which takes up the entire space within the frame, indicates how important the baby was to the household. In a note on the back of the framed print, Conrad writes that this print was from a sketch completed in around 1960 at the University of Iowa. This large print is ready to hang. It was framed at Cameragraphics, following Conrad's careful instructions.



33 **The Consigliere of Compost**

Donated by Kirk Iversen

Giardinieri, are your beets bedraggled? Are your petunias petulant? Are your microgreens more like nanogreens? Che peccato! The problem might be your compost – not enough, too much, wrong kind, applied at the wrong time, or the wrong way. Eh, paesano! You need the Consigliere of Compost. His motto: keep your friends close, but your compost closer. The Consigliere will case your joint...er...evaluate your soil, teach you about composting, and suggest strategies and equipment that are right for you. He will get your compost cooking! Bada-bing! You'll soon feel like a Capo of Compost. Don't be pazzo. Dis here is a composting offer you can't refuse, capeesh?



34 **Two Season Passes to Sundilla Acoustic Concert Series**

Donated by Bailey Jones

This amazing acoustic concert series was launched in 1993 by Katie Lamar Jackson, Jay Lamar, and Mary Littleton. Thirty years later, it's still going, so you know it must be good! Sundilla attracts the best musicians from faraway climes who might rarely if ever play within 100 miles of Auburn if not for Sundilla. Over the years, artists like Cheryl Wheeler, Kate Campbell, Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart, John McCutcheon, Pierce Pettis, and Gillian Welch & David Rawlings have mesmerized Sundilla audiences from the stage of AUUF. Concerts at least once a month and often twice a month are planned over the course of the year. Sundilla strives to "bring beauty and harmony into our community." Be a part of that.



35 **À la recherche du cheesecake perdu**

Donated by Peter Livant

Cheesecake lovers can be irrationally cantankerous about which cheesecake recipe is the "best of all time." Peter is cantankerously certain it was Lindy's cheesecake, a sublime, almost otherworldly, creation that dominated the entire cheesecake universe (i.e. New York City) decades ago. The Lindy's restaurant cheesecake recipe was never written down. ("Someone left the (cheese)cake out in the rain...and we'll never have that recipe again...Oh no...") Undaunted, the Livant family, set out to find or create a recipe that replicated the Lindy's paradigm. After years of research and experimentation, they proffer a cheesecake that is, according to Peter (who grew up in NYC, and, ipso facto, is a cheesecake expert!) just as good as the Lindy's original. To eat this cheesecake is euphoria defined. It was Sarah that perfected it, really. But it is Peter who has the chutzpah to offer this auction item. If you have the winning bid, two indescribably rich and tasty 10-inch cheesecakes will be delivered to you before the next Auction. If you want to connect to your deep emotional states, this cheesecake is a whole lot better than madeleines.



36 **Southern Dinner on the Porch for Six**

Donated by Robert Zabawa and Amy Kaiser

Come join Robert and Amy for a classic Southern Dinner on their spacious back porch to feast on Robert's Best fried chicken along with scratch biscuits, potato salad, collards, and corn on the cob accompanied by sweet tea and lemonade with a kick, finished with Lemon Ice Box Pie. To capitalize on times of mild and inviting weather here in the South, this meal, built around home-style recipes, will be offered on a Saturday or Sunday in April, May, June, September, or October from 1:30-3:30 pm. Gluten-free accommodations can be discussed with winning bidder.



37 **Nutrition Educational Consult**

Donated by Jason Cornish

Would you like a nutrition nerd and professional to review your diet, supplements, and other aspects of this part of your life? Let's talk about all things food and nutrition during an hour session (over Zoom or in person).



38 Celebrate Chuseok with Josie! A Cultural Cooking Lesson All About Korean Thanksgiving

Donated by Josie Gates

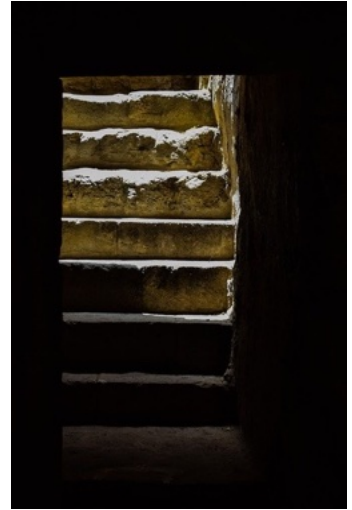
September 16 - 18, 2024 is Korean Thanksgiving, known as Chuseok, will occur next on September 16 – 18, 2024. Celebrate with Josie and learn the history of Chuseok and all the festivities that are included. We will cook together, play games together, and learn all about this Korean holiday. We will make traditional Korean dumplings known as Songpyeon. Please choose 1 date for a 2 hour slot (6 pm-8 pm). There will be up to 10 slots available. This joyful cultural cooking lesson will happen on Monday, September 16, 2024, 6 pm – 8 pm. Josie will accommodate up to ten individuals. Children and youth, accompanied by parents, are especially encouraged to join in the fun.



39 AUUF RE Building Crawlspace Tour

Donated by Patrick Kennealy, AUUF Buildings & Grounds

Have you ever wondered what is in the RE Building crawlspace? Here probably not. But, here is your chance to find out! The AUUF Buildings & Grounds Crew is offering a guided tour of the RE Building underworld. Your guide from our elite crew will show you the furnace, the water heater, and make their best guess about which pipes go where, and why. A history of crawlspace events dating back to 2021 will also be presented during your tour. Bring a friend or two. There is space for up to four people. If you increase your winning bid by 50%, a tour of the Sanctuary crawlspace will be included. Don't let this opportunity pass! Knee pads, a hard hat, and a flashlight are recommended. A virtual crawlspace tour will can be offered arranged if you would rather not partake in a physical tour. You'll leave your experience with a better appreciation for take the term 'crawlspace'. "crawl" out of crawlspace. Like primal scream therapy, this offering might be thought of as primal crawl therapy. You gotta crawl before you walk!



40 Trout Lily Wildflower Walk

Donated by Jan Newton

10 available.

Jan Newton will lead a wildflower walk for up to 12 people on the John B. Scott Forever Wild trail and the Cherokee Bluff Dam Railroad trail (near Lake Martin Dam) in late February 2024 to view carpets of Dimpled Trout Lilies (*Erythronium umbilicatum*) in their blooming glory! We expect to also see other blooming spring ephemerals such as Rue Anemone (*Thalictrum thalictroides*), Underwood Trillium (*T. underwoodii*), several species of Violets (*Viola pedata*, *V. sororia* and *V. palmata*), Tiny Bluet (*Houstonia pusilla*), and possibly Pennywort (*Obolaria virginica*), Cut-leaf Toothwort (*Cardimine concatenata*) and Sharp-lobed Liverwort (*Hepatica acutiloba*).

You are bidding on the cost per person for this item.



41 Pickleball Lessons

Donated by Jim Newton

4 available.

A total of four hours of pickleball lessons for up to four people. Learn a fun game that the whole family can play. Whether you are 6 or 79 or anywhere in between, you can play pickleball, even competitive pickleball! Pickleball is a good way to get a little exercise and have some fun. Pickleball is a dill-y of a game!



42 Squier Strat Electric Guitar

Donated by Sage Hodges

Red color...perfect for Christmas...and beyond. Great beginner guitar.



43 Lifelong Learning Made Easy

Donated by Scott Bishop

2 available.

OLLI stands for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. There are OLLI chapters nationwide, including right here in the Loveliest Village. OLLI at Auburn would love for you to experience, and join, their vibrant community of engaged, inquisitive, friendly, individuals. To that end OLLI has donated two (2) one-year OLLI memberships. Also, with each membership, academic fees will be waived for either the Winter, 2024 or Spring, 2024 term. You can take as many OLLI classes as you want in the term you choose. Such a deal! A sampling of OLLI courses: Maps: From Greeks to Google; Gardening in East Alabama; Poetry: Vision and Revision; Environmental Ethics; Exploring Mixed Media; Tai Chi for Health; Wagner, Nietzsche, and the Origins of Post-Truth; Art of Storytelling; Alabama Rivers. Learn more: <https://www.auburn.edu/outreach/olliatauburn/>



44 Italian-Themed Dinner for Six by the Incomparable Gina Touchton

Donated by Gina Touchton

6 available.

Gina is known to Auburn/Opelika culinary cognoscenti as fine dining's best kept secret. She can do it all...to perfection! Six lucky people will get to experience an evening to treasure: amazing food and drink, a beautiful house in the country, and an atmosphere of warmth, good cheer, and peace of mind, far from the madding crowd. Gina's menu for this dinner begins with Stracciatella Soup, to be followed by the main course, Lasagna Bolognese. Gina's special Ricotta Raspberry Tart will put the finishing touch on this fantastic meal. Wine, beer, and coffee will be provided. Gina's dinners always fetch a high price. Worth every penny!



45 Mac and Cheese Casserole Combo

Donated by Amy Kaiser & Ralph Banks

What an amazing duo! Ralph's notoriously good mac and cheese (few make it as good and nobody makes it better), fresh from the oven to your door, delivered in a hand-crafted lidded casserole dish wheel-thrown and glazed by Amy. The casserole dish has leaf imprints highlighted with copper oxide and is dipped into a food-safe clear glaze that reveals the white clay used to make the casserole. Ralph will take the dish home with him tonight with instructions on when you would like to serve the mac and cheese for dinner within the next year. A generous portion for four is provided. The casserole dish is dishwasher safe, and oven- and microwave-proof for you to fill again and again with your own culinary creations. The photo shows the actual casserole dish you'll receive.



46 Joe and Gina's Fish Fry Dinner for Ten

Donated by Joe Touchton

10 available.

You might think of fried catfish as ordinary - ho hum even. That's because you haven't had Joe Touchton's fried catfish. Joe fries up some of the best catfish this side of the Mississippi; his secret recipe breading is out-of-this-world, the oil is always at the right temperature, and the finished product is on your plate and in your mouth in a matter of minutes. Spectacular! Meanwhile, Gina is in the kitchen creating her special slaw, to-die-for cheese grits, and greens done right. And just when you think it can't get any better, dessert appears! OMG! Wine and beer will be served throughout. Truly, a taste of heaven in suburban Notasulga!



47 Pressure Washing to Painting: Handyman for Hire

Donated by Jim Newton

Do you need to have your (first story) gutters cleaned, or your azaleas pruned? Could you use some built-in shelves in your garage? Are your 3-way light switches no longer working? Four hours of light handyman labor could be yours!



48 Yoel's Fabulous Dinner for Six

Donated by Yoel Furman

6 available.

If you know Yoel, you know he is passionate about his cuisine. When he offers you a meal, you get the food, of course, but you also get a slice of Yoel's soul. He holds himself to extremely high standards. This year Yoel offers us a dinner of Moroccan food, a cuisine that is one of Yoel's favorites. The menu includes six salads, each served at the appropriate time during the meal. A main course of Moroccan spiced fish with the special spice blend Chraime will be served. Moroccan chicken with lemons, olives, and special herbs will be another main course. For dessert Yoel will serve Moroccan cookies accompanied by Moroccan sweet mint tea with pine nuts. Yoel will provide his guests with excellent wine, befitting an excellent meal. Bidders please note: Yoel will not alter his recipes to accommodate the faint of stomach. The level of spiciness is non-negotiable. Modifications that end in "-free" (e.g. gluten-free, fat-free, etc) are off the table (so to speak). What you get is what you eat! Bidders on this item should be culinary daredevils, willing to go on a Moroccan gastronomic adventure. They will be amply rewarded. Besseha.



49 Authentic Bangladeshi Dinner for Six

Donated by Ayesha Alam

6 available.

Be Ayesha's guest in the comfort of your own space for a delicious, naturally gluten-free home-cooked dinner. The meal will be delivered to your home (within 15 miles of Ayesha's home in Auburn). Ayesha will work with you on developing a menu that caters to your palate and preferences, e.g. dietary choices, and spice level. Can incorporate gluten if no restrictions. If you desire, Ayesha will stay and serve the meal so you can enjoy this fantastic dinner hassle-free. Choose a Holiday/Party menu (e.g. Fragrant Polao, Chicken Korma, Beef Rezala, Fish Kebab, Piyajer Tok, Mishti Doi) or a "comfort" menu (e.g. Shada Bhaat, Chicken/Fish Curry, Chingri Shaak, Shobjee, Daal, Salad, Fruit Salad). No deliveries Dec. 24-26.



50 **Sermon of Your Choice**

Donated by Rev. Marti Keller

If you are the successful bidder, you will provide an idea for a sermon topic to Rev. Marti. You and Rev. Marti will meet and explore the topic together. A sermon will result which will be delivered by Rev. Marti to the congregation at a Sunday service before August, 2024. In the past, the "Auction Sermon" has been stunning more often than not. With your help, this wonderful AUUF tradition will live on.



Silent Auction Catalog

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124 **At the Pond**

Donated by Cindy Reinke

Crewl embroidery wall hanging - 15" x 11". Lovely woodland scene of a stream flowing to a pond surrounded by trees.



Other items

101 **Ceramic Container with Lid**

Donated by Randy Melius

This artistic ceramic container stands out with its artistic blue and green glaze.



102 Three Brass Treasures

Donated by Sue Bradley

Bid on this brass vase, incense burner, and bell. Use them to produce relaxing, healing, and inspiring vibes for mind, body, and spirit.



103 Pewter Coffee Pot

Donated by Lorna Wood

This beautifully crafted pewter coffee pot dates from the turn of the 20th-century. No maker's mark. It should be used for decorative purposes only — not for potable liquids or food.



104 Floral Cards

Donated by Louise Katainen

Six note cards made from original photographs taken locally and abroad by Louise Katainen. These lovely nature scenes shine forth, backed by 5-in. x 7-in. ivory cardstock. Envelopes are included. Brighten someone's day when they get the mail.



105 Vintage Carnival Glass Goblets

Donated by Carter deShazo

Vintage Blue Iridescent Carnival Glass Goblets — Set of 5



106 Mirror

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

A framed mirror with hooks to hang either vertically or horizontally. Size: 30-in. x 24-in.



107 Batik Cloth with Corner Tassles

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

The design is created from indigo batik cloth and measures 46-in. square.



108 Pair of Horn-Spoons

Donated by Temesgen

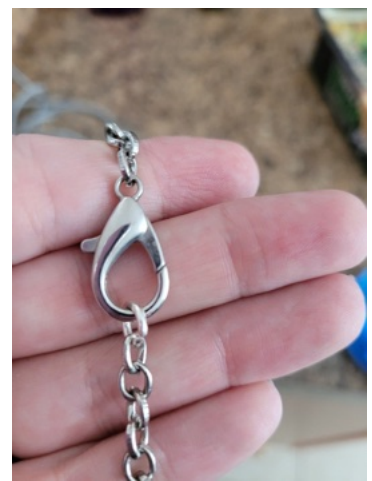
These two decorative spoons from Ethiopia are carved from horns by hand and have a loop for hanging them.



109 Rose Quartz Necklace

Donated by Carter deShazo

A silver necklace with rose-quartz pendant and sandstone and pink morganite accents. 20-inch chain and a large clasp.



110 Snake-Skin Wallet

Donated by Larry Gerber

It's probably time to replace your worn, beat-up wallet. This new one is slim, elegant, and superbly made.



111 Vintage Carved Wooden Serving Plate

Donated by Lorna Wood

This vintage serving plate is carved from wood, appearing like a leaf with divided compartments.



112 Pilsner Glasses with Beer!

Donated by Larry Gerber

Every beer aficionado needs a set of authentic pilsner glasses. This set includes six — plus the beer to fill them! Gather your friends, and we'll supply the beer and the glasses to drink from. A toast to your good health!



113 Vintage Espresso Maker (Moka Pot)

Donated by Lorna Wood

This Benjamin & Medwin espresso maker or moka pot is circa 1989 and made from stainless steel. Never used. Includes instructions.



114 Wooden Coasters from New Zealand

Donated by Louise Katainen

These two new coasters are made of inlaid wood native to New Zealand. They are attractive and easy to clean.



115 Roll Out! Game

Donated by Larry Gerber

Still in its original packaging, this never-used game will engage both youngsters and oldsters. It's a great way to spend time bonding with family and friends over the holidays.



116 Wooden Box from Japan

Donated by Louise Katainen

This never-used box from Japan is small and delicate, the perfect container for a tiny gift or a special keepsake.



117 1970s Red Glass Bowl

Donated by Lorna Wood

Go retro with this exquisite red glass bowl, with tints of orange on the bottom and green on the top. It's classic 1970s.



118 Painting: "Leaves on Black Background"

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

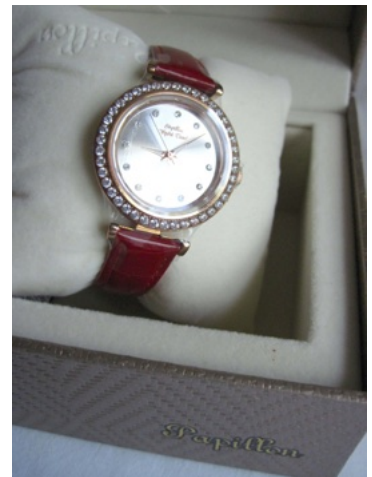
"Leaves on Black Background" was painted by Camilla Hirschel in 2020.



119 Papillon Wrist Watch

Donated by Randy Melius

This is a new wristwatch with its original box.



120 New Designer Hand Bag

Donated by Louise Katainen

This never-used handbag is black and has adjustable straps for wearing over the shoulder or the arm. It comes with four additional covers — leopard, green, red, and an abstract design — that attach magnetically, making this handbag five different purses. Change the cover to match your outfit!



121 Four Seasons Japanese Prints

Donated by Noriko Aoi

This Japanese art collection comprises four prints showing birds with various plants.



122 Early 1900s Pewter Pitcher

Donated by Lorna Wood

This international Pewter pitcher was fabricated and used in the early 1900s. Has a patina, but no marks or dents. Not to be used for holding edible contents, only for decoration.



123 Japanese Maple Tree

Donated by Larry Gerber

Plant a tree for the next generation. This 2-foot-tall seedling from the mother tree in our yard has been started in a portable container and is ready to be transplanted and grown at your home. Japanese maples have refreshing green foliage in the spring and summer, and the leaves turn flaming red in the autumn.



125 Fold-Over Ceramic Bowl with Wheat Grains

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

A unique ceramic fold-over bowl crafted by ceramic artist and AUUF member Amy Kaiser. Fired in 2016, this design has wheat grains.



126 Three Gluten-Free Cookbooks

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

When gluten doesn't work for you or someone you care for, it's nice to have options. These three cookbooks offer many choices.



127 Matching Ceramic Mug and Bowl

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

A matching ceramic mug and bowl, perfect for morning coffee and oatmeal or a hearty bowl of soup and a cup of tea. Ideal for a single person.



128 Aluminum Serving Bowl, Beatriz Ball Salad Bowl and Serving Utensils

Donated by Isaac McNeely

This Beatriz Ball SOHO organic large bowl is a decorative silver bowl that is perfect to use with casual dinnerware or dressed up for a party. The material is an FDA safe, easy-care, oven- and freezer-friendly aluminum alloy. The dimensions are 13.25 in. x 13.25 in. x 3.25 in. When cleaning, just wash by hand; not dishwasher safe.



129 Old AU Footstool

Donated by Jan V. [from Yoga]

This footstool says "Auburn Tigers" with the image of a snarling tiger in the middle. You won't confuse this tiger for Aubie!



130 Four Coasters with Rack

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

These stone coasters are painted with four different Southwest designs. They have a cork bottom so they won't scratch the table and come with a wood rack for storage.



131 Chinese Characters

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

A framed hand-created graphic of four Chinese characters, 19.5-in. wide x 17-in. high, accompanied by eight cubes with Chinese characters, each 6-in. wide x 9-in. high.



132 Black Horse Sculpture

Donated by Margaret Wright

A black-glazed ceramic sculpture with a marking on the bottom. 9.5-in. tall x 12-in. wide.



133 Assorted Japanese Collection

Donated by Noriko Aoi

This Japanese collection includes a keychain with a red lucky cat bell, a keychain with a yellow owl bell, a keychain with two green and gold tassels, and two magnetic bookmarks with famous Japanese paintings.



134 Handblown Glasses and Pitcher

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

Handblown glass pitcher, 6.5-in. tall, with seven matching glasses. The green rim makes this minimalist design stand out.



135 Hand-Made Bird Necklace

Donated by Louise Katainen

This one-of-a-kind necklace is long and double-stranded, holding delicate, multicolored birds carved from shell — a unique piece that will draw many compliments.



136 Green Monkey Sculpture

Donated by Margaret Wright

Made from a Create Your Self (CYS) kit.



137 Days Gone By: Auburn

Donated by Margaret Wright

A framed Tawana Blanks print illustrating nine historic Auburn buildings, #64 of 300, 1992.



138 Green Goats Sculpture

Donated by Margaret Wright

Made from a Create Your Self (CYS) kit.



139 Dog Sculpture

Donated by Margaret Wright

Made from a Create Your Self (CYS) kit.



140 Woolen Floral Scarf

Donated by Louise Katainen

This finely woven scarf features flowers in reds and earth tones, combining warmth and style for those cold days. It's new and never been worn; in fact, the original price tag is still attached.



141 Christmas Platter

Donated by Paula Martinson

This modern holiday design is perfect for sharing your seasonal baking (or dressing up goodies from Kroger). The platter was handmade in Italy for Starbucks.



142 Pelican and Bird

Donated by Randy Melius

Carved from wood, the pelican and bird stand stand 5.5-in. tall.



143 **Handmade Crystal Vase**

Donated by Sean Jacobsen

This beautiful clear vase is 10-in. tall x 4.5-in. wide.



144 **Bird Illustrations, Framed**

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

Two framed sets of birds, one with four illustrations and one with five. Sizes: approximately 12-in. x 15-in.



145 **Art Nouveau Orivit Metal Bowl**

Donated by Lorna Wood

This bowl dates from before 1907 and is 90 percent pewter — quite a treasure from the turn of the twentieth century. It has a small crack on one side. Because it's made from pewter, it should only be used for decoration and holding non-edible items.



146 **Glass Candlesticks**

Donated by Lorna Wood

These stately glass candlesticks will add a touch of elegance to a special occasion.



147 Blown-Glass Vase

Donated by Randy Melius

The sparkly metallic blue glass makes for a beautiful vase. It's 12¼-in. tall x 7-in wide.



148 Sea-Worthy Duo

Donated by Randy Melius

This beautiful dolphin and companion fish are carved from wood.



149 Wooden Box with Metal Decorations

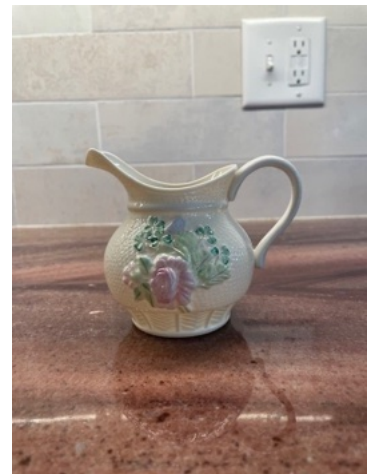
Donated by Randy Melius



150 Belleek Creamer

Donated by Lorna Wood

This is an Irish fine china creamer, beautifully decorated.



151 Wood Bowl with Mother of Pearl

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

This lovely wooden bowl features a carefully crafted rim with Mother of Pearl and fern leaves. 9.5-in. diameter.



152 Handpainted Cat Sculpture

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

This handpainted cat sculpture was created by Andres Hernandez, from Oaxaca.



153 Saki Birds Teapot with Four Cups

Donated by Margaret Wright



154 Note Cards: Scenes Of Japan

Donated by Louise Katainen

These six note cards are made from photographs taken by Louise Katainen in Japan. The lovely images from the Far East are backed by 5-in. x 7-in. ivory cardstock. Envelopes are included. Brighten someone's day by adding a kind thought to one of these beautiful shots.



155 St. Francis Sculpture

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

A hand-painted wooden sculpture of St. Francis. Size: 15.5-in. x 10-in. x 2.5-in.



156 Hand-Made Pottery Bowl

Donated by Marcia Rossi

Made by a local potter, this hand-made bowl has cute lady bugs along the edge.



157 Scented Soaps

Donated by Noriko Aoi

This gift basket of scented soaps is made by Victor at the Mud Buddy Beard Company.



158 Wooden Tray

Donated by Randy Melius

A wooden tray with carrying handles. The size is 10-in. x 15-in.

159 Tailgater's Dream

Donated by Tom & Angie Hodges

The season isn't over yet, and there's always next year. This tailgating kit includes a recipe book, apron, AU grill spatula, AU serving tray, AU mug, orange and blue afghan, and Ty Baldy the Eagle beanie baby representing the Raptor Center at Auburn. War Eagle!



160 Dansk Platter

Donated by Camilla Hirschel

13.5-in. diameter platter, modern design.



161 Figurines

Donated by Margaret Wright

Asian man and woman ceramic figurines, hand-painted. 4-in. tall.



162 Two Hand-Made Marbled Bookmarks

Donated by Larry Gerber

With leather tags, these two hand-made marbled bookmarks were made by an artist who has mastered this intricate craft. Never used, they are a great stocking stuffer or nice touch to a book gift.



163 Painting: “Mujer Congo Panameña” (Panamanian Congo Woman)

Donated by Dario Calderon

This painting is an acrylic by Dario Calderon, created to honor the African Panamanian women. The piece reflects the outcome of the artist healing from cancer.



164 Leather Notebook/Sketchbook

Donated by Larry Gerber

This new sketchbook is an easy companion on nature walks; it measures about 6-in. x 8-in. The paper is high quality and protected by a brown leather cover with a strap.



165 Vintage Modernist Pewter Coffee Pot with Creamer and Sugar Bowl

Donated by Lorna Wood

An iconic design, this coffee pot is made of Metawa Holland pewter. Not to be used for coffee or any food, only for decoration.



166 **Wolf Puck Skillet and 13-in. Buffet Server**

Donated by Pam Wiggins

No need to say more. Every kitchen needs this!



167 **Chinese Vase Pair**

Donated by Randy Melius

The pair provides a nice way to show off fresh-cut flowers from the garden. Each vase is approximately 7.5-in. tall.

168 **Brenna Ballet Institute**

Donated by Patience Melius

Do you harbor an inner Misty Copeland or Mikhail Baryshnikov yearning to be set free? Do you dance for no other reason than you love how it feels to dance? Would you like to try a dance class? Patience Melius has arranged with the Brenna Ballet Institute of Opelika to open a few of their classes so you can discover the joy of dance. The three classes offered will be bid on separately. A successful bid admits you to one class session. While there's no dress code, socks are helpful. Class A: BALLET TECHNIQUE for beginners and all ages. Ballet shoes are not required. Saturdays, 5–6 p.m. The minimum bid is \$20.



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171 **Irish Dance Workshop (Amanda Tucker Poole)**

Donated by Patience Melius

The successful bidder — ages 6 to adult — will receive one six-week mini-session of classes at the Celtic Traditions School of Dance. The class will meet Saturday afternoons from 2–3 p.m., January 13–February 24 with no class on February 10. No dance shoes or prior experience required. The minimum bid is \$60.



172 **Pilates Small Group Class for 2–3 People**

Donated by BeWell Services, LLC., Pam Wiggins

Unleash your inner strength through this small group Pilates class. Here's a chance to elevate your wellness journey with a dynamic, small group class where you'll get personal attention.

