

## 2017 Voice Auction Catalogue

### Getaway Vacations

#### **V1) Weekend Vacation Home on Cape Cod – 2 weekends to the 2 highest bidders!!**

*Donated by Ron Margolin and Lesley Sneddon*

Spend a relaxing (or active) weekend at a 4-bedroom, fully-winterized house on a quiet cul-de-sac near Route 6A in Dennis. Sleeps 8 comfortably. Has air conditioning and an outdoor shower. Near the start of the Cape Cod Bike Trail and Scargo Lake (great for canoeing and kayaking). Also near Dennis Pines Golf Course and many fine restaurants. 2 miles from the bay beaches. Available any weekend from Mar 31-April 2 to June 2-4 except Memorial Day weekend, or any weekend from September 8-10 to November 10-12 except Columbus Day weekend. Contact information: phone 617-413-8166; email: [ronles@rcn.com](mailto:ronles@rcn.com)

*Minimum Bid: \$400*

#### **V2) Vacation Home near Mount Snow, Vermont**

*Donated by Peter Farago*

Spend a long June weekend (either Thursday through Sunday or Friday through Monday) in a beautiful 5 bedroom and 3 bath home in Vermont near Mount Snow. WiFi, HDTV, Tennis, heated pool, clubhouse, hiking trails, all the amenities. Enjoy the Jacuzzi while gazing into the woods through a newly installed window. Lots of local activities. Sleeps 10.

*Dates Available exclusively for weekends in June 2017*

*Value: \$1000+ Minimum Bid: \$400*

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### **V3) Weekend in Saco, Maine**

*Donated by Anne and Ted Hess-Mahan*

Weekend in a three bedroom cottage which can accommodate six people. Walk down the drive to the boardwalk. Beautiful nearby Ferry Beach has miles of sandy beach. Conservation land trails across the street. Bike trails nearby. Available weekends in the spring or fall.

*Minimum Bid: \$400*

### **V4) Weekend in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire**

*Donated by Urban Larson and Barbara Zepp Larson*

Escape for the weekend to a quiet, comfortable house on a hillside with spectacular views of Lake Winnepesaukee. This four bedroom year-round house can comfortably sleep six adults and 3-5 children (depending on size). The kitchen is large and fully equipped and there are three full bathrooms. There is a gas grill on the deck and plenty of room to eat outside overlooking the lake. It's a short drive to a private neighborhood beach or to Gunstock Recreation Area for hiking or zip-lining in the warm months or skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. There are lots of other beautiful hiking trails nearby and it is an easy hour or so drive to the White Mountains. If you get bored of nature, the "world's biggest video game arcade" is at nearby Weirs Beach. The Lakes Region also offers scenic cruises on the Mount Washington, a steam railroad, miniature golf and a range of other activities. The house is in Gilford, NH, just under two hours from Newton/Brookline by way of I-93. Available any non-holiday weekend by mutual agreement after Labor Day and before Memorial Day

*Minimum bid: \$400*

The Fabulous FUSN Services Auction: Carnivale Mardi Gras  
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**The above is the Larson Home**

**V5) Memorial Day Week Retreat on Plum Island**

*Donated by Vern Ellis and Susan Stone*

*You can watch the sunrise over the ocean, go for a long walk on the beach, ride bikes in the National Wildlife Refuge, kayak in the river and marsh, spend some time perusing the shops in quaint downtown Newburyport, and eat wonderful meals at some great restaurants on the island or in downtown Newburyport. You will be able to catch the sunset from the deck over the expansive mouth of the river as well. The house is situated in a peaceful location at the mouth of the Merrimack River, a great spot if you love to fish for stripers. The house has 3 queen bed bedrooms and all the modern amenities.*

*Date: Memorial Day Weekend and the week following.*

*Minimum Bid: \$1000*

## Honor The Creative Spirit

### **V6) Select a Piece for Performance by the FUSN Choir or Conduct the Choir**

*Donated by Anne Watson Born*

The winning bidder can select a 3-5 minute musical piece for the choir to sing at a service or alternatively can conduct the choir. Your choice.  
*Minimum bid: \$100*

### **V7) Home Concert with Outrageous Fortune**

*Donated by Rod Thomas and Chris Welles*

A concert in your home with "OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE"! Want to make a special event a night to remember? Have a house party with live jug band music! Chris Welles, Rod Thomas and Dan Dick will perform vintage acoustic folk, blues and swing, with three-part vocals, guitar, harmonicas, jug, washboard and bass, at your home for a house full of friends. One 60-minute or two 45-minute sets.  
*Minimum bid: \$300 for 60 minutes or \$450 for two 45 minute sets*

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### **V8) Write a Song with Catie Curtis**

*Donated by Catie Curtis*

Catie has been writing and performing songs professionally for over twenty years. Catie won the Grand Prize for the International Songwriting Competition (out of 15,000 submissions) in 2005 and hosts a songwriters' retreat every summer in Maine. She performs all around the country, writes songs for film and television, and has performed at the White House and at both inaugural balls for President Obama. This is a great opportunity to meet for 90 minutes with Catie & write a song. You will do what Catie does in her songwriting process: toss around ideas, play with chords & melodies, map it out, puzzle over the lyrics, and leave with a recording of a first draft of your new song.

*Estimated Value: Priceless; Minimum bid: \$80*

### **V9) Four Voice Lessons**

*Donated by Anne Watson Born*

The winning bidder will get 4 voice lessons from Anne, to be given at FUSN.

*Minimum bid: \$100*

### **V10) Dovera Designs Bracelet**

*Donated by Susanne Greelish*

Susanne will custom make a Dovera in the colors you would like, to your exact size. It could be the birthstones of your children/grandchildren, your favorite color combination, or Classic and down to earth. The possibilities are what make it fun. Using Sterling, 14kGF, Swarovski crystals, and natural gemstones.

*Estimated Value: \$380*

*Minimum bid: \$150*

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### **V11) Home Piano Concert (for up to 30 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Lois Shapiro and Hosted by Laurel Farnsworth*

*"We do not understand music. It understands us. .. When we think ourselves closest to it, it speaks to us and waits sad-eyed for us to answer." T. Adorno*

Join pianist Lois Shapiro for a guided tour into the remarkably intimate and spiritually uplifting world of some of the greatest music ever written for solo piano. Here are some of the potential "itineraries":

1. the three last Beethoven sonatas--works that teach us to inhabit more deeply our full humanity.
2. Music which awakens our senses, with a "French Accent"--Mompou, Debussy, and Ravel
3. "A world in a grain of sand": Bach's Goldberg Variations and Capriccio on the Departure of a Beloved Brother

*Date: Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm*

*Minimum bid: \$40.00 per person includes beverages and light snacks.*

### **V12) An Hour of Live Solo Guitar with Bob MacWilliams**

*Donated by Bob MacWilliams*

*You may have heard Bob play at FUSN services. Now you have the opportunity to host a concert of Bob's music in your own home! Bob has been performing on acoustic guitar, piano, and voice for more than thirty years. He will bring a mix of mostly original songs and instrumentals along with a few other personal and crowd favorites. The intimate setting of a house concert offers a great opportunity to experience Bob's unique writing and performance style.*

*Minimum bid: \$100*

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### Other Superb Services

#### **V13) Wonderful Manchester by the Sea 2 1/2 Hour Boat Cruise**

*Donated by Walter Beebe-Center*

You have seen the movie and now you have a chance to spend 2 1/2 hours on a boat cruise in the waters near Manchester, Massachusetts. As you cruise on the Double Eagle, a 36 foot converted lobster boat, you will see birds, wildlife, lighthouses, oceanfront mansions, and the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. And you may make new friends along the way. Feel free to bring beverages and food. All contacts should be through the Services Auction team, not with Walter directly.

*Bid: \$25 per person*

*Number of People: Up to 20*

*Date: Saturday, July 15 from noon - 2:30pm*

*(Rain Date: July 22)*

#### **V14) VHS to DVD Transfer**

*Donated by Norm Thibeault*

Transfer your analog videocassettes to DVD! Unlike cheaper transfer devices, the transfer box Norm uses has Time Base Correction to assure that audio and video remain in sync during transfer and allows for enhancement of images and audio if they have degraded over the years. Norm will capture the video and audio content to computer and export to your choice of regular DVD or as full resolution data (larger files), which is better for later editing. Feel free to speak with Norm before bidding if you have any questions. Up to four hours of content.

*Value: \$100; Minimum bid \$75*

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### **V15) Vinyl to CDs**

*Donated by Norm Thibeault*

Got Vinyl? Want it on CDs? Norm will transfer up to 5 albums or 45s onto CD (or 4 hours of time - whichever comes first). If they sound bad, he will clean them up a bit first with audio restoration software (Bias SoundSoap Pro). Norm can also transfer audiocassettes and 78 RPM discs. Norm has over 25 years of experience in radio broadcasting and audio, including CBS Radio/Boston, Soundtrack Recording Studio/Boston and Reelization Recording/Portsmouth.

*Minimum bid: \$50*

### **V16) Fix it Up - 4 hours of handyman services**

*Donated by Dwight Golann*

You can hire the man who refurbished the church signs, builds shelving, and fixes our broken doors and windows to attend to what needs fixing at YOUR house! Four hours of handyman services at your home, plus a trip to the hardware store. You pay for the materials and Dwight does the rest -- anything other than licensed plumbing and electrical work.

*Minimum bid \$150*

### **V17) Legal Services**

*Donated by Michael Barrows, Devine Barrows, LLP*

A practicing attorney for over 28 years and a member of the MA, RI, and FL bars, Michael will create a simple will (for a single person, no trusts, etc), a Durable Power of Attorney, and a Health Care Proxy for you. Come to his new office in Wellesley or he can come to your home (or any other agreed upon location).

*Value: at least \$500 (depending on the document)*

*Minimum bid: \$200.*

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**V18) 2 Hour Landscape Consultation**

*Donated by Betsy Leavitt*

Let Betsy help you think about your garden this spring! She has over 30 years of experience creating fabulous gardens in Newton and would love to help you with yours.

*Date: TBD, Spring 2017*

*Estimated Value: \$150; Minimum Bid: \$40*

**V19) Trip to the Nursery**

*Donated by Betsy Leavitt*

Trouble selecting plants for your garden? Take Betsy, an experienced landscape designer, with you on a 2-3 hour trip to a nursery.

*Date: TBD, Spring 2017*

*Estimated Value: \$200; Minimum Bid: \$45*

**V20) Two Hours of Interior Design Consulting**

*Donated by Annie Hall*

Annie is a professional Interior Designer. She will provide two hours of in-home consultation on kitchen and bath design, furnishings, colors, etc.

*Estimated Value: \$400; Minimum Bid: \$100*

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**V21) Home Improvement Labor by a Licensed Contractor and his Sidekick**

*Donated by Kieran Reynolds (licensed) and Todd Farrell (wannabe sidekick)*

Do you have a project you've been putting off? Or you don't have the time to complete? Let Kieran (a licensed contractor and registered home improvement contractor) and Todd (an experienced do-it-yourselfer with no certifications whatsoever) help. The pair will do 4 hours of carpentry/painting/other home improvement work. The one restriction will be to limit the electrical and plumbing requirements away from extensive plumbing and electrical work. If you have questions, feel free to ask.

*Date: TBD*

*Minimum Bid: \$200*

## For the Home

### **V22) Limited Edition Etched Vase**

*Donated by Valerie Miller & Gregg DiBiaso (Artitudes)*

Limited edition signed and numbered hand blown and etched vase by Correia Art Glsss.

*Estimated Value: \$260; Minimum Bid: \$95*

### **V23) Magic Tiles Quilt**

*Donated by Kit Ryan*

This beautiful quilt will add color and joy to your home. This is handmade by Kit Ryan. She christens it "Magic Tiles. Dimensions are 4"x71".

*Minimum Bid: \$100*

## Fabulous Food and Fine Dining

### **V24) Vegetarian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders -- TWICE!)**

*Donated by Jeannie Chaisson*

Jeannie will prepare one of her famous vegetarian meals from the equally famous Moosewood Cookbook. She can host up to 8 people and will do so twice. How good is that?! Location: Chaisson/Persons home.

*Dates: TBA; Minimum bid \$30 per person*

### **V25) Persian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by: Barney and Eileen Freiberg-Dale*

As a Peace Corp volunteer in Iran, Barney grew to love the Persian cuisine. He and Eileen will prepare a fabulous Iranian dinner including wine and dessert. You'll also hear about Barney's experiences in the country, before the Iranian Revolution. Location: Freiberg-Dale home

*Date: Sat., March 25*

*Minimum Bid: \$50 per person*

### **V26) Barbecue for Pescatorians (Seafood Lovers) (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Bill and Sandy Horne*

A fabulous seafood feast with Bill as grillmaster and Sandy as preparer of wonderful side dishes and desserts. Location: the Horne residence.

*Date: Saturday, July 1 at 5PM*

*Minimum bid: \$50 per person*

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**V27) Natural Wood Barbecue (for up to 6 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Susan Stone and Vern Ellis*

Each year Vern and Susan prepare special dishes cooked on a natural hardwood grill. Fresh bread, tasty wine and micro-brews will accompany the grill items. The appetizers will be on the beach weather permitting. We finish the meal with a summer dessert. Come up early spend the day on the beach or in the Audubon Bird Sanctuary.

Location: The Stone/Ellis home on Plum Island.

*Date: Saturday, June 17*

*Minimum bid \$50 per person*

**V28) Southern Comfort: A Down-Home Southern Dinner (for up to 6 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Jenn Bradbury and Judy Zacek*

Join Alabama-born-and-raised Jenn Bradbury (a trained chef) and hostess Judy Zacek (who grew up south of the Mason-Dixon Line and is an experienced southern cook) for a festive down-home southern dinner that will feature shrimp and grits, chicken and dumplings, several southern side dishes and scrumptious desserts. Beverages included. Location: The Zacek home in Newtonville.

*Date: Saturday, April 22*

*Minimum bid: \$45 per person*

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**V29) Authentic German Biergarten (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Jacki and Pat Rohan*

Here is your chance to enjoy a meal inspired by the FUSN musician's trip to Germany. The menu will include some unusual appetizers and special breads, sauerbraten, spaetzle, red cabbage, and will conclude with a torte for dessert. German beers and wines will be served to accompany this feast. Location: The Rohan home.

*Date: Saturday, July 15*

*Minimum bid: \$50 per person*

**V30) 10 Months of Homemade Soup**

*Donated by Barbara Bates*

Barbara will make soup for four once each month for ten months from January through October. The soups are hearty vegetarian, but not vegan and many have beans and/or lentils. Barbara will deliver in Newton, outside of Newton will need to be picked up at her Newton Centre home.

*Minimum Bid \$60*

**V31) Turkey and Sausage Gumbo for 10**

*Donated by Ron Margolin*

Authentic turkey and andouille sausage gumbo, enough for 10 generous servings. Gumbo is the signature New Orleans dish made with okra, onions, peppers, celery, tomatoes, and a dark flavorful roux, along with Cajun spices. Delivered to your door. Just heat it, cook up some rice, and serve yourself and your guests. Best served with cold Louisiana beer and zydeco music with pecan pie or bread pudding with whiskey sauce for dessert.

Contact information: phone 617-413-8166; email:

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*Minimum Bid: \$80*

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**V32) Complete Vietnamese Dinner (for up to 6 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Maryann O'Connor*

Maryann will prepare a complete Vietnamese Dinner including spring rolls, salad, Pho (Beef Noodle Soup), Lemongrass chicken and dessert

*Date: TBD (Summer, outdoor dining)*

*Minimum Bid: \$40 per person*

**V33) Indian Dinner for Six**

*Donated by Pam and Meghan McA'Nulty*

A dinner of not-completely-traditional Indian dishes. Pam will decide what dishes will work that day, but they usually include one or two vegetable main courses, chicken tikka masala, naan bread, Riesling wine, and a dessert. Location: The McA'Nulty home in West Newton.

*Date: Saturday, March 11*

*Minimum Bid: \$50*

**V34) Portuguese Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)**

*Donated by Bobbie Sproat and Jud Leonard*

Join Bobbie and Jud for a delicious Portuguese dinner at their home.

*Date: Saturday, February 25*

*Minimum Bid: \$40 per person*

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**V35) Moroccan Dinner for Six**

*Donated by Sharon Sisskind and Arthur Anderson*

Sharon will prepare a Moroccan dinner including Chicken tajine, Moroccan rice and other side dishes to be determined. Beverages included.

*Date: Saturday, February 18*

*Minimum Bid: \$40*

**V36) Home Italian Dinner (for up to five winning bidders)**

*Donated by Allyson Gray*

Allyson will prepare a full Italian Dinner of antipasto, spaghetti and meat balls, with Biscotti and Ricotta Pie for dessert. Beverages included.

Location: The Gray home in Newtonville.

*Date: Saturday, April 15*

*Minimum Bid: \$30*