Swingin' into Spring!

Catalog of Auction Items

\$100 Gift Certificate to the Milton Art Center

Satisfy that urge to create! This gift card can be used toward adult or kids' classes, in painting, drawing, clay, and much more. Just in time, too, MAC offers April vacation classes!

Donated By: Milton Art Center

Value: \$100

Forbes House Annual Membership Plus Two Tickets to Their April 12th Concert with Jay Unger and Molly Mason

Step back in time! A year's membership to the Forbes House Museum and two tickets to their inaugural Heritage Music concert featuring Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, taking place April 12 in our Meetinghouse.

Donated By: Forbes House

Value: \$100

Jewelry by Monique Sansoucy of Bluebird B. Designs

Monique Sansoucy of Bluebird B. Designs designed a gorgeous necklace and bracelet for the auction, packaged with a beautiful hand-sewn cloth pouch.

Donated By: Monique Sansoucy

Value: \$75

Nature Lovers and Breakfast Buddies Chris Pitt and Walt Hagenbuch

Self-described amateur photographers, Chris Pitt and Walt Hagenbuch, captured timeless moments in nature with their two original photographs. Reminisce about these two beloveds at their favorite meeting place, Sweet Life Café (\$50 gift card).

Donated By: Dottie Pitt, Sandy Kohler and Sweet Life Café and Bakery

Value: Priceless

Owen Hartford's First Parish Interior Photograph

Bring First Parish to your living room with this serene and sun-filled view of our Meetinghouse, photographed by our own Owen Hartford.

Donated Bv: Owen Hartford

Value: Priceless

Photograph of the Neponset River at Lower Mills by Owen Hartford

Are your living room walls looking dull and boring? Problem solved! We have another Owen Hartford original to liven up your space.

Donated By: Owen Hartford

Value: Priceless

Portrait of Your Pet by Artist Lindsay Shepard

Lindsay Shepard will create a high-resolution digital portrait of your beloved pet to print as art, tee shirts, stickers, or whatever else you can dream up.

Donated By: Lindsay Shepard

Value: \$150

Nature Photographs by Andy Strang

Two of Andy Strang's nature photographs, matted and framed.

Donated By: Andy Strang

Value: Priceless

Watercolor by Karl Pastore

This quintessential New England scene has been beautifully framed and matted especially for our auction by Karl Pastore.

Donated By: Karl Pastore

Value: Priceless

Summer Reading—Eight Favorite Books

Need some summer reading ideas? No need to look further—we've got you covered. One of First Parish's book groups put together eight of their favorite books for your beach bag.

Donated By: Small Group Ministry for Reading

Value: \$100

Four French Tutoring Sessions from Marie-Laure Brown

Does your child speak French? They will très bien after four 30-minute French tutoring sessions. Sessions can be in-person or online depending on the age and abilities of the student. Donated by Madame Marie-Laure Brown, renowned MPS French teacher.

Donated By: Marie-Laure Brown

Value: \$160

One Week of Impact Taekwondo Classes

We've heard that Master Craig creates a warm, supportive environment where he teaches kids discipline, hard work, dedication, and resilience. Classes are held right here at First Parish.

Donated By: Craig Brown, Impact Taekwondo

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Value: \$65

Boston Bruins Bergeron Jersey—Size Women's Large

You'll be a beauty in the barn when you're chasing the biscuit with your lumber while chirping and wearing this size Women's Large Bruins captain's jersey.

Donated By: Amy Norton

Value: \$150

Hand-knit Cowl Created by FPM's Katie Vhay

Where did you get that beautiful cowl? Well, Katie Vhay, of course!

Donated By: Katie Vhay

Value: \$55

Bike Ride and a Beer

Avid cyclist Owen McGonagle will guide you and nine of your closest friends on his favorite 15-mile loop around Milton, finishing the ride with a well-deserved pint at his house. (Mutually convenient date; ride can be shorter or longer—winner's choice).

Donated By: Owen McGonagle

Value: Priceless

Poetry Reading by Penny and Amy

Invite your poetry-loving friends over for a special event! Penny Partridge and Amy Kavadlo will read their poems about parents and children. Q & A to follow, if desired. A copy of Penny's book, *The People They Brought Me*, is included.

Donated By: Penny Partridge and Amy Kavadlo

Value: Priceless

\$50 Gift Certificate to Boston Bowl

Put on your bowling shirt and grab your best gal or guy for some tenpin or candlepin bowling right next door in Dorchester. This gift card is enough to cover a couple of games for two, including shoe rental.

Donated By: Boston Bowl

Value: \$50

Best Summer Party Evah!

Jen Pinkus is saving you when she hosts your special day for up to 10 people at Maquan Pond, Hanson, just 25 miles from First Parish. She'll provide the dock, swimming noodles, and snacks. The pond is great for kids and/or adults. Discuss details with Jen.

Donated By: Jen Pinkus and Jay Beaulieu

Value: \$100

<u>Three Board Games—2 Marvel United (age 14+) Games and Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion</u>

These board games will provide hours of fun for your teens as they vanquish villians and monsters.

Donated By: Tracey Robinson

Value: \$90

Bath Baby Corolle Doll

This adorable baby doll is the perfect swimming companion for helping your child gently get comfortable in the water—the tub, the swimming pool, the ocean. A tab sewn onto the back helps it air-dry easily.

Donated by: The Nutshell

Value: \$45

One Dozen Bundtinis

Nothing Bundt Cakes are handcrafted in Newton: a box of 12 mini bundt cakes crowned with their signature cream-cheese frosting. Try one on the dessert table and then come back here to take the whole dozen home with you.

Donated By: Katrina Kelley

Value: \$29

Glenn and Anita's Bourbon Lover's Basket

Glenn and Anita put together a basket for your cocktail hour. It contains Mad River Burnt Rock Bourbon, Carpana Antica, Reagan's Orange Bitters, Bokers Bitters, Luxardo Original Cherries and three recipes that are tailored for the basket. Also included is one of Glenn's current favorite cocktail books, *Death & Co.: Modern Classic Cocktails*.

Donated By: Glenn Pavlicek and Anita Penta

Value: \$150

Homemade Bread and Jam Basket from Leslie MacPherson

Stayed up too late at the auction? For breakfast, dig into some beautiful handmade bread and jam from Leslie MacPherson. Two loaves of honey-oat bread, a loaf of cranberry bread, and homemade jam.

Donated By: Leslie MacPherson

Value: Priceless

\$200 Gift Certificate to Muscle & Flow

Good for 10 classes at Muscle & Flow, offering yoga, martial arts, personal training, and a gym in Lower Mills. Kids' boxing classes, kettlebell athletics, zen flow, and much more!

Donated By: Muscle & Flow

Value: \$200

\$50 Gift Certificate to Keldara Spa in Dedham, with Luxurious Hand Cream and a Candle from The Cue

Pamper yourself with a manicure, pedicure, spa service, or new hairstyle. Keldara is in Dedham Plaza, on Washington Street. At home, enjoy the hand cream and the lovely pillar candle from The Cue.

Donated By: Keldara Spa and The Cue

Value: \$86

\$99 Gift Certificate to Fitness Unlimited

It's almost bathing suit season! Wait, this is New England—you've still got plenty of time to get fit with more than 70 studio classes a week, personal training, and nutrition help among the offerings at Fitness Unlimited using this eight-week membership for a new member.

Donated By: Fitness Unlimited

Value: \$99

One-hour Massage Gift Certificate at Massage Envy (Quincy Avenue in Quincy) Plus a Candle from The Cue

Whether you're feeling stressed and achy, a little sluggish, or even pretty good, a one-hour massage can help keep your body running smoothly. Once home, enjoy the lovely pillar candle from The Cue.

Donated By: Massage Envy and The Cue

Value: \$120

Elyse Seigmann Yoga at First Parish—12 One-hour Vinyasa Flow Yoga Classes

Elyse Siegmann is a beloved Vinyasa Flow teacher in Milton and Quincy and has been teaching our First Parish Monday night yoga class for over 10 years. Bring a mat and join us!

Donated By: First Parish

Value: \$120

Fern Ross Israel Yoga—Six 90-minute Classes with Fern

Fern Ross Israel teaches her unique style of yoga as a means for people to develop harmony of body, mind, and spirit. Her classes are offered at her zen-like home studio on Buckingham Road in Milton.

Donated By: Fern Ross Israel

Value: \$120

Mani-Pedi Gift Certificate at Salon Neo (Hancock St., Quincy)

Free your toes! They've been hibernating in boots all winter, and it's time to get them spiffed up for sandal season. Might as well have your fingernails match.

Donated By: Salon Neo

Value: \$75

South Shore YMCA—Three-month Family Membership

With exercises classes, pools, tennis (in Hanover), and tons of kids' programs, plus babysitting, the South Shore Y is a fitness haven for the whole family.

Donated By: South Shore YMCA

Value: \$519

Stewart Wild, NMT

A one-hour evaluation from an extremely skilled and licensed neuro-muscular massage therapist in Myo Pain Solutions, Dedham. Innovative and effective treatment of pain. Initial consult: 75 minutes.

Donated By: Stewart Wild

Value: \$190

Charcuterie Lover's Delight

Don't be bleu! You'll brie all gouda when you serve your guests on this handmade cheese board and slicer donated by Mallory Digges. We've added a \$50 gift card to the Fruit Center, so you can pick your own faves from its extensive selection of cheeses.

Donated By: Mallory Digges and the Fruit Center

Value: \$100

Elise Henricks's One-of-a-kind Quilt

Snuggle up under this beautiful quilt handmade by Elise Henricks from lovely modern cotton fabrics. The size is perfect for cuddling on the couch or curling up with a good book, and the lively colors are guaranteed to add a smile to your day. Fully machine washable, this quilt is meant to be used and loved! Handmade on Elise's domestic sewing machine.

Donated By: Elise Henricks

Value: Priceless

<u>Lynne Stack's Homemade Quilted Runner, Table Linens, and SMIRLY Bamboo</u> <u>Charcuterie Platter and Serving Tray</u>

New to the dinner party circuit? Party like a pro! First, set your table with a white linen table cloth and eight matching napkins. Next, line your table with Lynne Stack's stunning handmade, quilted table runner, black with light green print. Last, dazzle your guests with the eco-friendly SMIRLY premium bamboo charcuterie platter and serving tray. Voilà!

Donated By: Amy Kavadlo and Lynne Stack

Value: \$120

Ninja Foodi 2-Basket Air Fryer

Chicken AND veggies at the same time? Yes! You can have dinner on the table in a jiffy with this two-basket air fryer. Or you can put French fries in BOTH baskets and match-cook. Tough call! Donated By: Tracey Robinson

Value: \$200

Staub Essential French Oven with Oven Mitts and Four Jars of Spices from Penzey's

Sauce, stews, roast vegetables—even dessert—will taste so much better made in this high-quality kitchen workhorse. Dishwasher-safe for easy cleanup. Throw in the exotic spices in these four jars from Penzey's Spices, and dinner is served!

Donated By: The Hospitality Committee and Dottie Pitt

Value: \$275

Trisha Tu's Floral Arrangement

Do you love Trisha's flowers on the altar? They can be yours! Take home Trisha's gorgeous arrangement created especially for our auction.

Donated By: Trisha Tu

Value: \$75

Vermiculture Starter Kit Complete with Red Wriggler Worms

Q: What do you call two worms who were made for each other? A: Soil mates! These lovely worms will turn your food scraps into black gold (compost) just in time for gardening season.

Donated By: Pat Neves

Value: \$60

Twenty-inch Silver Chain Necklace

Amy Norton donated this gorgeous Italian 925 sterling silver cable chain that she bought in Tuscany.

Donated By: Amy Norton

Value: \$120

Cookbooks Written by Chef Didi Emmons and \$50 Gift Certificate from Penzey's Spices

Didi's first cookbook, *Vegetarian Planet*, published in 1997, was hailed as "cutting edge." *Wild Flavors: One Chef's Transformative Year Cooking from Eva's Farm* showcases Didi's friendship with Eva Sommaripa, a legendary farmer whose produce graces many local restaurant tables. Use the \$50 gift card from Penzey's Spices to enhance your cooking. Shop their store in Arlington or order from their website.

Donated By: Didi Emmons and Dottie Pitt

Value: \$80

It's Puppy Time!

Leave it to J. R. Sousa from Waggey Land to create the perfect doggie basket filled with yummy dog treats, several chewy toys, fetch balls, and lots of healthy dog food. Your puppy thanks you in advance!

Donated By: J. R. Sousa

Value: \$150

\$100 Gift Certificate for a Tasting and a Tour for Two people at the Boston Harbor Distillery

This woman-owned business is in a beautifully refurbished old mill, just a few miles away on the waterfront in Dorchester. There are hundreds of barrels of whiskey aging, along with small batch gin, rum, liqueurs, and even distilled Sam Adams beer. Grab your designated driver, and go try them all!

Donated By: Boston Harbor Distillery

Value: \$100

\$50 Gift Certificate to Abby Park

Abby Park serves brunch, lunch, and dinner and has a wide range of dishes—from healthy fare like skinny salmon to hearty comfort foods like chicken pot pie, and so much more.

Donated By: Abby Park Restaurant

Value: \$50

\$50 Gift Certificate to Brick & Beam

General Gau's calamari . . . teriyaki chicken skewers . . . blackened chicken pasta . . . Is your mouth watering yet? Enjoy the locally sourced food "crafted with love" at this tavern on the Quincy–Milton line.

Donated By: Brick & Beam

Value: \$50

\$50 Gift Certificate to Lower Mills Tavern

LMT offers some of the best comfort food in Dorchester—and they have live Irish music every Tuesday night and local musicians Thursday and Saturdays.

Donated By: Lower Mills Tavern

Value: \$50

\$50 Gift Certificate to Novara

It's like going to the North End without the hassle! Pizza, seafood, pasta, beef—the best of Italian cuisine right in East Milton Square.

Donated By: Novara Restaurant

Value: \$50

\$50 Gift Certificate to Olympic Pizza

You'll win a gold medal when you bring the family dinner from Olympic Pizza! With pizza, calzones, grinders, pasta, salads, burgers, and wraps, they have something for everyone. Located in Wolcott Square, Readville. Bill and Deb Kelley's favorite pizza place for over 30 years.

Donated By: Olympic Pizza

Value: \$50

\$50 Gift Certificate to Stevie's Pizza, 22 Central Ave., Milton

A family restaurant of comfort food—pizza, calzones, wings—brought to you by the Pesiridis family.

Donated By: Stevie's Pizza

Value: \$50

Bible-themed Sermon Topic of Your Choice

Choose a sermon topic from a specific Bible text (e.g., 1 Corinthians 13) or book (e.g., Book of Job) for Rev. Lisa to develop for a Sunday service. The topic must have breadth enough for many interpretations.

Donated By: Rev. Lisa Ward

Value: Priceless

Six Sumptuous Silky Scarves

Take your fashion to the next level with these gorgeous, colorful scarves.

Donated By: Dottie Pitt

Value: \$100

What's Love Got to Do with It?—Two Tickets to See Anne Lamott

Let Anne Lamott tell you at her lecture at First Parish in Cambridge on April 11. They come with a copy of her new book *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, in which Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward.

Donated by: Bridget Conroy

Value: \$70

Basket O' Books

Stuck inside because of April showers? Dianna Wilson handpicked several vibrantly illustrated picture books for your young readers to spend a rainy day. Your little ones can sail away to cultures all over the world!

Donated By: Dianna Wilson

Value: \$50

Memento Mori Book Group—Led by Jennie Mulqueen, Hospice Chaplain

Led by Jennie Mulqueen, this book group makes intentional communal space for reflection on end-of-life issues we will all face in one form or another with our loved ones and ourselves. The group will meet monthly, online for four sessions from June through September.

Donated By: Jennie Mulqueen

Value: \$100

Poetry Reading by Sandra Kohler

Host a poetry reading by a published (and prize-winning) poet in your home. Sandra Kohler's poems have been widely published over the past fifty years in three books and hundreds of print and on-line periodicals, her poems have won competitions including those of the New England Poetry Club. She has taught writing workshops and literature in classrooms ranging from kindergartens through universities, in adult education programs and and poetry series. She is an excellent reader who enjoys reading her work aloud. Since moving to the Boston area in 2007, she's given many readings in this area at various venues.

Donated By: Sandra Kohler

Value: Priceless

LIVE AUCTION

Gourmet Dinner for Six with Jim Pert

Jim Pert is a retired pediatrician, beekeeper, musician, friend of Ruth Hannon and Charlie Franich, and gourmet cook who has graciously agreed to provide a fabulous dinner for six on a mutually convenient date in your home. All food preferences, allergies, etc., will be accommodated. Past winners of this item highly recommended this return engagement.

Donated By: Ruth Hannon and Charlie Franich

Value: \$800

Yes, You CAN Cook a Gourmet Meal!

Deb Alsebai and Didi Emmons will teach you how and give you the confidence to host your next dinner party! They're teaming up for a handmade pasta-making demonstration, for six to eight people in your kitchen or Deb's. They'll provide everything you need—take good notes!

Donated By: Deb Alsebai and Didi Emmons

Value: \$800

Adirondack Chair

Relax in this multicolored "hippy"-style Adirondack chair, lovingly hand-crafted in Karl Pastore's woodshop.

Donated By: Karl Pastore

Value: \$500

Enjoy a Week-long Vacation on Brandy Pond in Naples, Maine!

One week—late August 2024 to late May 2025, dates to be negotiated—on Brandy Pond in Naples, Maine. Three-bedroom, two-bath home, 45 minutes west of Portland, 25 minutes from Shawnee Peak and 90 minutes from Sunday River Ski Area, five minutes from Sebago Lake State Park for great cross-country skiing. In spring, summer or fall, use of sailboat, two kayaks, and a canoe. Up to eight people, including children. No pets, please.

Donated By: Charlie Franich and Ruth Hannon

Value: \$2,500

June Getaway to Wellfleet

You want to go away when the kids get out of school, but to where? How about a small, rustic cabin in Wellfleet that sleeps four humans? Behind the cabin are dirt roads connecting to Wellfleet Conservation Land on the bay side. Just a few miles to the Cape's Rail Trail, and all of Welfleet's five oceanside beaches. Dates June 23–30, 2024.

Donated By: Cathy and Owen McGonagle

Value: \$850

Weekend Stay at the Garden Cottage in Milton

The Garden Cottage is a great option when you have family visiting. It's a one bedroom/studio guesthouse in the East Milton Square neighborhood. It has been a favorite among Milton's grandparents for over five years with over 160 5-star reviews. Three nights being offered between November 1 and April 30 on mutually agreeable dates. \$600 value. Treat your guests to breakfast a couple of blocks away with the included \$25 Bruegger's gift card.

Donated By: Bridget Conroy

Value: \$600