



Cabaret

Coordinated by

Kathleen Toohey Carbone and Howie Levitz

and

Silent Auction

Benefitting the

Williamstown Historical Museum

Sunday March 16, 2014

5-8 pm at The Orchards

Welcome!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Williamstown Historical Museum's Cabaret and Silent Auction!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you, our friends and neighbors, to this wonderful event, to celebrate our extraordinary town and its fascinating history. You have all gathered with us tonight to participate in an event benefitting the only museum dedicated to our town's history from its earliest days in the forests of the mid-18th century to more recent, nostalgic recollections of the charming village of just yesterday. This history belongs to all of us and it is, indeed, our responsibility to make sure that it is not forgotten.

We hope you enjoy the good company, the entertainment so generously provided by the performers, and the silent auction -- our thanks to the donors. Thank you so much for attending this important fundraising event and for your ongoing support of WHM!

Sincerely,

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President, Williamstown Historical Museum

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Lodging

#1 One Night at River Bend Farm

Spend the night in a historic B & B, built in 1770 as the home of Williamstown's founder, Benjamin Simonds. One mid-week night, with breakfast for two.

Donated by David and Judy Loomis

Value: \$135

Opening Bid: \$90

Bid Increment: \$5

#2 Two Nights in Boston, at the Marriott Custom House

Friday April 25th and Saturday April 26th, 2014

One-bedroom apartment in a landmarked building, the Marriott Custom House (84-room apartment hotel), which stands watch over Boston Harbor, steps away from Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, and the New England Aquarium. Near the Freedom Trail (3-mile walk linking sixteen of Boston's historic sites). 24-hr. front desk, with full guest services.

King-size bed; queen-size sofa bed in the living room provides additional sleeping space. Dining table. Eat-in kitchenette. VCR, DVD, two TV's.

Donated by Anne and Andy Crider

Value: \$800

Opening Bid: \$575

Bid Increment: \$25

#3 One week in an apartment in Lucca (Italy)

Two-level apartment within the walls of this medieval city has one bedroom (queen bed). Donor offers to meet to help plan your dream trip – churches and museums, concerts, walking and bicycling. August 2014 (no A/C) or January 2015.

Donated by John O. Buoni

Value: \$700

Opening Bid: \$460

Bid Increment: \$25

#4 Two Days and Two Nights at Historic Deerfield

Discover and celebrate 18th-century New England colonial life. Admission for two to 12 museum houses, plus two nights and two breakfasts at the Deerfield Inn. Includes \$75 food and beverage credit, and demonstrations of crafts and textiles in season. For further details see www.historic-deerfield.org

Available from mid-April through December 2014.

Donated by Hank Flynt

Value: \$625

Opening Bid: \$420

Bid Increment: \$25

#5 Weekend in Chelsea (New York City) apartment

2 or 3 nights in a one-bedroom (queen bed) apartment, on the 4th floor overlooking an open courtyard at 101 W. 24th St. Doorman-building. Elevators. Handsomely furnished in modern decor. Walking distance to restaurants, galleries, and theatres.

Dates to be arranged with donor. (Holiday weekends may be possible.) Any questions? See Pat Leach (who is here tonight at the auction).

Donated by Olivia and Tim Kjeldgaard

Value: \$900

Opening Bid: \$600

Bid increment: \$25

Works of Art

#6 “Daybreak on the Ganges”

by Marilyn Cavallari

Original oil painting by local artist, whose work has been exhibited at the Milne Public Library and elsewhere. 16" x 20" (framed: 20" x 24").

Donated by Marilyn Cavalari

Value: \$375

Opening Bid: \$250

Bid Increment: \$20

#7 “Cape Ann”

by Ghetta Hirsch

Original oil painting by local artist, whose work has been exhibited at North Adams Hospital and elsewhere. 5" x 7" (framed 8 1/2" x 10").

Donated by Ghetta Hirsch

Value: \$200

Opening Bid: \$130

Bid Increment: \$10

#8 Two John McDonald prints

“December Snow” and “Berkshire Dawn,” by well-known local artist John McDonald, whose work is often seen at the Harrison Gallery on Spring St. Limited edition prints. 12" x 14", unframed.

Donated by John McDonald

Value: \$300

Opening Bid: \$200

Bid Increment: \$20

#9 “Dover Castle,” after Rowlandson (1789)

Untitled print (published August 1789) with view of “Dover Castle” [England], by William Russell Birch, after Thomas Rowlandson’s original 1785 oil painting, with a small hot-air balloon visible in the sky. The print, hand-colored, commemorates the first manned balloon crossing of the Channel in history (January 1785). Framed (10' x 10 5/8") and matted.

Donated by Patricia Siskind
Value: \$250
Opening Bid: \$180
Bid Increment: \$10

#10 Photostatic copy of “The Violin Maker”

The whimsical drawing of the Violin Maker with its unusual creation of music brings to mind Paul Hindesmith 1895-1963 the composer and violinist and the author of “The Craft of Musical Composition” written in 1937. Framed and matted 10½ x 13.

Donated By: Elizabeth Williams
Value: \$100
Opening Bid: \$60
Bid Increment: \$5

Picnics, Lunches, Tea, and Sweets

#11 Picnic Lunch for Four

Menu to be determined, and special requests entertained. Includes a bottle of wine. Summer or early fall 2014.

Donated by Patricia Leach
Value: \$80
Opening Bid: \$55
Bid Increment: \$5

#12 Private Tour of the Clark, with Gourmet Picnic

One-hour private tour of the Clark Art Institute, after it re-opens, with Associate Director Tom Loughman, for up to four guests. Followed by a gourmet picnic lunch. Any day, July to September 2014, depending on availability of the guide.

Donated by Tom Loughman
Value: \$450
Opening Bid: \$300
Bid Increment: \$20

#13 Literary Lunch for Aspiring Author

Successful local author Jennifer Trainer Thompson will review your manuscript and coach you on how to get it published. She will also provide a signed copy of her *Fresh Egg Cookbook*, and provide lunch for you and a guest.

Donated by Jennifer Trainer Thompson

Value: \$120

Opening Bid: \$80

Bid Increment: \$5

#14 History Hike, with Picnic Lunch, for Four

Two-hour hike in Flora's Glen (off of Bee Hill Rd.) with experienced hiker and local historian Dusty Griffin, who will provide commentary en route on the history of that little part of Williamstown. Picnic lunch for four will be provided.

Donated by Dusty and Gale Griffin

Value: \$200

Opening Bid: \$135

Bid Increment: \$10

#15 Afternoon Tea for 15

Susan Stetson Clarke will serve afternoon tea, with the works: silver service, antique china, tea sandwiches, and other appropriate fare, for 15 people at her home on Prospect St. Hats and gloves not required!

Donated by Susan Clarke

Value: \$150

Opening Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$5

#16 Fresh Baked Goods, Once a Month, for Six Months

Tasty treats, prepared by an expert baker, include a cherry crostini, chocolate chip bars, chocolate fudge, molasses cookies (from an original Sturbridge Village recipe), Whoopie pies, and Texas sheet cake.

Donated by Kathy Thompson

Value: \$100

Opening Bid: \$60

Bid Increment: \$5

Services

#17 Cat-care for Two Weeks

Experienced cat-lover will provide cat-care (up to two cats) in your home, checking on them twice a day. Two consecutive weeks, or two one-week periods. Available April 2014 to April 2015, by arrangement.

Donated by Janette Kessler

Value: \$150

Opening Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$5

#18 Four Hours of Research on Your Local-History Topic

Williamstown native Mike Miller offers research on any local history topic you choose. Creator of the Williamstown Research Group. The results can be presented in printed or digital form.

Donated by Michael P. Miller

Value: \$100

Opening bid: \$60

Bid Increment: \$5

#19 Four Hours to Organize your Closet

You have meant to “get around to it,” but now it’s overwhelming, and you just want it done. The director of the Williamstown Historical Museum (a neatness freak) will give four hours of close attention to your closet, at a mutually convenient time.

Donated by Sarah Currie

Value: \$120

Opening bid: \$80

Bid Increment: \$5

#20 Four Hours of Genealogical Research

Williamstown native David Primmer has had twenty years of experience working with genealogical data bases, census records, and other research tools. Maybe he can help you identify who your great grandparents were, or where they lived.

Donated by David Primmer

Value: \$200

Opening Bid: \$135

Bid Increment: \$10

#21 Four Hours of Weeding and Other Garden Work

Maybe your garden has just been neglected. Maybe you want to spare your nails. Maybe you want somebody to weed when you go on vacation. Experienced gardener can also remove or transplant shrubs.

Donated by Jeff Watson

Value: \$80

Opening Bid: \$55

Bid Increment: \$5

#22 One Hour of Architectural Help with both Burr and McCallum

You have an idea for re-modeling your house in the Berkshires, or adding a screen porch. An hour of inspiration and strategy from the local firm of Burr and McCallum Architects, who have designed many houses in Berkshire County, can help get you started. One hour with both Burr and McCallum, architects.

Donated by Andrus Burr and Ann McCallum

Value: \$300

Opening Bid: \$200

Bid Increment: \$15

#23 Two Hours of Computer Help

The donor, a professional software consultant, offers tech support for two hours, customized to your special needs. If you are a beginner, or if you want to expand your knowledge on email, internet browsers, networking issues, backing up data, or virus protection, our donor will help you understand your options.

Donated by Joe Bergeron

Value: \$200

Opening Bid: \$135

Bid Increment: \$10

#24 Two Hours of Editing Services

Professional editor/journalist offers two hours of editing services for your English-language manuscript – assistance in accuracy, polishing your content, proofreading.

Donated by Dusty Bahlman

Value: \$100

Opening Bid: \$60

Bid Increment: \$5

#25 Four Hours of Grocery Shopping

Donor will do your shopping, with your list and your money or credit card (or store card, so you get the points for gas.) Make your list, give her a call to check on availability, and she will deliver your groceries to your kitchen table. To be completed in the next year.

Donated by Rita Watson

Value: \$160

Opening Bid: \$110

Bid Increment: \$10

#26 Research the History of Your House

Using town histories, old maps, old street directories, and deed records, an experienced local historian (who researched and wrote the history of his own house), will provide three hours of directed work and coaching, including travel to the Registry of Deeds in Adams.

Donated by Dusty Griffin

Value: \$150

Opening Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$5

#27 Four Hours of Alterations by Experienced Seamstress

Alterations on your clothing, offered by Rita Watson, who owned and operated an atelier on Water St. for twenty years. Any time in 2014. Up to four hours.

Donated by Rita Watson
Value: \$150
Opening Bid: \$100
Bid Increment: \$5

#28 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons at Sand Springs Pool in Williamstown, by the Samuelson Swim Academy. Your choice of private (8 sessions) or group lessons (20 sessions). Arrangements to be made with donor, Carl Samuelson, long-time coach of Williams College swimming team.

Donated by Carl and Nancy Samuelson
Value: \$200
Opening Bid: \$135
Bid Increment: \$10

#29 Jewelry Appraisal

You're inherited a piece of jewelry and you want to know its value. You have an old piece of jewelry and don't know if it's costume, or what. You wonder how much you should insure it for. Professional licensed gemologist will give you up to two hours of assessment/appraisal on two items.

Donated by Ginny Granger
Value: \$250
Opening Bid: \$180
Bid Increment: \$10

#30 Body Work by Licensed Therapist

Three one-hour treatments, in your home, from Jeff Watson MA, CMT, with 14 years of experience. Treatments incorporate myofascial trigger-point therapy, medical massage, and other health-care modalities. Each session tailored to client's specific needs.

Donated by Jeff Watson
Value: \$240
Opening Bid: \$160
Bid Increment: \$10

#31 Four Hours of Gardening Work

Aimee Allen, landscape gardener, will design or maintain a garden – deep weeding, dead-heading, edging, mulching.

Donated by Jamie Art, Pat Greenberg, Moira Jones, and Susan Schneski
Value: \$80
Opening Bid: \$50
Bid Increment: \$5

#32 Appraisal Services

Experienced silver appraiser, Maria Siskind, will provide up to two hours of appraisal services on three items. Oral or written appraisal by mutual agreement.

Donated by Maria Siskind
Value: \$240
Opening Bid: \$160
Bid Increment: \$10

#33 Consultation with Nutritionist

Nicole Anagnos, M. Ed., board-certified (AADP) owner and health coach at Zen Tree Wellness offers free consultation and \$75 discount on food-intolerance test.

Donated by Nicole Anagnos
Value: \$150
Opening Bid: \$100
Bid Increment: \$5

#34 Private Tour of Williamstown Historical Museum

Museum Director and Curator will provide tour for eight of the current special exhibition and the permanent collection. Date and time to be arranged.

Donated by Williamstown Historical Museum
Value: \$250
Opening Bid: \$170
Bid Increment: \$10

Collectibles

#35 *The Night Before Christmas and Other Christmas Poems* (1908)

Book of poems illustrated by Hugo von Hofsten, and published by Brewer, Borse, and Co.

Donated by John Hyde
Value: \$85
Opening Bid: \$65
Bid Increment: \$5

#36 Illustrated edition of David McCullough's *1776*

Collector's edition, published by Simon and Schuster, of Pulitzer-Prize winner David McCullough's acclaimed book about the founding of the country. Includes letters, maps, and illustrations.

Donated by Brian O'Grady
Value: \$65
Opening Bid: \$40
Bid Increment: \$5

#37 Illustrated Russian Folktales, *Bylini. Volga*

Illustrated by Ivan Bilibin

This is a single tale about the adventures of the Kievan warrior or knight (in Russian, *bogatyr'*) Vol'ga (accent on the last syllable) and does not relate to the Volga River. *Bogatyri* were the heroes of early Russian epic folk tales and were renowned for their strength, cleverness, and exceptional exploits. This tale is part of what is known as the Kievan cycle of *bylini*, which allegedly dates from the Kievan period (11th-13th cc.). In this tale, Vol'ga and his retinue of warrior comrades eventually wind up somewhere in India, entangled with an Indian king and queen. The illustrations for this book were done originally in water colors and India ink.

Donated by Patricia Siskind

Value: \$900

Opening Bid: \$400

Bid Increment: \$25

#38 Vintage Lily Pulitzer Sport Jacket

Mid-70s vintage sport jacket, designed by Lily Pulitzer, size 42 long. Formerly belonged to Prof. Dudley Bahlman. Included is an emblazoned House of Walsh garment bag.

Donated by Dusty Bahlman

Value: \$150

Opening Bid: \$100

Bid Increment: \$5

#39 Chenail's Farm-fresh Products: \$100 gift Certificate

\$100 gift certificate is good for locally-grown flowers and plants in season.

Donated by Donna Chenail

Value: \$100

Opening Bid: \$60

Bid Increment: \$5

Dinners

Arrangements to be made with donor

#40 Dinner Party on Bulkley Street for Eight

Williamstown Historical Museum Vice-President Rita Watson will prepare cocktails and dinner (with wine) for eight, in her home in Williamstown.

Donated by Rita Watson

Value: \$500

Opening Bid: \$345

Bid Increment: \$20

#41 Take-out Indonesian Dinner for Eight to Ten

Dutch native Adriana Brown will prepare a traditional Dutch-Indonesian *rijsttafel* for eight to ten people. A *rijsttafel* (literally, “rice table”) is an elaborate meal with all sorts of dishes (meat, rice, vegetables).

Donated by Adriana Brown
Value: \$100
Opening Bid: \$60
Bid Increment: \$5

#42 Dinner Party on Prospect Street for Eight

Susan Stetson Clarke will prepare cocktails and dinner for eight at her home on Prospect Street in Williamstown.

Donated by Susan Stetson Clarke
Value: \$500
Opening Bid: \$345
Bid Increment: \$20

#43 Take-out Burmese Dinner for Four

Burmese native Marlar Myint will prepare a take-out Burmese dinner (a little bit Chinese, a little bit Indian) for four.

Donated by Marlar Myint
Value: \$50
Opening Bid: \$35
Bid Increment: \$5

This and That

#44 Golf at Taconic, with Lunch

Choose your day to play a round of golf with a friend. Your winning bid includes lunch for two at Taconic Golf Club restaurant.

Donated by Tom Bleezarde
Value: \$175
Opening Bid: \$120
Bid Increment: \$10

#45 Maple-Sugaring Outing for Eight

Bring the kids and grandkids and join Sam and Brenda Smith at their sugar shack on Oblong Road for some maple-sugaring fun. Learn how the trees are tapped, how the sap is piped to the sugar house, how much sap it takes to make a gallon of syrup, and much more. (You can also meet our goats and chickens.) Includes maple-sugar treats, and hot cocoa or coffee. A pint of our own Smith's Maple Syrup is also included.

One-hour outing, for up to eight people. Available in March 2014 or 2015, when the sap is flowing. Date and time to be arranged with Brenda Smith.

Donated by Sam and Brenda Smith

Value: \$175

Opening Bid: \$120

Bid Increment: \$10

#46 Festive Spirits (the kind you can drink)

Gift basket with five bottles of liquor: Black Velvet Canadian Whiskey; I. W. Harper Kentucky Bourbon; Bacardi Gold Puerto Rican Rum; Jack Daniel Sour Mash Whiskey; Schenley Reserve Blended Whiskey.

Donated by Martha LaCroix Dailey

Value: \$100

Opening Bid: \$60

Bid Increment: \$5

#47 Weekend Wagon Ride for Eight

Choose a half-hour on a weekend any time from September 1 to October 31, 2014, for an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon ride at Sweetbrook Farm (Oblong Rd.) for up to eight people.

Donated by Dave Larabee

Value: \$100

Opening Bid: \$60

Bid Increment: \$5

#48 Five Day-Passes to Sand Springs Pool

Enjoy five one-person day passes to Sand Springs, starting when the pool re-opens, summer 2014.

Donated by Sand Springs Recreational Center

Value: \$50

Opening Bid: \$35

Bid Increment: \$5

#49 Reversible Cutting Board with Small Bowl, Scraper and Fork

Made in the USA of maple, cherry, and walnut. Container of rub included. From New Hampshire Bowl and Board.

Donated by Paul Silberman

Value: \$40

Opening Bid: \$25

Bid Increment: \$5

#50 Swiss Cheese Board with Mouse Spreader

Made in the USA of hard maple. Hand-finished with food-quality rub. The cheese board 11" x 8". From New Hampshire Bowl and Board.

Donated by Paul Silberman

Value: \$35

Opening Bid: \$20

Bid Increment: \$5

#51 Mouse Shaped Cheese Board with Spreader

Made in the USA of hard maple. Hand-finished. From New Hampshire Bowl and Board.

Donated by Paul Silberman

Value: \$35

Opening Bid: \$20

Bid Increment: \$5

#52 A Bit of Mt. Hope Farm

Two blankets made from Mt. Hope wool and a glass honey jar especially made for Mt. Hope. Blanket dimensions: 67" x 82" (twin or full)

Donated by John Hyde and Patricia Siskind

Value: \$175

Opening Bid: \$120

Bid Increment: \$10

#53 The Art of the French Illustrated Book, Volumes I and II

There are 395 books featured in this two volume set. Each book is illustrated at least once. Published in English. Two volumes. Pierpont Morgan Library, printed by Cornell University Press, 1982. Paperback books.

Donated by Williams College Archives

Value: \$60

Opening Bid: \$40

Bid Increment: \$5

#54 The Art of Cartography

Edited by David Woodward

Six historical essays. One is written by Samuel Y. Edgerton, Jr., Williamstown resident and historian. The book includes striking illustrations which include representations of different map making techniques including engraved artworks. In many of the works, vignettes of the town are illustrated and some maps are in color.

Book inscribed by editor.

Donated by Williams College Archives

Value: \$55

Opening Bid: \$35

Bid Increment: \$5