

# Eighth Annual Authors Dinner

## Silent Auction and Special-Event Ticket Sales

During check-in, all guests will receive a bidding number to be used for both the silent auction and the special-event ticket sales. The introduction of bidding numbers this year will simplify and speedup the check-out process at the end of the evening.

Both the silent auction and special-event ticket sales occur during the cocktail reception portion of the evening on the main floor. Special-event ticket sales are limited and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis; the silent auction tables are open for bidding throughout the reception and will be closed systematically as guests are making their way to dinner.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the names of the high bidders will be posted near the exit. **Upon exiting, successful bidders should go to the checkout area. Payments will be processed and winning items delivered at that time. Be prepared!**

The following is a “thumbnail” peek at the special ticketed events and auction items. More detailed information, including restrictions, blackout dates, and expiration dates, will be posted on the bidding sheets the night of the event. Due to early printing requirements, there may be slight variations in items, so please double-check the exact description and donor value on the evening of the dinner.

### **BACK TO NATURE: ALL TICKETED ITEMS**

#### **ITEM #A: WATCHING COOPER'S HAWKS WITH ALAN FISH**

Berkeley has the highest number of nesting Cooper's Hawks in the United States. Alan Fish, Director of the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory will lead a walk highlighting this intriguing bird.

**DATE: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**6 tickets will be sold: \$50 each.**

#### **ITEM #B: A SHOREBIRD SPECIAL IN BERKELEY WITH JOAN LAMPHIER**

It will be Spring migration time and the Berkeley shoreline is one of the hottest birding hotspots in the Bay Area. Join Foundation Board member Joan Lamphier, who has been counting shorebirds for over four years for the Farallones Marine Sanctuary, on a Berkeley shoreline walk.

**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1:00–3:00**

**10 tickets will be sold: \$50 each.**

#### **ITEM #C: AN OBSERVATION OF SEALS AND THEIR PUPS AT BOLINAS LAGOON**

What a delightful and informational afternoon! Foundation Board member Joan Lamphier, a volunteer for the Point Reyes National Seashore, will lead a group that will observe seals as they teach their young pups to swim. Afterwards, the group will take a walk along Stinson Beach.

**DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 9th, 1:00–3:00**

**10 tickets will be sold: \$50 each.**

# SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: BIDDING BEFORE DINNER

## ITEM #100:

### **A VERY SPECIAL ITEM: ONE WEEKEND AT BRIOR BLIXEN'S NAIVASHA HUNTING LODGE/FARM HOUSE IN KENYA WITH HOSTS TOVE AND AKBAR HUSSEIN**

This is the opportunity of a lifetime! Foundation Board member Sophia Skoda has arranged for a lucky couple to spend the weekend in Naivasha with Tove and Akbar Hussein, the current owners of Brior Blixen's house. Here is where Karen Blixen (*Out of Africa*) spent her time and where Kamante (co-author of *Longing for Darkness*) worked for her as a boy. Tove is one of the founders of the Karen Blixen Museum. You'll see original artifacts and art, hear tales of old Nairobi, and go to the private Muthaiga Club (think Hemingway, Beryl Markham, etc.) to experience Africa from a truly unique perspective. This weekend is PRICELESS.

## **FRUIT OF THE VINE**

### **ITEMS #1A, #1B, and #1C: MARK WEST 2008 PINOT NOIR MAGNUM**

"Pinot for the People" is the battle cry for Mark West's value Pinot revolution, a philosophy that Berkeley wine drinkers gotta love. Enjoy a magnum of this reliably delicious yet affordable wine with just about any cuisine. Donor value: \$30.

### **ITEM #2: MERRY EDWARDS 2003 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR MAGNUM**

Local expert Narsai David says of this wine, "The aromas and flavors really light up the palate." Celebrate a special occasion with a magnum of this spectacular Russian River Pinot. Donor value: \$120.

### **ITEM #3: 2006 DOMAINE TEMPIER BANDOL MAGNUM**

Close your eyes and imagine you are in southern France as you enjoy this magnum of full-bodied red wine from the Bandol, Provence's internationally acclaimed wine region. Donor value: \$140.

### **ITEMS #4A, #4B, and #4C: AVALON 2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON JEROBOAM**

You'll need a special occasion for this jeroboam of Avalon Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy its rich, slightly smoky aromas of cherries and chocolate as you celebrate. Donor value: \$100.

### **ITEM #5: 2 BOTTLES EACH OF HAFNER CABERNET & CHARDONNAY ( #1 )**

Wines from Berkeley's Hafner family are served at Cyrus and Spruce, but you don't have to spend a fortune dining out to enjoy a medley of their rich and complex 2003 Cabernet and their creamy and well-balanced 2006 Chardonnay. Donor value: \$100.

### **ITEM #6: 2 BOTTLES EACH OF HAFNER CABERNET & CHARDONNAY ( #2 )**

See description above. Donor value: \$100.

### **ITEM #7: A CASE OF HALL 2005 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT MAGNUMS**

You'll receive six magnums of this elegant wine -- sourced from two of Hall's premiere estate vineyards -- Napa River Ranch and Hardester. It's rich, with intense aromatics of cedar oak, with hints of violets and roses. Donor value: \$300.

### **ITEM #8: A MAGNUM OF 1998 SANGIOVESE FROM VIANSIA WINERY**

Sam Sebastiani, Viansa founder, describes this wine as exhibiting "rich berry lushness and a wonderfully creamy finish. The final blend expresses delicate fruit nuances, thus enhancing true varietal character." Donor value: \$50.

**ITEM #9: A 2000 BAROLO!!! GHISOLFI BAROLO FANTINI RESERVA**

Can't fly off to Italy for the weekend? Italy will come to you with this rich and opulent 2000 Ghisolfi Barolo Fantini Reserva, which scored a truly rare "100" by *Wine Spectator*. It's refined yet exuberant—perfect for you! Donor value: \$75.

**ITEM #10: 2001 SESTRA DI SOPRA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO**

*Wine Spectator*, which rates 2001 the best vintage in over 10 years, says, "This is really serious, with a wonderful complexity of ripe fruit, licorice, and cedar. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins and a long finish. It's a beauty." Donor value: \$75.

**ITEM #11: A DOUBLE MAGNUM OF MONTE ANTICO 2004 TOSCANA**

Toast a special occasion with this super Tuscan blend of Sangiovese, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon. *Wine Advocate* says it has "expressive, perfumed aromatics and plenty of vibrant dark cherry fruit, with considerable freshness and attractive minerality." Donor value: \$60.

**ITEM #12: JORDAN 1994 CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

The flavors of this complex cabernet "include vibrant red fruit, bits of leather, and complex earth," according to *Travellady Magazine*. Cellared since purchase, it should be ready for you to drink and enjoy in 2010! Donor value: \$125.

**ITEM #13: CAYMUS VINEYARDS 1992 CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

The Caymus Cabernets have gained both national and international acclaim. Their 1992 vintage, "ripe, opulent, [and] full bodied" (Robert Parker) was considered "one of Napa's benchmarks." Cellared since purchase. Donor value: \$125+.

**ITEM #14: GRAHAM'S 1985 VINTAGE PORT**

"A sip of the '85 is like falling in love on a first date after a great kiss. It is big, ripe, and sexy. This Graham's is always a crowd favorite.... Very drinkable now..." (Roy Hersh). Need we say more!? Cellared since purchase in 1990. Donor value: \$135+.

**ITEM #15: A MIXED HALF-CASE FROM TWO MILE WINES ( #1)**

Think globally, drink locally! These hand-crafted wines are made right here in Berkeley by Two Mile Wines. You'll want to get to know this special neighbor, voted 2009 Best Bay Area Winery. Donor value: \$170.

**ITEM #16: A MIXED HALF-CASE FROM TWO MILE WINES ( #2)**

See description above. Donor value: \$170.

**ITEM #17: NAVARRO 2006 PINOT NOIR MAGNUM**

The Pinot perfume and silky flavors of this Navarro vintage will make you swoon with pleasure. This bottling is so good it has garnered six Gold Medals. Enjoy! Donor value: \$60.

**ITEM #18: NAVARRO 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MAGNUM**

Made from grapes harvested from the steep slopes of Rattlesnake Canyon, this full-bodied cabernet with deep, dark fruit flavors is another Gold Medal winner from Navarro. Donor value: \$70.

**ITEM #19: NAVARRO 2006 PREMIERE RESERVE CHARDONNAY MAGNUM**

This '06 Chardonnay is lively and fun, the perfect wine to serve with a summer supper of grilled chicken and veggies fresh from one of Berkeley's farmers markets. Donor value: \$50.

**ITEM #20: A CASE OF 2007 DOMAINE ST. MARTIN DE LA GARRIGUE**

Kermit Lynch specially selected this fresh-tasting red wine from the Languedoc for its spicy nose, reminiscent of a ripe Pomerol blessed by a sunny dose of the Mediterranean coast. Donor value: \$112.

## **AUTHORS UP CLOSE**

### **ITEM #21: LUNCH FOR TWO WITH LEAH GARCHIK AT PERBACCO**

Two (2) guests will join former Authors Dinner honoree and San Francisco *Chronicle* columnist Leah Garchik for lunch at Perbacco restaurant in San Francisco. Leah is famous for her “scoops”—you’re sure to hear some wonderful tales of the City. A PRICELESS AUTHOR EVENT.

### **ITEM #22: DINNER FOR FOUR WITH MICHAEL CHABON AND AYELET WALDMAN AT OLIVETO**

Four (4) guests will join Authors Dinner honoree Michael Chabon and his wife Ayelet Waldman for dinner at Oliveto Restaurant in Oakland. The topic of conversation just might be their most recent books—each dealing with parenting and marriage. Share those parenting stories and more. A PRICELESS DOUBLE AUTHOR EVENT.

### **ITEM #23: DINNER FOR FOUR WITH GEOFF NUNBERG AT CHEZ PANISSE CAFE**

For the wordsmiths! Four (4) guests will join Authors Dinner honoree Geoff Nunberg and his wife Kathleen Miller for dinner at the Chez Panisse Café in Berkeley. In his book and on NPR, Geoff explores language and the changing nature of words and phrases. A PRICELESS AUTHOR EVENT.

### **ITEM #24: LUNCH FOR FIVE WITH FRANCES DINKELSPIEL AT BAY WOLF**

Calling all history lovers! Your party of five (5) will join Authors Dinner honoree Frances Dinkelspiel for lunch at the Bay Wolf Restaurant in Oakland. Her great-great grandfather was a founder of the Wells Fargo Bank, and her well-researched book of the era is an amazing story. A PRICELESS AUTHOR EVENT.

### **ITEM #25: AUTHOR ALISON GOPNIK WILL VISIT YOUR BOOK CLUB**

Authors Dinner honoree Alison Gopnik will visit your Bay Area book club to discuss *The Philosophical Baby: What Children’s Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love, and the Meaning of Life*. Alison is a professor of psychology at UC Berkeley who has many new discoveries to share about the minds of young children. A PRICELESS AUTHOR EVENT.

### **ITEM #26: AN INDIVIDUAL PORTRAIT SESSION WITH MARGARETTA MITCHELL**

Imagine a two-hour photographic session with former Authors Dinner honoree and nationally recognized Margarett Mitchell—what a perfect way to capture someone you love forever. Your shoot can be in black and white or color and includes proof sheets. Standard fee for this shoot: \$750.

### **ITEM #27: CHUCK WOLLENBERG AT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM**

A lucky party of eight (8) can be among the first to tour the California History exhibit when the Oakland Museum reopens after its major remodel. Your docent will be renowned Berkeley historian Chuck Wollenberg, whose book *Berkeley, A City in History*, will be given to each participant. After a two-hour tour and lunch in the museum, you’ll be free to explore on your own. A PRICELESS AUTHOR EVENT.

## **COLLECTIBLES AND TREASURES**

### **ITEM #28: LIBRARY BANNER BAG plus MEDITERRANEAN COLOR AND ROMANCE**

An original tote bag sewn from a Berkeley Public Library banner, filled with photographer Jeffrey Becom’s signed book, *Mediterranean Color*, and matching postcard book, plus Menus and Music’s *Table For Two* boxed CD set. Contents value: \$95. Library bag: PRICELESS.

### **ITEM #29: LIBRARY BANNER BAG plus MAYAN COLOR, ART AND MENUS AND MUSIC**

An original tote bag sewn from a Berkeley Public Library banner, filled with photographer Jeffrey Becom’s gorgeous signed book, *Maya Color*, plus notecards and a calendar, and Menus and Music’s *Great American Lodges* boxed CD set. Contents value: \$115. Library bag: PRICELESS.

**ITEM #30: VHS TAPES: JULIA CHILD and LE CORDON BLEU—with FRENCH WINE**

Bon appetit! Five (5) VHS tapes from the Julia Child cooking series, five (5) VHS tapes from the Le Cordon Bleu cooking series, and a wonderful 2006 Domaine Les Pallieres to sip while you're cooking. Donor value of the wine: \$34. Vintage video tapes: PRICELESS.

**ITEM #31: A SIX-DRAWER OAK CARD CATALOG FROM THE OLD LIBRARY**

This tidy oak piece measures 13" tall x 13¾" wide x 17¼" deep and includes a small stack of catalog cards. Perfect for recipes, supplies, or just a conversation piece...from the Library to YOU. Donor value: PRICELESS.

**HOT TICKETS AND MORE**

**ITEM #32: TICKETS TO BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE**

Four (4) VIP tickets to award-winning Berkeley Rep that can be used on one or more nights for the remainder of the 2009/2010 season. Donor value: \$220.

**ITEM #33: TICKETS: CAL SHAKES, CITY ARTS AND LECTURES, and THE SF OPERA**

Two (2) tickets each to: Cal Shakes and the SF Opera for the remainder of their 2010 seasons, and to City Arts and Lectures for the March 11th evening with Dave Eggers and the Zeitouns. Combined donor value: \$295.

**ITEM #34: THE JAZZSCHOOL'S WINTER SERIES and FREIGHT & SALVAGE**

Two (2) season tickets to all remaining performances in the Jazzschool's winter series, which lasts until late March, as well as two (2) individual tickets to Freight & Salvage. Combined donor value: \$740.

**ITEM #35: A DATE WITH JUDITH BLOOM: THE TAKACS QUARTET and BISTRO LIAISON**

Two (2) guests will join Library patroness Judith Bloom for a matinee concert at UC's Hertz Hall followed by special Valentines Dinner at Bistro Liaison. Heavenly! DATE: February 14th at 3:00. Donor value: \$250.

**ITEM #36: MOVIES AND MORE: BAM/PFA, RIALTO ELMWOOD, and FREIGHT & SALVAGE**

A Dual/Family membership to BAM/PFA, ten (10) passes to the Rialto Elmwood, and two (2) tickets to the new Freight & Salvage. Combined donor value: \$215.

**ITEM #37: BERKELEY-ALBANY YMCA ADULT MEMBERSHIP ( #1 )**

Your chance to get with the program! This item is for a one (1) year full facility membership for one (1) adult at the Downtown Berkeley YMCA, with unlimited use of the facilities and amenities. Donor value: \$843.

**ITEM #38: BERKELEY-ALBANY YMCA ADULT MEMBERSHIP ( #2 )**

See above description. Donor value: \$843.

**ITEM #39: WINE TASTING FOR TWELVE AT VINTAGE BERKELEY**

A treat for the palate! Your party of twelve (12) will enjoy a private wine tasting at the Vintage Berkeley shop on College Avenue in the Elmwood District. Date and time by mutual convenience. Donor value: \$300.

**ITEM #40: OYSTER EXTRAVAGANZA ON TOMALES BAY**

Six (6) guests will have oysters, wines, artisan breads, cheeses, and local produce from West Marin as they enjoy this afternoon visit to a private home on Tomales Bay. Date by mutual convenience. Donor value: \$600.

**ITEM #41: THE SF GIANTS with MOMO'S RESTAURANT and UC SPORTS TOO!**

Two (2) Club-level tickets to a San Francisco Giants home game along with a \$50 certificate for nearby MoMo's Restaurant after the game. Plus two (2) tickets each to a Cal football game and women's basketball game. Combined donor value: \$240.

**ITEM #42: GOLF AT THE RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB**

Your foursome will have use of the driving range and practice facilities before your round of golf at this private course. Complimentary range balls as well as carts are included. Donor value: \$500.

**ITEM #43: GET IN SHAPE AT FIT LITE ON SOLANO AVENUE**

Enjoy a three-month membership to Fit Lite, a division of 24-HOUR FITNESS. Donor value: \$100.

**ITEM #44: TRY SOMETHING NEW—A FLYING TRAPEZE LESSON FOR TWO**

What fun! Two (2) will experience a 1-1/2 hour lesson at the San Francisco Circus Center. Donor value: \$86.

**ITEM #45: PLAN A PARTY AT THE BOILERHOUSE RESTAURANT**

A special event coming up? Think about taking your party of six (6) to the BoilerHouse Restaurant and Craneway Pavillion overlooking the Bay. Located in the Marina District of Richmond, it has amazing views and healthy seasonal fare. Donor value: \$300.

**ITEM #46: BARREL TASTING and TOUR FOR EIGHT AT DONKEY AND GOAT WINERY**

Winemaking in Berkeley? That's right! Don't miss this opportunity for eight (8) to meet with Berkeley winemakers to learn about their unique methods and taste the spectacular results. Donor value: \$200.

**ITEM #47: PRE-CONCERT DINNER and THE BERKELEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

A great chance to learn more about BSO! Two (2) lucky music lovers can join Judith Bloom for the Directors' pre-concert dinner at Adagia Restaurant followed by the final concert of the year. It is on April 1st and will feature among other works, the Brahms Symphony No. 1. Combined donor value: \$220.

**ITEM #48: A CRUISE ON PUGET SOUND with A STAY IN A NEARBY CONDO FOR FOUR**

Experienced skippers Charles and Susan Stillman will take you for an afternoon cruise on Puget Sound, complete with gourmet lunch. Enjoy a two-night stay in a luxury condo near the Pike Place Market plus tickets for the Seattle Art Museum. Dates by mutual convenience. Combined donor value: \$1,200.

**GETAWAYS**

**ITEM #49: A PEACEFUL WEEKEND OF BEAUTY AT INVERNESS**

Enjoy the peace and beauty of this secluded home nestled in the woods and just a short walk from Tomales Bay. The house has a great kitchen, sleeps five, has lots of fabulous books, and NO TV! Donor value: \$700.

**ITEM #50: A TWO-NIGHT STAY AT "GLEN EAGLE" AT SEA RANCH**

Located right on the golf course, this two-bedroom, two-bath modern home sleeps four. It features a fireplace, Jacuzzi in the master bath, hot tub, and decks. It's ocean-side and close to the bluffs. Donor value: \$450.

**ITEM #51: A LARGE WINE COUNTRY HOME IN SONOMA**

Enjoy a three-night stay in this 3,000 sq. ft. home. It has 4+ bedrooms, large living spaces, all modern amenities, pool, and patio. Donor value: \$2,100.

**ITEM #52: TWO NIGHTS IN THE GOLD COUNTRY—A VICTORIAN IN NEVADA CITY**

This 1860 Victorian, in the heart of Nevada City's historic district, features three bedrooms, two baths, large living spaces, kitchen, and deck overlooking the garden. Donor value: \$600.

**ITEM #53: A LONG WEEKEND AT LAKE TAHOE**

Invite friends for four days and three nights at this lakefront property near Sunnyside. The house sleeps 13, has a pier, buoy, hot tub, with easy access to restaurants, skiing, biking, and the beach. Donor value: \$2,000.

**ITEM #54: A TWO-NIGHT STAY ON SEADRIFT ROAD AT STINSON BEACH**

This modern house has two bedrooms and is a short walk to the beach. Adjacent to the wide part of the lagoon, you have access to a canoe and kayak, and have sweeping views. NO PETS. Donor value: \$1,000.

**ITEM #55: TWO NIGHTS AT MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY**

One (1) couple will spend two nights at this luxury resort in St. Helena, where the staff will pamper you as you enjoy the natural beauty, exceptional facilities, and dining experiences. Donor value: \$1,600.

**ITEM #56: CLAREMONT RESORT & SPA'S BED AND BREAKFAST PACKAGE**

An overnight in a Classic Room at the Claremont Resort on Tunnel Road. This package includes breakfast for two (2), plus unlimited use of the fitness center, pools, and amenities. Donor value: \$230.

**ITEM #57: A BERKELEY CITY CLUB OVERNIGHT WITH DINNER**

A overnight stay at Julia Morgan's "little castle," one block from the Cal campus, with Continental breakfast and dinner for two (2) in their private dining room. Donor value: \$215.

**ITEM #58: THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL and THE HORNBLOWER CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**

For a special birthday, how about hotel accommodations for two (2) at the beautiful Doubletree Hotel on the Berkeley Marina. Wake up in the morning and board the Hornblower Yacht for a champagne brunch cruise. Combined donor value: \$275.

**ITEM #59: FIVE NIGHTS IN THE ANDERSON VALLEY**

Spend five (5) nights in this newly remodeled cottage in Philo. It's a charming one bedroom (queen bed), one bath home perfect for a couple. Pets are allowed. Donor value: \$1,125.

**ITEM #60: HOTEL SHATTUCK PLAZA and TICKETS TO THE AURORA THEATRE FOR TWO**

Two (2) people will enjoy an overnight stay at the newly-opened Hotel Shattuck Plaza, which includes breakfast in the FIVE Restaurant. It's an easy stroll to the Aurora Theatre for an evening performance. Combined donor value: \$240.

**ITEM #61: AN OVERNIGHT AT THE BANCROFT HOTEL and DINNER AT ADAGIA FOR TWO**

Across from the UC Berkeley campus, the Bancroft Hotel and its sister restaurant, Adagia, are local favorites. For out-of-town guests it's a perfect overnight and gourmet dinner combo. Donor value: \$250.

**ITEM #62: ONE WEEK IN A CONDO AT LAHAINA SHORES**

This oceanfront studio, located in a 6-story building, is fully equipped and convenient to all of the wonderful amenities in Lahaina—the place to stay on Maui. No pets. No smoking. Donor value: \$2,200.

**ITEM #63: FOUR-NIGHT STAY AT THE HALE MAKAI IN KAUAI**

Enjoy a four-night stay in this plantation-style Beach Cottage #5. It has two queen bedrooms, two baths, gourmet kitchen, and is fully equipped with internet and cable. Donor value: \$1,800.

**JUST FOR YOU**

**ITEM #64: A VISIT TO MONTCLAIR OPTICAL**

The eyes have it! A gift certificate towards new glasses. Donor value: \$100.

**ITEM #65: CUSTOM DESIGNED GOLD AND PEARL EARRINGS FROM THE 14 KARATS**

Exquisite gold and freshwater pearl drop earrings from The 14 Karats, these are a classic design and will complement a variety of ensembles. Donor value: \$350.

**ITEM #66: IMAGE CONSULTANT MICKI TURNER WILL WORK WITH YOU**

Enjoy a two-hour consultation with Image Consultant Micki Turner. You can have a closet edit (to organize, rework, or toss what you have) or a shopping trip (to create a new core wardrobe just right for you). Donor value: \$300.

**ITEM #67: PETER THOMAS and FANCY NAILS and THE OAKS JEWELERS**

Annette at Peter Thomas on Shattuck will give you a great new haircut. Then walk a few doors away for a manicure at Fancy Nails. Finish your new look with a gorgeous silver and pearl necklace from the Oaks Jewelers. Combined donor value: \$160.

**ITEM #68: PURE LUXURY—THE AKOIA DAY SPA IN HEALDSBURG**

This is a perfect gift for someone special in your life: two spa treatments at the beautiful Akoia Day Spa. You'll get a 60-minute signature facial and a 60-minute Swedish massage. Donor value: \$200.

**ITEM #69: A GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM PAVE FINE JEWELRY**

What an opportunity! This generous gift certificate can be used towards the jewelry purchase of your choice at one of Berkeley's finest jewelry stores, Pave Fine Jewelry Design on College Avenue. Donor value: \$250.

**ITEM #70: YOU'LL SPARKLE: A STYLING FROM TIQUE SALON and JEWELRY FROM BILL'S**

Experience a new you with a haircut from Lisa at Tique Salon in the Claremont district of Berkeley. Combine this with a gift certificate for earrings or the jewelry of your choice at nearby Bill's Trading Post on College Avenue. Combined donor value: \$110.

**ITEM #71: PACT UNDERWEAR—GOOD FOR YOU AND GREAT FOR THE PLANET**

Wow! Two (2) gift certificates for the socially conscious from PACT underwear. Its fibers are responsibly grown, and its manufacturing and distribution are "green." With 10% going to nonprofits, PACT feels great on the body and even better in our world. Donor value: \$198.

**ITEM #72: BEAUTIFUL YOU: VINE STREET SALON, KENSINGTON NAIL SALON, and EARRINGS**

Another great makeover item: A new style from the Vine Street Salon, a pedicure at the Kensington Nail Salon and trendy silver and stone earrings from The Great Acorn Company. Combined donor value: \$154.

**AT HOME**

**ITEM #73: SOLANO ORIENTAL RUG GALLERY and THE CRAFTSMAN HOME**

A gift certificate towards the purchase, restoration, or cleaning of a carpet at the Solano Oriental Rug Gallery and a gift certificate to the Craftsman Home on Claremont Avenue. Combined donor value: \$200.

**ITEM #74: DESIGNING YOUR GARDEN? HOW ABOUT A PRIVATE TOUR!**

Robert Trachtenberg of Garden Architecture, an award winning landscape design and build firm will take four on a private tour of four distinctly different gardens. Picnic lunch included. Donor value: \$400.

**ITEM #75: SPECIAL TOUCHES: ELLINGTON & FRENCH and SOLANO FLORIST**

Bring warmth and elegance to your home with delights from Ellington & French on Domingo and the Solano Florist on Solano Avenue. Combined donor value: \$150.

**ITEM #76: A BUNDLE OF GOODS AND SERVICES: THINGS YOU NEED, THINGS YOU WANT**

Sue Johnson will rewire your lamp, Solano Oriental Rug Gallery will clean/repair your carpet, Arlington Pharmacy will fill your prescription, Elmwood Stationers will restock your den, and when it's all done, Mrs. Dalloway's will sell you that relaxing book. Combined donor value: \$265.

**ITEM #77: TALENTED COLORIST PETER RAVAZZA WILL VISIT YOUR HOME**

Peter will visit your home to do a one room or exterior color consult. Peter is also an expert in faux finishes, Venetian plaster, and fine wood finishing. He will donate four gallons of premium paint to your project. Donor value: \$500.

**ITEM #78: LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL FRANK GRAETCH AND FLOWERLAND**

Trying to sort out your garden? Frank Graetch is your man! He will do a one-hour consultation to help you decide on the landscaping and trees that would be best. Afterwards, enjoy a gift certificate to Flowerland to follow his advice. Combined donor value: \$150.

**ITEM #79: JERRY BECOM PHOTO AND FRAMING**

This fabulous 16" x 20" matted Ilfochrome photograph is titled "After the Festival." It is Edition #15/25 and was taken in San Jeronimo de Tunan, Huancayo, Peru, in 2003. It is bundled with a certificate worth \$75 towards framing at Stohl Framing on Solano Avenue. Combined donor value: \$1,325.

**ITEM #80: AN INTERIOR DESIGN CONSULTATION BY NICOLE BENVENISTE**

Designer Nicole Benveniste will provide a personalized two-hour in-home design consultation. Her impressive resume includes such clients as The Four Seasons and her portfolio will be on display at the auction. Donor value: \$250.

**ITEM #81: WHEN MAN'S BEST FRIEND CAN'T COME ALONG**

This three-day stay and bath at the Wunderbar Pet Hotel will help to relieve the pain of your leaving. Donor value: \$100.

**ITEM #82: HEALTH AND BEAUTY FOR YOUR FURRY FRIEND**

Get acquainted with the good doctors at Codornices Veterinary Clinic with a gift certificate for an office visit, and then go have some fun at Mudpuppy's Tub and Scrub—five visits plus drink coupons each time. Combined donor value: \$128.

**DINING**

**ITEM #83: LOCAVORE GOODIES, A 2004 SYRAH, and TABLE FOR TWO**

Delight in a feast for the senses with goodies from a basket of Star Grocery's favorite local products (think oils, vinegars, jams, chocolate), paired with an elegant 2004 Syrah while listening to Menus and Music's *Table for Two* CD. Combined donor value: \$165.

**ITEM #84: COLLEGE AVENUE BUNDLE OF SOME VERY SWEET TREATS**

You can't treat yourself well enough! A dozen cupcakes from The Summer Kitchen, gift certificates from Sweet Dreams, Nabolom Bakery, and Ici, plus an insulated market bag from Ici. Combined donor value: \$120.

**ITEM #85: SAN FRANCISCO VODKA BASKET**

Martinis anyone? Two martini glasses, a bar cloth, bar tools, a bucket, and a bottle of San Francisco Vodka, one of our sponsors for this year's Authors Dinner. Donor value: \$100.

**ITEM #86: LET'S EAT OUT! SOME GREAT EAST BAY RESTAURANTS**

We see three perfect meals in your future with gift certificates for Kirala on Shattuck Avenue, Bocanova in Jack London Square, and Post Meridian on Colusa Circle in Kensington. Combined donor value: \$155.

**ITEM #87: HAVE YOU TRIED THESE YET? MORE GREAT EAST BAY RESTAURANTS!!**

Three wonderful restaurants to visit: Pomegranate on University Avenue, Lo Coco's on Shattuck Avenue, and Post Meridian on Colusa Circle in Kensington. Combined donor value: \$150.

**ITEM #88: A CASE OF TRUMER BRAUEREI BEER and LOTS OF CARRY-OUT CHOICES**

What shall we match with this case of great beer? How about pizzas from the wood-burning ovens at Cugini or Chinese from King Tsin or boxed lunches from The Summer Kitchen?—we'll let you decide with these generous gift certificates. Combined donor value: \$130.

**ITEM #89: FINE DINING IN BERKELEY: LIAISON and VENUS and HAFNER WINE**

Gift certificates for two of Berkeley's finest restaurants: Bistro Liaison and Venus, both on Shattuck Avenue. You'll also receive two bottles each of Hafner 2003 Cab and 2006 Chardonnay. Combined donor value: \$250.

**ITEM #90: A GOURMET GHETTO CULINARY TOUR FOR TWO**

You'll be led on a guided tour of this celebrated area by your epicurean concierge Lisa Rogovin, of *In the Kitchen with Lisa*. Tours are always on Thursday, from 11-2. Donor value: \$150.

**ITEM #91: A THREE-TIERED WEDDING OR ANNIVERSARY CAKE FROM MASSE'S**

Paul and Marcia Masse will help you design and create the cake of your dreams to celebrate a very special day in your life. Masse's cakes, pastries, and confections are legendary in Berkeley—and now one of their works of art can be the centerpiece of your celebration. Donor value: \$800.

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