

AUCTION INTRO

The St. John's Holiday Bazaar is right around the corner. To get you prepared for one of the most-looked-forward-to events of the holiday season, be sure to check this advance copy of the Silent and Live Auction items up for bid.

TIPS & HINTS FOR BIDDING & BUYING

SILENT AUCTION: When you arrive at the Bazaar tent, you'll find the Silent Auction items on view at the rear of the tent. Place your name and the amount you're bidding on the Sign-Up Sheet in front of the item. If you really want something you're bidding on, be sure to check back in before closing on Sunday December 3 at 2pm.

LIVE AUCTION: For those attending the Preview Party on Friday December 1, you can check out the Live Auction items at the rear of the tent. The Live Auction will commence at 7:15. A trumpet salute will call you to the center of the tent where Jane Whitney will be up on a platform (you can't miss her) and will command our attention (after all, it's Jane and attention must be paid).

GROUP BUYING: We've got some great group experiences up for sale both in the Silent and Live Auctions. If you find one that tickles your fancy, our hearty recommendation is to round up your friends, in advance of the Bazaar, so you can collectively buy one of these adventures. For the Silent Auction, the procedure is easy: Write down the names of the members of your group on the Sign-Up Sheet. For the Live Auction, stand ready to bid!

THIS YEAR'S AUCTIONEER: **JANE WHITNEY**

Who better to cajole and implore all Preview Party participants to dig deep into their wallets than our very own Jane Whitney. As Jane will be the first to tell you, besides the opportunity to snag a one-of-a-kind item or experience (often well below retail value, thanks to our generous underwriters), every penny goes to support our beloved Saint John's.

Many of you know Jane Whitney as the moderator of the topical speaker series "Conversations on the Green" and as the writer of the much read "Don't Tread On Us" political blog.

Jane's command of an audience comes from a 25-year career in television, most famously as the host of the Warner Bros. nationally syndicated TV program "The Jane Whitney Show." After which, she was dubbed "a recovering talk show host" by New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd. She was a correspondent for NBC News based in Central America and a reporter for "Entertainment Tonight." She also anchored broadcasts for PBS, CNN and CNBC. Her political columns and social commentary have appeared in Newsweek, The New York Times Magazine and The New York Observer.

Currently, in addition to managing two family foundations which support services for domestic violence victims, the homeless and at-risk children, she is a consultant and special events producer for political campaigns and non-profit organizations including the Hunts Point Alliance for Children.



Live Auction

Ladies Lunch for Four at Charles Masson's Majorelle

(Starting bid: \$1,000)

If you've ever been to La Grenouille you remember the fabulous flowers, a signature of legendary restaurateur Charles Masson. Now Charles has left the family business to open his own French/Mediterranean



restaurant at the exclusive Lowell Hotel on the Upper East Side. Charles will welcome four lucky ladies to a four-star lunch, in one of New York City's most beautiful settings (yes, filled with his fabulous flowers). Clink your champagne glasses, because champagne is included, and the tip is covered.

When: To be mutually agreed upon.

Who's It For? Call three pals now and make a plan to buy it together, or treat three of your friends; they'll be nice to you for a long time to come.

Two Orchestra Seat Tickets for Wednesday, January 17th Evening Performance of "*Farinelli and the King*" - with Mark Rylance and Pre-Theater Dinner at Doubles

(Starting bid \$1,500)

Mark Rylance, widely regarded as the finest actor of his generation, is returning to Broadway in a new play, "*Farinelli and the King*", considered this season's "*Hamilton*". Why is it the hottest ticket in town? First, there's Rylance, winner of the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in "*Bridge of Spies*", three-time Tony Award winner and who can forget his Thomas Cromwell in Hillary Mantel's "*Wolf Hall*" on PBS. Then there's the play, sold out in London, which tells the true story of Phillippe V (Rylance), a Spanish monarch who finds unexpected solace in the voice of world-renowned castrato Farinelli. The production is presented in the signature style of Shakespeare's Globe



with baroque instruments played live and the story told by candlelight. A glittery New York evening with a pre-theater dinner at Doubles and transportation to and from the theater.

When: January 17, 2017 evening performance

Who's It For? Mark Rylance fans. Theater junkies. A holiday gift for your beloved or your best friend.

Mid Week Getaway at Glimmerglass Festival and Lodging for Two

(Starting bid \$1,250)

The Glimmerglass Festival, the renowned summer opera festival in Cooperstown, New York, is considered an opera lovers' special paradise. We have secured two prime orchestra seat tickets for a wonderful mid-week culture getaway July 23rd and 24th...with three stand-out performances: a new Italian language production of "The Barber of Seville" in a comedic staging by Francesca Zambello; "West Side Story", celebrating the 100th anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's birth; and a matinee performance of "New Worlds" with Bill Murray and Jan Vogler: a program featuring Murray singing and reading, and chamber music led by Jan Vogler. The program mixes readings and music by Twain, Hemingway, Whitman, Cooper, Bernstein, Gershwin and Foster. You will stay for two nights at Edgefield, an antique-filled bed & breakfast in the English country house tradition; a full breakfast and afternoon tea included. While you're there you can visit the charming village of Cooperstown and stop by the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Fenimore Art Museum.

When: Monday July 23 and Tuesday July 24th

Who's It For? Have a friend or relative who loves opera? Wrap it up and put it under the tree. And if you love opera, treat yourself to a weekday getaway.



A Week in London in a Chelsea Townhouse Flat

(Starting bid \$2,000)

Settle into a charming, veddy English one-bedroom flat with a terrace overlooking a garden near Kings Road. The bedroom with queen size bed and good closet space is quietly situated at the back with large French doors opening onto a pretty balcony with a small table and two chairs. The traditional drawing room is perfect for relaxing with afternoon tea or cocktails before the theater. The small kitchen is outfitted with oven, stovetop, fridge, dishwasher and washing machine. If choosing a week in May, two tickets for opening day of the Chelsea Flower show will be included.

Date: Available between January and May 2017; date to be mutually agreed upon with donor.

Who's It For? Two girlfriends for a shopping and museum and theater marathon. A couple who want a lovely vacation.



Pamper Your Trees for a Day with Arborist Russell Plumb

(Starting bid \$1,000)

Arborist Russell Plumb has taken care of trees at stately English manor houses and pruned trees outside the Tate Museum and the Houses of Parliament. Now that he's settled here in Kent with his company, Sawing High Climbers, imagine how he can shape up your landscape. Up for bid is 8 hours of tree care, as well as an initial consultation on site to assess and agree upon the work to be conducted. Included in this package and as time permits: pruning, cabling, cleanup, labor with truck and chipper. Russell is the New England Tree Climbing Champion, a member of the Kent Land Trust Stewardship Committee and wait until you hear his lilting accent.



When: To be used by December 15, 2018.

Who's It For: Anyone who loves trees and believes they deserve to be well-cared for or anyone whose home is their castle and has always dreamed that it should be surrounded by a perfectly groomed park.

A Week in the Perfect Nantucket "Cottage"

(Starting bid \$3,000)

Newly refurbished and chicly redecorated, the "Cottage," nestled in the premier Shimmo neighborhood, is set high on a hill overlooking beautiful and busy Nantucket harbor with deeded access to the water, which is just a short walk away. A quick bike or car ride (2.5 mi.) takes you to the center of town and bustling harbor. With its many stylish shops and premier restaurants, it is a shopper's paradise and a foodie's fantasy.

On the ground floor, the Cottage boasts a well-equipped kitchen, dining area with a harbor view, large living room, three bedrooms (one with twin



beds, one with two bunk beds and one with double beds), and two baths, a large deck for sunning, alfresco dining or sipping cocktails at sundown. The upstairs includes a large master bedroom with king size bed, a second bedroom with twin beds and a full bath. Large flat screen

TV and good, stable WIFI.

When: Available for one week: Saturday, June 9 – Saturday, June 16.

Who's It For? Perfect for a multi generational family holiday – Sleeps 8.

Mix it Up – Custom Cocktails & Canapes

(12 people / Starting bid \$1,000)

Give a chic cocktail party for eleven of your best friends in the glamorous setting of Lisa Coleman's designed-for-a-party home with a talented and knowledgeable mixologist creating traditional and new cocktails in theatrical style. Learn how it is done, all the while sipping samples and nibbling canapes.

When: Date to be determined by mutual agreement

Who's It For? Be the host or hostess with the mostest for the least amount of effort. Anyone who wants to enjoy an evening among friends in dazzling and fun style.



Asprey Sunflower Earrings

Replacement value: \$13,000

(Starting bid \$3,000)

These beautiful Sunflower Earrings in 18k yellow gold feature richly textured naturalistic sunflowers with 16 diamond dew drops. The diamonds are full cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.40 carats. The earrings were made in Asprey's London atelier in the early to mid 1990s. The earrings measure 30 mm in diameter. Super chic and highly collectible.



Who's It For? Any good man who wants to treat his wife to a gift that will make her swoon – and, hey, get his holiday shopping done at the same time! For women who buy their own jewelry; you know who you are.