

MGC Fall Fundraising Event
The Wethersfield Estate
Amenia, NY
Saturday, September 8, 2018

SILENT AUCTION

1. **COCKTAILS FOR 25 AT STONEWOOD FARMS**

Hosted and donated by owners Tom Kopfensteiner and Ken Holtzberg, to be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date in 2019

Value: A magical Millbrook evening with your good friends, delicious food and drinks, all on this gorgeous certified-organic flower and vegetable farm!

Opening bid: \$500/bidding increments of \$50

2. **DINNER FOR 8 AT THE "HOME OF THE PRESIDENT"**

(our MGC president, that is!) A gourmet dinner hosted by Lea and Jim Cornell, with perfectly paired wines from their cellar

Value: The Cornells are known for their parties; what price can you put on such a fun evening?!

Opening bid: \$600/increments of \$50

3. TWO TICKETS TO THE NY PHILHARMONIC + DINNER

Join your hosts Martha and Michael Nesbitt for dinner at Lincoln Center Kitchen before the performance. Available dates in Fall 2018 or January or March 2019

Value: \$250+

Opening bid: \$125/increments of \$25

4. PRIVATE COOKING CLASS + BRUNCH/LUNCH FOR 8

Conducted and donated by master chef Katy Kinsolving at Hillsdale Home Chef in Hillsdale, NY. To be scheduled at a date mutually agreed upon by all parties

Offered at \$100/participant with a maximum of 8 slots

5. PRIVATE TOUR OF ELLEN PETERSON'S GARDEN + LUNCH

Ellen will lead you through her renowned gardens in Pine Plains, followed by lunch at her home. Date to be mutually agreed upon and scheduled before September 30, 2019

Offered at \$125/participant with a maximum of 8 slots

6. ESCAPE TO BEAUTIFUL BLOCK ISLAND NEXT SUMMER

Enjoy a blissful week in a cozy 2 bedroom cottage that is close to everything on this wonderful island. Donated by Jane and Bob Keiter. Dates available Summer 2019

Value: \$2000

Opening bid: \$900/increments of \$100

**7. CURATED TOUR OF THE CLARK ART INSTITUTE
IN WILLIAMSTOWN, MA + LUNCH**

A senior curator will lead six lucky people through this museum which features an extraordinary collection of European and American art spanning the Renaissance to the early 20th century. Lunch will follow at the Museum Cafe. Donated by Katherine and Frank Martucci

Value: \$500+

Opening bid: \$300/increments of \$50

**8. SPECIAL “WALK AND TALK” HOSTED BY CELEBRATED
GARDENER PAGE DICKEY**

Join this author, horticulturist, garden designer and co-founder of the Garden Conservancy’s Open Days for a stroll through her private garden, “Church House,” in Falls Village, CT followed by a lovely lunch at her home.

Offered at \$125/participant with a maximum of 8 slots

9. AN INTERIOR DESIGN REFRESH FOR YOUR HOME

Let Marla Walker’s special touch give your home a new, updated look. Her simple suggestions will spruce up your favorite surroundings in no time! This is a 3 hour hands-on session, donated by Marla Walker

Value: \$250

Opening bid: \$150/increments of \$25

10. GUIDED BIRD WALK AT AUDUBON SHARON

Six people will enjoy a 2 hour personalized bird walk with Eileen Fielding, Director of the Audubon Center in Sharon, CT. For birders of any level, ages 6 to adult. A picnic breakfast or brunch for the group will follow the walk. Event to be planned on a mutually agreed date in Fall 2018 — the perfect opportunity to watch and learn about Fall migration patterns. Donated by Audubon Sharon

Value: \$350+

Opening bid: \$250/increments of \$50

11. PRIVATE TOUR OF CENTRAL PARK LITERARY STATUES

Join G.A. Mudge (aka “Moby”) for a 1 ½ hour tour to learn all about his favorite literary statues in Central Park. He is the author and photographer of two well-recognized books on the subject. Date for the tour to be mutually agreed upon. Donated by Moby and Sis Mudge

Offered at \$50/participant with a maximum of 10 slots

IMPORTANT DETAILS TO REMEMBER

- **Harriet Weiss is the contact** for placing bids or reserving one of the slots for items with a set price (#4, 5, 8, 11). You can reach Harriet at hweiss022@gmail.com or by phone at **860 435 9332 (h)** or **860 318 6528 (c)**

- **Pre-bidding begins Saturday September 1 at 9:00 AM**

We anticipate that the garden tours, cooking class and Central Park statue tour may sell out quickly. Reservations for those slots will be taken on a first come/ first served basis. When the places are filled that item will be closed!

You will receive an email confirmation from Harriet that your bid has been received or your reserved spot has been secured. If you do not receive confirmation and are in doubt, please contact Harriet to confirm. She will be juggling a lot so the onus is on you to make sure you're all set.

- **Pre-bidding ends Friday September 7 at 9:00PM**

All Silent Auction items (except any that have already been filled) will be available for continued bidding during the evening at Wethersfield. All bidding will end at 6:30PM at the event.

- **Payment for Auction items**

We will accept cash, check or credit card at Wethersfield. If you are the highest bidder by the end of the evening but are not at the event, have no fear; we will be in touch to let you know how to pay up!