



## ***A True Village Auction***

Once again, the spirit of community that infuses everything we do has led to an outpouring of contributions from members to make our third annual silent auction a success. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. The funds we raise through our Anniversary Celebration and Benefit provide essential support for the services and initiatives that make the Village singular – especially the Member-Plus program, which enables all neighbors, regardless of income, to join and integrate fully into Village life. Twenty-two percent of our memberships currently are supported through Member-Plus.

### How the Auction Works

1. At the June 18 event, there will be clipboards and pens with every item so you can write your bid.
2. Keep an eye on your favorite items so you can enter another bid if someone has outbid you.
3. Since several of the items are packages of activities that you can enjoy with a group, you might want to form a "cartel" with some of your friends and bid with the group's resources.
4. Bidding will cease at precisely at 6:30 PM at which time you can check the bidding sheet to determine if you have won.
5. We request that you pay for your item(s) at the conclusion of the program at 8:00 PM. (Check or credit card).
- 6. Note: Several items have restrictions on when they may be used.**

Good luck and happy bidding!

## ESCAPES, WHETHER HERE OR AFAR

### **A WEEK FOR 4 IN THE IDYLIC COTSWOLDS PLUS ROYAL**

**TREATMENT IN LONDON:** Spend a week exploring, visiting gardens, and soaking up history with the charming Potters Farm Cottage in Laverton as your home base. Just 2 hours from London by train, you are an hour from Oxford and Bath. While in London, you'll enjoy a fascinating walking tour from Tower Bridge to the Tate Modern led by Justin Craib-Cox.

Available: Mutually agreeable time.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$1000



**MAGNIFICENT MILE TWO-NIGHT STAY-CATION:** Look west at a spectacular sunset or east to Navy Pier--from this 49th floor splendidly comfortable three-bedroom apartment--Chicago beneath is yours.

Swimming Pool and exercise room are just floors away. Visit the nearby **Museum of Contemporary Art** using complimentary passes.

Available: Mutually agreeable date with owner. No children under 10.

Value: \$800

Opening Bid: \$400

**POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA FOR A WEEK IN WINTER:** Enjoy your ocean view in February or March from this 2 bedroom/2 bath condo with tennis court and 2 pools on the site. Restaurant certificates--\$200 from Maxx, \$75 from Sunset catch, and \$50 from La Veranda--make your stay even sunnier.

Available: February or March 2016, no teenagers or college students without adults. No smoking.

Value: \$2000

Opening Bid: \$900

**MAYAN RIVIERA VILLA – UP TO 10 GUESTS FOR ONE WEEK:**

A beachfront villa in Akumal, Mexico, offers 5 bedrooms and staff. Famous for fishing, lovely restaurants, snorkeling, and peaceful pleasures, tiny Akumal provides easy access to the Cancun Airport with daily direct flights to Chicago.

Available: Mutually agreeable date with owner.

Value: \$6000

Opening Bid: \$2500



**A NIGHT AT PFISTER, MILWAUKEE'S PREMIERE HOTEL:** This majestically restored 1893 hotel in downtown Milwaukee offers you a deluxe room and a \$100 credit at the Mason Street Grill. Package includes a docent-guided tour of the nearby **Milwaukee Art Museum**.

Available: Certificate expires June 30, 2016. Grill certificate not valid on holidays, and does not include tip and alcohol.

Value: \$460

Opening Bid: \$250

**PATCHWORK INN, RODEO AND COUNTY FAIR in OREGON, ILLINOIS:** Abraham Lincoln slept here--and you will love your 2-night stay July 31-August 1. Rodeo riders and cotton candy await at local events, plus area tours are offered. [www.patchworkinn.com](http://www.patchworkinn.com)  
Available: July 31-August 1.

Value: \$600

Opening bid: \$250

**UNION PIER PLEASURES:** So close to Chicago, this 2-bedroom cottage (2 blocks from Lake Michigan) features 2 nights of the fun in Harbor Country. While in Michigan, enjoy a \$75 gift certificate to **Bentwood Tavern**.

Available: During the week, June through September, 2015, and weekends, October through March 2016.

Value: \$1000

Opening Bid: \$500

**SUMMER SAIL AND DINNER:** The Joostens invite four guests aboard their sleek Ericsson '34 and to dinner at the **Chicago Yacht Club**.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$800

Opening Bid: \$400



**GUEST SUITE AT THE CLARE:** Luxury living just steps from Michigan Avenue, The Clare offers a 2-night stay in a 1-bedroom suite with complimentary dinner for 2 in their Grafton Restaurant featuring a superb menu.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$450

Opening Bid: \$200

## **V.I.P. TREATMENT**

**"WAIT WAIT DON'T TELL ME":** 2 tickets to the hottest show in town. Match wits with the quickest and funniest folks in news and entertainment.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$300

**LOVE YOUR SMILE:** Your teeth will be 2-4 shades whiter in 1 hour with Zoom 2, offered by Lincoln Park Columbus Dental Associates. (Comprehensive exam and cleaning included).

Available: Call office to schedule your Appointment.

Value: \$450

Opening Bid: \$300

**THREE-COURSE ITALIAN GOURMET DINNER:** Food Enthusiast Hank Prekop prepares homemade pasta, panna cotta and a platter of hors d'oeuvres for you and 5 guests.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$500

Opening Bid: \$300



**RED BADGES FOR THE 2015 CHICAGO HUMANITIES FESTIVAL:**

Year-long access to all the varied and exciting CHF programs, for 2 persons, beginning October, 2015. Red Badges provide free admission and reserved, premier seating to all Festival programs, no reservations required!

Value: \$2500

Opening bid: \$500

**A NEW LOOK FOR YOUR HOME:** Take tips from talented interior designer **Karen Carpino** on this 2-hour consultation--or let her take you shopping at the Mart. Get organized with **Terri Albert**--in this 1-hour hands-on session you'll learn lots of anti-clutter tips or attack a problem together. Available: Through June 2016 at mutually agreeable dates. Must live on Chicago's North side.

Value: \$300

Opening Bid: \$125

**ON STAGE AT THE GRANT PARK MUSIC CONCERT:** 4 people will view Chicago from this unique perspective and you don't have to play a note. Attend the reception and pre-concert lecture as well.

Available: Set date of July 25, 2015.

Value: \$400

Opening Bid: \$200



**VIP ALSO STANDS FOR VERY IMPORTANT POOCH:** 3 days and nights of care for your dog in luxury digs, furnished by dog care expert Cruz Figueroa who is delighted to walk, feed and pamper your pet. A welded poodle sculpture fancifully adored with ears made from a baby mattress is another of Cruz's gift to the lucky winner--and his dog.

Value: \$200

Opening Bid: \$125



## BEHIND THE SCENES

**Visit the Vault at the Newberry Library:** Newberry President and historian David Spadafora shows a group of 6 people rare books, maps, manuscripts, musical scores and other treasures rarely on public view. Join him for coffee first at this internationally acclaimed research library.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$450

**ART INSTITUTE CURATORIAL TOUR PACKAGE FOR 6:** Stephanie D'Alesandro, Gary C. and Frances Comer Curator of Modern Art, tailors her tour to your interests and adds a copy of the Magritte exhibit catalog. This Private tour includes a lunch for 6 at the Historic **Cliff Dwellers Club**, longtime home of local literati. Hosted by Jack Hartray and Dianne Campbell.

Available: Through June 2016.

Value: \$1000.

Opening Bid: \$500

### **CHICAGO CONSERVATION CENTER TOUR FOR 6:**

Learn about one of the nation's leading art and furniture restoration laboratories, designed by Jeanne Gang, on a private tour.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$500

Opening Bid: \$250

**TALK POLITICS WITH JAN SCHAKOWSKY:** Have breakfast for 4 with one of our longest-serving and hardest working congressmen. Whatever your political persuasion, you will learn a lot about your choice of subjects.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$200



**TAKE A WALK WITH CHICAGO'S TOP TOUR GUIDE:** Sally Kalmbach invites up to 20 people to explore McCormickville and hear of the grand dames who dwelled in the gilded age mansions along Wabash and Huron. The day includes a private tour of the **Dreihaus Museum** and its jewelry collection. Two of her signed books included. Available: Mutually agreeable date until June 2016.

Value: \$600

Opening Bid: \$300

**HISTORIC CHICAGO: TOURS OF GLESSNER AND CLARK HOUSES AND CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION WALKS:** Learn more about our landmarks with 4 guest passes from each.

Availability: Reserve your spot with each organization.

Value: \$140

Opening Bid: \$80

## **BLISS**

**LINE OR SWING DANCING LESSON:** Up to 4 people will discover or perfect their dancing skills when contest winner Marianne Ronquillo and her partner show how easy and fun these group dances can be. No cowboy boots required.

Available: Mutually agreeable date through December 2015.

Value: \$160

Opening bid: \$60

**RELAX THE BACK \$500 GIFT CERTIFICATE:** Fight back pain or act preventively with a wide variety of products benefiting your back.  
Value: \$500 Opening Bid: \$300

**YOU CHOOSE: THAI MASSAGE OR PRIVATE YOGA LESSON:**  
Master teacher Jim Kulackoski offers either a 1-hour yoga lesson for up to 3 people in your home or a Thai massage.  
Available': Mutually agreeable date.  
Value: \$120 Opening Bid: \$75



## A HUG FROM GRANDPARENTS

**SESAME STREET ON YOUR OWN BLOCK:** Cuddly Elmo and a darling Grover, not to mention Sesame Street favorites in books, CD's and toys.  
Value: \$150 Opening Bid: \$75

**MONICA + ANDY \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE:** Whether you like cuddly or chic there's something beautiful at this Halsted baby and toddler boutique. Pair it with 8 passes to the **Chicago Children's Museum**.  
Value: \$212 Opening Bid: \$100

**CHILDREN'S PRODUCT BASKET AND GIFT CERTIFICATE:**  
From Aaron's Apothecary, the best in childcare products and a book for the parents: "Becoming a Happy Family" by Susan Smith Kuczmarski.  
Value: \$125: Opening Bid: \$50

**"NOTHING TO DO TODAY" IDEAS:** 2 baskets of games and crafts are the solution plus a beautiful book, "Nothing to Do", illustrated by Wendy Anderson Halperin.  
Value: \$100 Opening Bid: \$50



**FACE PAINTING:** Talented artist Sierra Adams of Old Town Art Fair Children's Corner fame, turns children into their favorite characters and would love to come to your kids' party for 2 hours.

Available: Mutually agreeable time.

Value: \$250

Opening Bid: \$150

## PLAY IT OUT

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE CUBS GAME--PRIME SEATS ARE YOURS:**

4 club box seats for the September 25th Cubs vs. Pirates game will leave you cheering. A baseball signed by **Miguel Montero**, with letter of authenticity, is included.

Available: For September 25, 2015 game

Value: \$450

Opening Bid: \$200



**TENNIS ANYONE?** With 2 four-week adult sessions at the Midtown Athletic Club you'll boost your game with tips from some of the most terrific coaches in town.

Value: \$660

Opening bid: \$150

**PERSONAL TRAINING AND MASSAGE THERAPY PACKAGE WITH**

**DAN CHISHOLM:** After a 1-hour consultation at Hi Fi Fitness, a private personal training facility, choose your favorite massage--Swedish, deep-tissue or Thai--and schedule 3 personal training sessions, each for an hour, in your home or at Hi Fi.

Available: Book with Dan Chisholm, must be in Chicago.

Value: \$400

Opening Bid: \$200

## **SOULCYCLE**

Revolutionize your fitness routine with 10 spin classes from SoulCycle. Co-founded in New York by Chicagoan Elizabeth Cutler, SoulCycle has just opened to raves in Old Town.

Value: \$280

Opening Bid: \$150

**BLAZE THE PATH ON A CROSSROADS BIKE:** Stable, lightweight and fast, the 21-speed bike with wide tires, invites you to explore. A pair of men's or women's CORE-Tec 2.0 shorts included.

Value: \$600

Opening Bid: \$300



## **MAGICAL MOMENTS**

**INTIMATE DINNER CONCERT BY RACHEL BARTON PINE:** The internationally heralded concert violinist and child prodigy, described by the Washington Post as an "exciting, boundary-defying performer", will play for 10 guests who will first enjoy a gourmet dinner prepared by legendary hostess Charlotte Newberger in her home.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$1700

**CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BOX SEATS:** Beautiful Music, luxurious box seats (4-6 depending on the concert you choose)--what a way to celebrate a top Town Treasure.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$1200

Opening Bid: \$600

## **6 ON-AIR WBEZ DEDICATIONS AND 2 WBEZ LEADERSHIP**

**MEMBER CARDS:** Honor special occasions and take advantage of premiere discounts across Chicago.

Available: through March 2016.

Value: \$400

Opening Bid: \$150

**AT HOME WITH STANLEY PAUL:** Chicago's beloved band leader and pianist invites you into his Parisian penthouse for a wine and cheese party for 10. Enjoy the lush roof garden, but pause to enjoy the art Deco design, patterned on Coco Chanel's apartment.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid \$600

## **MILOS, THE MOVIES, AND A MARVELOUS MEAL AT MONIKA'S:**

Ask Milos Stehlik, founder and Director of Facets Multi-Media, all your movie questions and enjoy a marvelous Mediterranean meal at Monika Betts's. Up to eight people will learn more about the art of film from the nation's top film historian. Known for their heart-healthy menus, **Zig Zag Caterers** will provide fabulous food.

Available: Mutually agreeable time.

Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$500

## **HIGH DRAMA**

**STEPPENWOLF'S "GRAND CONCOURSE" AND VINCI:** Founded in 1974 by Gary Sinise, this Tony Award winner always gives Chicago powerful performances. Bid on 2 tickets to the season's last play and enjoy your \$50 gift certificate at nearby Vinci's.

Availability: good for "Grand Concourse" only.

Value: \$200

Opening Bid: \$75

## **CHICAGO THEATER AT ITS BEST: GOODMAN, CHICAGO**

**SHAKESPEARE & COURT THEATRE.** Named Time Magazine's top regional theater, the Goodman offers 2 tickets to "Disgraced." In addition, 2 tickets for "The Tempest", "Heir-Apparent" or "Othello" at Barbara Gaines' celebrated Chicago Shakespeare Theater. And enjoy the Court Theatre's bold approach to the classics with your 2 tickets for a performance next season (excluding Saturday nights and Sunday matinees).

Value: \$336

Opening Bid: \$125

**ATHENAEUM, LIFELINE & BASIL LEAF CAFÉ:** Founded in 1911, the Athenaeum is Chicago's oldest off-loop theater. The Lifeline is beloved for its literary adaptations for both adults and children. Local favorite for Italian food, the Basil Leaf Café offers a \$50 certificate to compliment your 2 tickets to any 2015-16 performances at both theaters.

Value: \$220

Opening Bid: \$75

**RL DINING AND LOOKINGGLASS THEATRE'S "MOBY DICK":** The World Premiere of the Melville Classic is just across the street from one of Chicago's favorite places to dine and be seen.

Value: \$300

Opening Bid: \$100

## **TOAST TO LIFE**

**OUR VILLAGE BOARD TOASTS YOU WITH THEIR FAVORITE WINES:** Whether it's Merlot, Chardonnay, Shiraz, International or American, you'll sure to please your palate with 18+ personally selected favorite wines chosen by our discerning board members.

Value: \$500

Opening Bid: \$300

**TWO SPLENDID BOTTLES FOR YOUR WINE CELLAR:** A Pahlmeyer Napa Red vintage 2012 and a Chateau Montrose Gran Cru St. Estepe 2008.

Value: \$200

Opening bid: \$75

## **LEARNING NEW TRICKS**

**NOVICE KNITTING CLASSES:** Sister Arts Studio, Inc will provide needles and yarn and teach 2 adults or parent and child (7 plus) how easy it is to master this creative skill.

Available: Mutually agreeable time.

Value: \$250

Opening Bid: \$50

**FOUR 2-HOUR BRIDGE LESSONS FOR 4 PEOPLE:** Master Bridge teacher Jane Kennedy offers superb advice to significantly improve your game, either in your home or hers.

Available: Mutually agreeable times.

Value: \$400

Opening Bid: \$250

**CERTIFICATE FROM DIRK'S FISH MARKET:** 4 **Whole Foods** in-store cooking classes of your choice combine perfectly with a \$50 Dirk's certificate to bring out the chef in you.

Available: Call Whole Foods to reserve.

Value: \$170

Opening Bid: \$75

**MEMOIRS AND MORE: WITH CATHERINE RATEGAN:** Give your family the gift of history with the memoir you'll create with business and memoir writer Rategan who will help you organize and author your recollections. 1 chapter/10 pages.

Available: Mutually agreeable time.

Value: \$500

Opening Bid: \$150

## **OBJECTS OF DESIRE**

### **A MARC CHAGALL ETCHING:**

Titled "Manilov et Tchitchkov", dated 1948, this treasure from the portfolio of Les Ames Mortes by Nikolai Gogol captures the imagination that is Chagall's alone.

Value: \$550

Opening bid: \$200

### **FOR GENTLEMAN ONLY--MERCHANT & RHOADES CERTIFICATE AND DASHING CUFF LINKS AND TIE:**

Relax into luxury service at Chicago's premiere gentleman's barber shop for a haircut, shave, scalp treatment, manicure, pedicure and shoeshine. You are all set to add the finishing touches--a **Gucci tie** and **Givenchy cuff links**.

Value: \$500

Opening Bid: \$200

**TEA FOR TWO:** Something's brewing in the tea pot package from **Le Pain Quotidian**. Use a handsome **silver plate tray** to serve.

Value: \$125

Opening Bid: \$50

**AARON'S APOTHECARY BASKET AND GIFT CERTIFICATE, VINTAGE PIN AND BEADED PURSE:** You'll love Aaron's offerings and the certificate to buy more. Our pin and bag couldn't be more charming!

Value: \$400

Opening Bid: \$150

**AVA KADISHSON SCHIEBER PRINT:** From a limited edition of 5, this love-filled print is paired with a signed copy of her book, "Soundless Roar Stories, Poems, and Drawings."

Value: \$350

Opening Bid: \$100

**BAKELITE-INSPIRED ART DECO-STYLE BROACH:** From the Museum Shop of the Art Institute--very snappy!

Value: \$50

Opening Bid: \$25

**PHOTO PORTRAIT SESSION WITH BOBBE WOLF:** The former Time, People, Forbes and Fortune Photographer invites 1 to 4 people in front of her camera. The finished portrait is an 8 x 10 color or black and white--you choose.

Available: Mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$350

Opening Bid: \$100



**NUDES BY SPANISH ARTIST VIRGINIE MANZANO:** Estelle and Delphine are the names of the models captured in 2 Lithographs. Each is framed with UV glass with acid-free paper and is accompanied with certificates of authenticity.

Value: \$1000

Opening Bid: \$200

**WHAT DO YOU FEEL LIKE EATING TONIGHT?:** Bella Notte, Summerdale, Standard Market Grill and RJ Grunts provide gift certificates for your dining pleasure.

Value: \$325

Opening Bid: \$100



**RESTAURANTS PLUS:** Tasting menus and wine pairings at two of our town's finest--MK and Nico Osteria, a \$150 gift card from Gene & Georgetti, and Chicago favorites Gibson's and Mon Ami Gabi, make this Plus Package over the moon.

Value: \$950

Opening bid: \$500

**CHARCOAL PORTRAIT OF YOUR FAVORITE PERSON OR PET:**

Highly Sought-after artist Brett Edenton captures the subject of your choice for a lifetime of enjoyment.

Value: \$650

Opening Bid: \$250



**OPEN BOOKS MEMBERSHIP AND BEST SELLERS:** Open Books provides literacy opportunities for 1000's of people yearly. Membership includes three great reads, daily 10% discount, a free book on your birthday and early access to special sales.

Value: \$75

Opening Bid: \$40

**TAKE A WALK**

PICK UP GIFT CERTIFICATES GALORE, SEE GREAT THEATER AND FEAST ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S FINEST IN OLD TOWN, WEST ARMITAGE, EDGEWATER AND LAKE VIEW.

**WELLS STREET AND OLD TOWN:** Tickets for 2 to the thought-provoking Red Orchid Theater, a certificate for a beautiful bouquet from Inara at Green Inc, fun dining at O'Brien's, Nookie's, Marge's Stiiil, Adobo Grill, and a Treasure Island Gift certificate await.

Value: \$470

Opening Bid: \$200

**ARMITAGE:** Beautiful baskets brimming over with great products from L'Occitane en Provence (\$150) and the Blue Door Farm Stand (\$125) combine with a Kiehl's gift certificate for a private skincare consultation party for 6-12 guests, (\$250) and gift certificates from Stella Barra Pizzeria and the Summerhouse and 2 tickets to the Royal George Theatre--what a sweet package!

Value: \$625

Opening bid: \$250

**EDGEWATER:** With 2 tickets to "Good People" running from June 26-August 2, 2015 at Redtwist Theatre and certificates for Lady Gregory's Irish Pub and Nookie's, and Alamo Shoes, this neighborhood sampling promises to delight.

Value: \$175

Opening Bid: \$50

**LAKE VIEW:** Don't miss a play inspired by history at the TimeLine Theatre and a thought-provoking performance at Theater Wit with 2 tickets to each venue. Enjoy restaurant certificates from Yoshi's Café, Wilde and Saporì.

Value: \$414

Opening bid: \$150

*Auction items as of 06 15 2015 – more to come!*