

Live Auction Catalog

1 4 Deep-Dish Pies

Donated by Jim Bradley

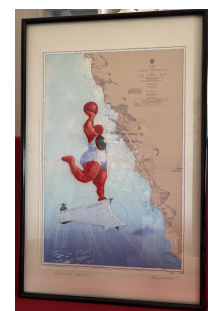
Indulge in a delicious assortment of four homemade deep-dish pies. Each pie — bursting with flavor and made with love — will be delivered to you during a non-summer month. Customize the crust and filling to your liking, creating a personalized dessert experience like no other. A pint of premium vanilla ice cream will accompany two of the delectable pies. Treat yourself or surprise your loved ones with an unforgettable dessert spread that is sure to satisfy any sweet tooth. Bid now and elevate your dessert game with these mouthwatering homemade pies.



2 Original Artwork: "Navigation Chart"

Donated by Terry Rodriguez

An original artwork by Terry Rodriguez, matted and framed. 32 inches high and 23 inches wide.



3 Handmade Ceramic Bowl

Donated by Gary Wagoner

This bowl created by master ceramics artist Gary Wagoner, who crafted the ceramic freeze at the Opelika High School Performing Arts Center, as well as other public pieces on the Auburn University Campus, has donated a ceramic bowl that emanates exuberance and elegance. 4.1 Inches high and 11.7 inches in diameter. Color: Autumn Sunset.



4 RE Dinner Made by the Children

Donated by RE Kids

Get ready for a delicious surprise with this unique culinary experience! The children of RE will showcase their creativity and passion for cooking by preparing their favorite dishes just for you. Indulge in a meal made with love and support a good cause at the same time. Your taste buds will thank you for this one-of-a-kind treat! The food they cook will feed 4–6 people.



Winner Takes All. No individual participants.

5 Turned Wooden Bowl

Donated by Richard Shelby



6 **Mac and Cheese Casserole Combo**

Donated by Amy Kaiser and 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 of Bird-in-Hand Pottery. The casserole dish has not been finalized at time of printing. 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 at least 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. (Just out of the kiln, photo displayed is the actual vessel)



This item will have a single winning bid. Winner takes all.

7 **Birds Nest Water Color Painting By Ralph Taylor**

Donated by Barbara Steele

This painting of 3 eggs in a bird nest makes you want to tiptoe and whisper so as not to disturb the mother who must be nearby. Painted and signed by Ralph Taylor. 22 inches wide by 18 inches tall, matted and framed.



8 **Monthly Bread Subscription**

Donated by Sylvia Rogers & Peter Livant

Indulge in a monthly bread subscription that promises a delightful experience for your taste buds. Peter and Sylvia, the talented AUUF Bread Artisans, have joined forces to bring you a rotating selection of expertly crafted loaves.



Sylvia begins the journey with a round loaf of sourdough bread that exudes comfort and warmth, perfect for any occasion. Each bite is a reminder of home and tradition, sure to elevate your culinary adventures. Sylvia will start delivery in January, then every other month after that.

Next, Peter takes the reins, delivering a 100% whole wheat loaf straight from his kitchen every other month starting in February. Simple, handmade, and delightfully dense, Peter's bread promises a wholesome experience. And don't be surprised if he occasionally throws in a unique creation to delight your taste buds – unless, of course, you prefer to stick to the classics.

Bid now for the chance to enjoy a delicious surprise each month with this exclusive bread subscription!

9 **Stained Glass**

Donated by Darrell Crutchley

Stained Glass created by Deborah Strawn. 23 inches wide and 19 inches high.



10 **Framed Rainbow Swirl Embroidery**

Donated by Anastasia Cooper

Add a touch of whimsy and joy to your home with this mesmerizing framed embroidery piece adorned with sequins, buttons, and beads. 10 by 10 inches.



11 **Three Wall Hangings (Buy as a Triptych or Individually)**

Donated by Cindy Reinke

These are three wall hangings that were made as a triptych but can be sold individually.

The set consists of three pieces:

- Suburban Howlers: Fabric wall hanging imagining coyotes in the hills in early autumn. 17 inches by 42 inches.
- Woodland Glade: Fabric wall hanging imagining a woodland glade, with sunlight filtering through the surrounding trees. 17 inches by 42 inches.
- Woodland Fragment: Leaves, butterflies and dragonflies in an abstract woodland background. 17 inches by 39 inches.



12 **Wall Art: Native American Clay Mask - 1**

Donated by Camilla Hirshel

Stunning wall art Native American clay mask. This mask radiates joy. Multiple layers of hair in shades of brown made out of natural materials.



13 **2 Auburn Oil Co Bookstore "Page Pairing" Tickets**

Donated by Auburn Oil Co. BookSellers

Join the Auburn Oil Co Bookstore staff for a special night of wine and books. Your ticket includes tastings of six curated wines and your choice of one of the featured books to take home. Featured wines will also be available for purchase at special event prices!

Date: A date of your choosing. You have until December 8, 2026 to use your tickets.

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm (This event is scheduled throughout the year. Some events begin at 7:30 pm, so make sure to check the website or call the store to confirm the start time.)

Where: Auburn Oil Co Bookstore

14 **6 Three-Layer Cakes for 2026**

Donated by Carolyn Levy

Enjoy a year of celebration with six beautiful three-layer cakes baked from scratch (no box mixes!) and delivered throughout 2026. Perfect for any occasion — birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, or just because — these homemade cakes will be scheduled on different days throughout the year to ensure freshness and convenience. Bid now and enjoy a year of delicious, made-with-love cakes for all your special moments!



15 À la recherche du cheesecake perdu

Donated by Peter Livant

Cheesecake lovers can be irrationally cantankerous about which cheesecake is/was the "best of all time." Peter is cantankerously certain it was Lindy's cheesecake, a sublime creation that dominated the entire cheesecake universe (i.e., New York City) decades ago. Lindy's restaurant has long since closed, and their cheesecake recipe vanished. Undaunted, the Livant family, all of whom have eaten and swooned over authentic Lindy's cheesecake, set out to find or create a recipe that replicated the Lindy's paradigm. For many years they engaged in arduous research and experimentation. (Eating great cheesecake is such hard work)! They proffer now a cheesecake that is just as good as the Lindy's original, according to Peter (a native Noo Yawka and, ipso facto, a cheesecake expert). Really! To eat this cheesecake is euphoria defined. It was Sarah that perfected the recipe. But it is Peter who has the chutzpah to offer this auction item. If you have the winning bid, two voluptuous 10-inch cheesecakes will be delivered to you before the next Auction. A two-week lead time is requested. À la recherche du temps perdu? Hey Proust, if you want to connect to deep emotional states, this cheesecake is a whole lot better than madeleines.



16 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.
- Ask Cindy any questions you may have 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 (mostly cotton) fabrics 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



17 Pickleball Group Lesson

Donated by Jim Newton

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!



18 The Journey of 1000 Bridge Games Begins with 1 Class

Donated by Eli Jolley

4 available.

Have you flirted with the idea of learning to play bridge? Surely, any game in which it's fine to be the dummy deserves a second look. And you get to say "No trump" every so often. What's not to like? Eli Jolley is offering a 2-hour introductory bridge class for 4–8 students. For your comfort and convenience Eli will present the course on Zoom. You will receive a PDF of the course materials, practice opportunities, and the resources to continue your bridge journey if you so choose. The course materials are those used in the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Intro to Bridge course. Eli was youth North American Bridge Champion at age 18. More recently, he became a Gold Life Master. He is an ACBL-certified Teacher and Bridge Professional. (<https://www.elijolleybridge.com/>) He says, "The endlessly fascinating game of Bridge is a source of great joy in my life." By offering this class Eli wants to share the joy. But, as in bridge, you have to win the bid!



19 Computer Consultation

Donated by Shannon Price

Have the precious pages of your great American novel overloaded your computer memory? Or maybe you've worn out a few pieces of software transferring all of Grandma's recipes from yellowing index cards into Word files for your jump drive. Shannon Price offers a computer consultation of your choice — computer repair, reload, clean-up, speed-up, or even computer tutoring. He notes multiple consultations are usually necessary, so Shannon will return as many times as it takes to completely solve the problem(s) at hand. All consultations will be delivered with patent-pending combination of patience and empathy. (Please note: This item does not include materials for hardware updates.)



20 Lifelong Learning Made Easy

Donated by OLLI, a division of Auburn University Outreach

OLLI stands for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. There are 125 OLLI chapters nationwide, including one right here in the Loveliest Village. OLLI at Auburn University would love for you to experience their vibrant community of engaged, inquisitive, friendly individuals. To that end OLLI has donated 2 one-year OLLI memberships. With each membership, academic fees will be waived for either the Winter 2026 or the Spring 2026 term. You can take as many OLLI classes as you want in the term you choose. Wow! A sampling of OLLI courses: Local Naturalists on Nature; Mapping the Digital Age; Creative Aging Senior Theatre; Introduction to the Psychological Theories of Carl Jung; Line Dancing for Beginners; Hinges and Twinges: Active Adult Exercises; Day Hiking; An In-Depth Appreciation for Films and Television. Learn more: <https://www.auburn.edu/outreach/olliatauburn/>



21 Daily Pet & Property Care for a Weekend

Donated by Zenda

Enjoy peace of mind during your weekend getaway! This package includes comprehensive pet and property care from Friday evening at 6 PM through Sunday at 6 PM.

Pet Care Includes:

- Daily feeding on your pet's schedule
- Regular walks and outdoor time
- Quality playtime and socialization
- Lots of love and attention

Property Care Includes:

- Watering indoor plants
- Security checks and ensuring home is secure
- Trash bins taken to curbside for pickup
- Mail collection
- Overall home monitoring for your peace of mind

Whether you're escaping for a romantic weekend or visiting family, your furry friends and home will be in caring, reliable hands. Perfect for busy pet parents who want their pets to stay comfortable in their own environment while keeping their home secure and maintained.



22 Mama Mocha's Coffee for a Year

Donated by Gary and Lori Lerude

Each month for a year, starting in January, you'll receive a 12 oz. bag of freshly roasted coffee beans from Mama Mocha's Roastery in Opelika. Choose from Mama's selection of light, medium, or dark roasts reflecting the profiles of beans from around the globe. Either whole bean or ground.



23 Local Apiary Tour and Bee Craft Day

Donated by Becki Retzlaff

Novice local beekeepers Becki and Monty Retzlaff will host up to four people for a morning of crafts with wax and honey, and an apiary tour. We will also have fresh scones and coffee (and honey, of course). We will make chapstick and candles for you to take home. You can put on one of our spare bee suits (sizes small and adult large, and medium child), and get as close to the bees as you are comfortable with. This experience is best done in the morning, and in the spring. The timing depends on the weather — bees are happiest on warm sunny days.

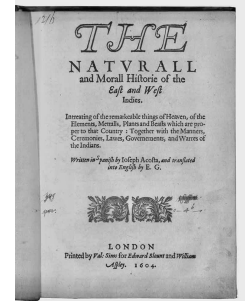


24 Private Tour of Auburn University's Special Collections and Archives

Donated by Greg Schmidt

4 available.

Do you like that “old book” smell? Do you like history? Are you interested in reading dead people’s mail? Medieval manuscripts your thing? Too high brow? How about a 50-year run of Playboy Magazine? Here’s a chance for you and 3 others to get a personal tour of Auburn’s Special Collections and Archives. Greg Schmidt, a Special Collections Librarian, is the Head of Special Collections and Archives at AU. He is offering a guided tour through the collections. Greg has 15 years of experience leading scholars and visitors through the history of the book and book illustrations. He also works with the vast archival collections held in the Department with strengths in early aviation, Civil War history, Southern history, Architecture, and of course, all things Auburn University. Spend a few hours with Greg as your guide! Your visit can begin (or end) with wine across the street at Arricia!



25 Sermon of Your Choice

Donated by Rev.Marti Keller

Ever dreamed of being the mastermind behind a sermon that inspires and uplifts? Now's your chance to put on your thinking cap and work with Rev. Keller to cook up a message that will knock the congregation's socks off! Picture yourself choosing the theme, picking the readings, and maybe slipping in a sneaky hymn or two — all for a cause that warms your heart and spreads good vibes. Your generous spirit is about to make a big splash in the spiritual pool — get ready to make waves, sermon style!



26 8 and a Half Reasons to Bid on the Macho Men Work Party

Donated by Shawn Jacobsen

1) You are insane. 2) You're sane, but extremely gullible. 3) By chance, are you drinking an alcoholic beverage while bidding? 4) You have a weird kinky "thing" for sweaty old guys leaning on shovels, pretending to work, and 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 ("labors" used 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 all 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



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room for the aforementioned exquisite gourmet feast. 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 2025 winning bid, here are some things to know: a) Allow 4 – 6 weeks to set up a date. Macho Men are a lot like feral cats; it takes a while to round us up. c) We work either 8 am – noon or 1 pm – 5 pm, typically on a Saturday. d) We 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 we highly encourage. f) You supply the required construction materials, and we all (you and us) collaborate on supplying the tools. We have lots of tools. It’s part of being macho, right? g) All our work is guaranteed for 30 days or until we leave the job site, whichever comes first.

27 **Indian Vegetarian Dinner for 4**

Donated by Rasika Ramesh

Treat yourself and three guests to an authentic Indian feast prepared with care and tradition. Your dinner includes:

- Fragrant Basmati Rice – fluffy and aromatic.
 - Rich Vegetable Curry (Chef’s Choice, TBD) – simmered with spices and seasonal vegetables.
 - Flavorful Sabzi (Chef’s Choice, TBD) – a dry vegetable dish cooked to perfection.
 - Freshly made Chapathi (Indian Flatbread) – soft and warm, perfect for scooping.
 - A decadent Indian Dessert – the sweet finale to your meal.
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28 **Wild Caught Sockeye Salmon**

Donated by Anonymous

10 premium sockeye portions from 3 whole filets - premium wild sockeye salmon. Every summer, our family fishes the glacial-blue waters of the Kenai River in Soldotna, Alaska, bringing home some of the freshest wild sockeye salmon in the world. All salmon is caught, cleaned, and professionally processed through Custom Seafoods, where it is expertly trimmed, vacuum-packed, flash-frozen, and kept at peak quality for shipping.

This year was a record season, and we’re grateful to offer a special package to the highest bidder:

10 premium sockeye portions or 3 Whole Filets

3 portions of smoked 7–9 oz Kenai salmon – Perfect for salmon dip, spreads, or charcuterie boards

This is true, wild-caught Alaskan salmon—not farmed, not dyed, and not available in stores with this level of freshness and quality. A unique opportunity to bring a taste of Alaska home... and support a great cause at the same time.

29 **A Class Pass for 20 Live or Virtual Yoga/Pilates Classes**

Donated by Be Wellness Services, Inc.

Be Wellness Services, Inc. offers both live and online classes. The Punch Class Pro pass will allow the account holder to participate in 20 Yoga or Pilates classes that are scheduled on the bewell.farm website. The auction winner will have one year, until December 5, 2026, to complete their 20 classes.



30 **60-Minute Massage With 1 Add-On**

Donated by Sophie May

Indulge in ultimate relaxation with this soothing experience. Let licensed massage therapist Sophie May at Gifted Hands Massage and Body Wellness in Auburn melt away your stress during a luxurious 60-minute massage, enhanced with your choice of one add-on. From Swedish to deep tissue, and even prenatal options, you're sure to find the perfect way to unwind and rejuvenate your body and soul.

60-Minute Massage



31 **Hosted Dinner for Six with Sylvia Rogers & Darrell Crutchley**

Donated by Darrell Crutchley

Step into an evening of bright flavors as Sylvia and Darrell host Citrus & Ferment—an intimate, multi-course and memorable dinner prepared in Darrell's home. The night begins with a beautifully curated bread board featuring Sylvia's signature sourdough and seasonal accompaniments. Enjoy a crisp arugula and fennel salad drizzled with citrus vinaigrette, followed by a tender roast chicken infused with preserved lemon and garlic. The finale: a cloudlike lemon meringue pie with a luscious berry compote. Thoughtfully selected wines or beers will be paired with each course to complete this memorable culinary experience.



32 **Make a Guest Appearance With The Rangers (Tonight's Band!)**

Donated by Randy McDaniel

Have you ever dreamed of being onstage performing with a 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 you play? Neat-o! Walk out onto that stage (if there is one) an unknown and come back a star!!!



33 **2 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. More than thirty years later, it's still going, so you know it must be good! (Good enough to win the SERFA Award for Contributions to Folk Music in 2017, still the only venue to be so recognized!) 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, David Wilcox, John McCutcheon, Pierce Pettis, and Gillian Welch & David Rawlings have mesmerized Sundilla audiences from the stage of AUUF. Sixteen 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.



34 **Pot of Soup/Stew for 4 with Bread and Wine (Delivered Twice)**

Donated by Larry Moore and Marcia Rossi

A pot of soup/stew for 4 people delivered twice in the year. Bread and wine included. Some of the choices include: Fresh Seafood stew, Soondubu Jjigae stew (a Korean soft tofu stew that can include meat), Cabbage/Kale Sausage soup, Veggie Chili, and many other options.



Bid as a Single Item. Winner Takes ALL.

35 SmorgasBOARD

Donated by AUUF Board of Trustees
20 available.

Here's a little secret: at Board meetings gourmet fare paired with expensive wines are served as the Boardsters slog their way through their nettlesome agenda every month. Ha ha! Just kidding!! They're lucky if they can snag the dregs of the coffee urn from the morning's service. If they can't, it's bread and water, hold the bread. But the Board knows that many hands make light work. So they're offering a smorgasBOARD created by the combined efforts of nine Board-persons, each pitching in a little something. Nine little somethings equals a big something. Real Swedish smorgasbords feature standard dishes like bread, butter, cheeses, herring, salmon, eel. The Board could manage some of that. Maybe. But expect the unexpected. The Board is ...ahem...creative! You won't be bored! They do promise no lutefisk. Twenty lucky diners maximum. Smaklig måltid !



36 Gumbo Dinner for 6

Donated by Jim Newton

Gumbo made by a Yankee. What could go wrong?

Interviewed about the prospect, the chef said, "I make the best gumbo. Gumbo. Nobody knows what it is. People have been trying to make gumbo for years. Nobody can do it. The other day some steel men came to my office. 8 or 9 of them. Big, strong men came to my office. They were all crying, tears in their eyes. All except one. I said, 'Why aren't you crying?' He said, 'I never cry.' He didn't cry when he was a baby. Tears in their eyes. They said, 'Sir, sir, How do you do it?'"

Chicken and sausage. Shrimp optional. Carrot cake for dessert.



37 Unforgettable Dinner for 6 in Loachapoka Hosted by Gina Touchton

Donated by Gina Touchton

Experience an unforgettable culinary journey crafted by Gina Touchton at her home in Loachapoka. Delight in the succulent flavors of Stuffed Mushrooms with Garlic Goat Cheese, complimented by the vibrant freshness of Gorgonzola Dressed Greens. Indulge in Pan Roasted Salmon adorned with Melted Cherry Tomatoes, with Turmeric Rice Pilaf. Conclude this feast with a slice of Lemon Meringue Pie that will leave your taste buds singing. Complemented by a selection of fine wine and beer, this dining experience promises an evening of gastronomic delight that you won't soon forget.

