

Getaway Vacations

V1) Weekend Vacation Home on Cape Cod

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 between April 15 to June 15 except Memorial Day weekend. Contact information: phone 617-413-8166; email: ronles@rcn.com

Minimum Bid: \$400

V2) Weekend in Saco, Maine

Donated by Anne and Ted Hess-Mahan

Weekend in a three bedroom cottage in Maine. Accommodates six people (4 twin beds and one double). Walk down the drive & there is the boardwalk to beautiful miles of sandy beach. Conservation land trails across the street. Bike trails nearby. Available Ferry Beach weekend or other weekends in the spring or fall (by arrangement). Located about a mile from the Ferry Beach Conference Center.

Minimum Bid: \$400

V3) Weekend in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire

Donated by Urban 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 except July.

Minimum bid: \$400

Honor The Creative Spirit

V4) Select a Piece for Performance by the FUUSN 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

V5) 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

V6) An Hour of Live Solo Guitar with Bob MacWilliams

Donated by Bob MacWilliams

You may have heard Bob play at FUUSN 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: \$150

Concert must be used within one year of auction

V7) Home Piano Concert (for up to 30 winning bidders)

Donated by Lois Shapiro and Hosted by Laurel Farnsworth

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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 of Johannes Brahms--Music of Splendor, Sensuality, and Seditious Iconoclasm. At once both sublimely intimate and awesomely cosmic, Brahms' music transforms the "straw" of simple musical building blocks into the pure "gold" of soul utterance.

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 2pm

Set bid: \$50.00 per person includes beverages and light snacks.

V8) \$450 Toward Purchase of Artwork in her Studio

Donated by Mary Beth Maisel

Experienced and highly regarded artist Mary Beth Maisel (one of FUUSN's own) is offering \$450 toward the purchase of items in her studio. Framed artwork varies in size from approximately 8"x10" to 32"x38" and price from about \$150 to \$2,500; unframed is less. She is selling her terra cotta figure sculptures and busts far below the cost of creating them. She also sells washable 100% silk scarves of various sizes, washable 100% cotton aprons of various sizes and Notecards at \$25 per box. Mary Beth is happy to arrange a visit to her studio before the auction (call 617-969-7860) and you can visit her website: marybethmaisel.com. email; MaryBethMaisel@gmail.com

Minimum bid: \$100

Transactions must be completed by May 2020

Other Superb Services

V9) Wonderful Family Friendly Salem Sound 2 ½ Hour Boat Cruise (for up to 20 people)

Donated by Walter Beebe-Center

You have a chance to spend 2 1/2 hours on a boat cruise in the waters near Manchester, Beverly, Marblehead and Salem. 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

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the way. Feel free to bring beverages and food. Children welcome. Boat is located at Beverly Port Marine in Beverly. All contacts should be through the Auction team, who will provide directions.

Set Bid: \$25 per person

Date: 7/25/2020 from noon to 2:30pm (rain date 8/1/2020)

V10) 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 (Izotope Software). Norm can also transfer audiocassettes and 78 RPM discs. Norm has over 25 years of experience in radio broadcasting and audio, including WBUR/Boston, CBS Radio/Boston, Soundtrack Recording Studio/Boston and Reelization Recording/Portsmouth.

Minimum bid: \$50

V11) Norm Thibeault's voice on your answering machine or voicemail

Donated by Norm Thibeault

Norm, a well-known announcer on WBUR, will record the greeting of your choice on your outbound voicemail message.

Minimum bid: \$20

V12) 2 Hour Landscape Consultation

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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 2020

Estimated Value: \$150

Minimum Bid: \$40

V13) 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 2020

Estimated Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$45

V14) 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

V15) Fix it Up – 4 hours plus 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 if necessary. You pay for the materials and Dwight does the rest -- anything other than licensed plumbing and electrical work. Prior bidders have had window sashes, wall and bathroom fixtures repaired, tables stabilized, shelves and pegboards mounted on walls – it's up to you!

Minimum bid \$150

V16) Home Improvement Labor by a Licensed Contractor and his Sidekick

Donated by Kieran Reynolds (licensed) and Todd Farrell (wanna-be 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

V17) A Tour of WBUR (up to 4 people)

Donated by Wendy Schwartz

Tour WBUR with broadcast producer Wendy Schwartz on a mutually agreed date and time. Options include meeting on-air hosts and/or reporters (schedules permitting), watching part of a live show, and getting a behind-the-scenes look at it all. You might even catch FUUSN member Norm Thibeault in the voice booth, if he is there when you come. Tour will last two hours.

Minimum Bid: \$100

V18) Basic Estate Documents

Donated by Walter Devine

FUUSN member Walter Devine, Esq., of Noble and Devine in Auburndale, will assist you in preparing basic estate planning documents: mirror image wills; health care proxies; and power of attorney for a starting family.

Estimated Value: \$1,200

Minimum Bid: \$200

V19) Computer/IT Services

Donated by Andrew Willinger, Senior Consultant at RCG Consulting

Andrew will provide up to two hours of onsite IT services, including computer repairs, upgrades, networking & Internet, malware removal, backups, installs, training, etc. Parts, if needed, are not included.

Estimated Value: \$270

Minimum Bid: \$125

For the Home, or For Yourself!

V20) Handmade Jewelry Piece

Donated by Valerie Miller & Gregg DiBiaso (Artitudes)

If you are the lucky bidder, you will receive either a beautiful custom made or in stock jewelry piece made by Val with a retail value up to \$350. Your choice.

Estimated Value: \$350

Minimum Bid: \$150

V21) Handmade Quilt – You Get to Choose

Donated by Kit Ryan

Either one of these beautiful quilt will add color and joy to your home. They are handmade by Kit and are 100% cotton and machine washable and dryable. You get your choice of one of them:

Magic Tiles: turquoise, brown, olive, blues, white - 46x62”

Blackford’s Beauty: blacks, browns, greys, creams - 55.5x74”

Estimated Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$100

V22) 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.

*Winner must connect with Susanne **in February** to design the bracelet of your dreams!!*

Estimated Value: \$380

Minimum bid: \$225

Fabulous Food and Fine Dining

V23) 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

V24) Italian Cioppino Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Bill and Sandy Horne

Enjoy Cioppino, a delicate Italian Fish and Shellfish stew, accompanied by an exquisite selection of Italian Wines, Cheeses and Breads from Eataly in downtown Boston

Location: the Horne residence

Date: Saturday August 1, 2020 starting at 4:00 PM

Minimum Bid: \$50 per person

V25) Provincial French Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Bobbie Sproat and Jud Leonard

Bobbie and Jud will welcome you to their home as they prepare you a traditional French dinner. This fête will be in the “Provincial” style of French cuisine, featuring a main dish along the lines of boeuf bourguignon or coq au vin. The French have been getting it right for ages, so why mess with their traditional fare? Chez Bobbie et Jud, it will be anything but à la carte.

Date: Saturday, March 28

Minimum Bid: \$40 per person

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V26) Moroccan Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio

This year our food exploration touches the cuisine of Morocco. Morocco is in the northwestern corner of Africa and its cuisine is famously aromatic and exquisite (we love it). The country is bordered by the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. The cuisine is diverse, complex and compelling. The Wikipedia synopsis "the cuisine is a mix of Berber, Arabic, Andalusian and Mediterranean cuisines with slight European and sub-Saharan influences." Sounds pretty good to us! At any rate, Paula Wolfert's *The Food of Morocco* will be our guide. We will feast on beginnings, middles, and end with sweets. Wine will accompany the evening repast.

Location: Bottar/Buonagurio home in Newton

Date: Saturday, April 4, 6:30PM

Minimum Bid: \$50 per person

V27) Seafood Dinner (for up to 6 winning bidders)

Donated by Marlene Allen and Wayne Everett

Marlene and Wayne will treat you to a tasty specialty Seafood Dinner in their home.

Minimum Bid: \$40

Date and Time to be determined based on winning bidders preference

V28) Authentic Irish Breakfast Prepared by an Authentic Irishman (up to 8 winning bidders)

Donated by: Kieran Reynolds and hosted by Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio

In the beautiful home of Karen Bottar and Don Buonagurio, Kieran will prepare an authentic Irish breakfast consisting of all the disparate ingredients (as many as possible sourced from Ireland), homemade Irish brown bread and some appropriate libations. Barry's tea or Lyons Tea (The choice is like an Irish version of the Yankees/Red Sox thing) . This will be a great way to start your Saturday morning. You may even be tempted to sing some Irish songs.

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Location: Bottar/Buonagurio home in Newton

Date and Time: 10am on Saturday, March 21st

Minimum Bid: \$35

V29) Whiskey & Chocolate Tasting For up to 20 Bidders

Donated by: Ted & Anne Hess-Mahan, Kieran & Ashley Reynolds Jacki & Pat Rohan

We will explore the nuances of different styles of whiskey, talk briefly about their history, and then will dig into our blind tasting! We plan to offer whiskeys from Scotland, Ireland and Canada, each expertly matched with a bit of chocolate for a luxurious whiskey and chocolate tasting experience. Bring your A game . . . whoever wins the blind tasting will walk away with a prize!

Bid \$50

Location: The Alliance Room at FUUSN

Date: TBD

V30) Flight of Pies: Eight Pies over 8 Months

Donated by Stephanie Kendall

Treat yourself to a series of delicious homemade pies from an avid FUUSN baker. Service includes a monthly pie delivered to your Newton or nearby home or exchanged during FUUSN Sunday services. Pies follow seasonal trends although requests to please families and children or inclusion of savory options are welcomed! A series might include March=Chocolate Silk; April=buttermilk or boiled cider pie; May=citrus tart; June=Strawberry-Rhubarb; July=Peach; August=Blueberry Pie; September=Apple; October=Pumpkin or sweet potato. Flight of pies includes 8 months of pie starting first weekend in March and including March, April, May, June, August, July, September, and October. Pies are standard nine inch size.

Minimum Bid: \$160

V31) Gumbo Making Class For Up To Fifteen Folks

Donated by Ron Margolin

For years, Ron has been providing great food at numerous FUUSN events. Now you have the opportunity to learn how Ron makes his famous gumbo. According to Ron, his

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gumbo (chicken and sausage) has been called first class by several New Orleans natives and the best she ever tasted by a long time New Orleans resident. The hands on class will run about three hours to include the prep, cooking and eating.

Bid: \$40

Date and Location: Saturday, March 28th from 2pm to 5pm in the FUUSN Kitchen