

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.



Silent Auction

Louis Feraud Never-Worn Fox-Trimmed Cashmere Coat

(Opening bid \$350, with \$50 increments)

Come try it on. Swathe yourself in a luxurious cashmere coat the color of champagne with fox trim on the sleeves. The collar can be turned into a hood when, baby, it's cold outside. Size 10. You can try it on before the Bazaar at the Parish Office - 11am-3pm; or it will be available for try on at the Silent Auction booth at the Bazaar.

Who's It For: Husbands: Bring your wife by to try on this fabulous coat. Christmas anyone? Ladies: Treat yourself to a coat that will make you feel like a queen.



Ine's Indonesian Feast

(12 people / \$200 per)

You may have seen Ine Laverge on the cover of *Washington Magazine*. In addition to being the proprietor of the Hidden Valley Inn, one of the most beautiful homes in Washington ("like being in France," wrote one guest), she is renowned as one of the great cooks and hostesses of the county. The European culinary capital for sophisticated Indonesian food is Holland, Ine's home away from Washington. Enjoy a fabulous Indonesian inspired meal in a sophisticated and intimate setting.





When: April 29, 2018

Who's It For? Make It a Party: Consider buying out all 12 slots for a festive evening for you and your friends. Corral your friends now so you can do an early bird buy out.

Ready, Aim, Fire – Skeet Shooting with lunch at Sandanona

(6 people / \$175 per)

Orvis Sandanona, located in Millbrook, New York, is the oldest permit shotgun-shooting club in the country, and its sporting-clays shooting ground is ranked among the very best in the nation. You'll be taught the basics of clay shooting by Orvis certified teachers – who are extremely patient and used to teaching absolute beginners! And then it's off to lunch at the main lodge built during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson.



When: After April 20 2018 – a mutually agreeable date.

Who's It For? Ladies: Give this to the man in your life for Christmas (& maybe you want to go too). Family & Friends: If clay shooting is on your bucket list, round up some friends to make it a memorable outing.



Wouldn't It Be Lovely?..Sunday Matinee of MY FAIR LADY

(4 people, orchestra seats/\$500 per seat) Lincoln Center.

One of the greatest works in the American musical-theater canon, MY FAIR LADY, became (at the time of its original 1956-62 Broadway run) the longest-running show of all time. It's been 25 years since it was last revived in New York City, now it's coming to Lincoln Center.

Lauren Ambrose as Eliza and Harry Hadden-Paton as Higgins lead the cast. You may have seen Lauren Ambrose in Lincoln Center's Tony® award-winning revival of "Awake and Sing!" or as Claire Fisher in "Six Feet Under." Harry Hadden-Paton is most familiar to American audiences as Bertie (who married Lady Edith) from "Downton Abbey" and as the Queen's Private Secretary in "The Crown." Two-time Tony® winner Norbert Leo Butz will play Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle, and, drum roll please, Dame Diana Rigg will appear as Higgins' mother.



When: April 22, 2018

Who's It For? Let's face it: Everyone. So, run, don't walk to the Sign-Up Sheet to secure these coveted tickets.

Pizza Makes the World Go Round

(8 people / \$125 per)

Not everyone has a professional pizza oven in their kitchen, let alone a Rod Pleasants designed kitchen, but lucky for us, Ashleigh Fernandez does. Learn to make it, then eat it, while enjoying a glass of wine and Ashleigh's wonderful canapés. Word from last year's happy attendees is that the pizza making is easy and fun with toppings ready for you to choose (sorry, no throwing dough in the air).



When: February 24, 2018

Who's It For? Oh, come on, who doesn't like pizza.

And We Are Off to the Races at James' & Frank's

(12 people / \$150 per)

Isn't it time to toast the Races in true Southern style? Kentucky born James Booth revives his family recipes and together with Frank Arcarro serves up a traditional Derby Day feast: Mint juleps served in iced silver beakers at the starting gate, genuine country ham and biscuits in the winner's circle and, yum, blackberry jam cake and everything else that come with a classic Derby day dinner.



When: Sunday, May 5, 2018

Who's It For? Horse lovers, women who like to wear grand hats, men who like to bet and place – and lovers of superb food served in elegant southern style.

Portrait of the Pampered Pooch

(Opening bid \$300, with \$25 increments)

Here's your chance to get an original watercolor painting of your favorite pooch. Local artist Nancy Swoyer explains how she became the Pet Painter: "I love painting these wonderful creatures, pets, BFFs, counselors, playmates - from the pictures my customers send me. I really dial in to find what is essential about their precious pet. What makes them 'the best.' It is always the eyes, maybe a pose...but the eyes have it." All you need to supply is a photo of your canine friend in a pose you like. (Note: Be sure to focus on the face!) And, in return, you'll get a 9 x 12 matted portrait that is sure to be a treasured heirloom.



Who's It For? A great gift for a friend or relative who is besotted with their dog. Or give it to your own dog.

Back by Popular Demand...Fried Chicken for Dummies at Marty Rook's –

(8 people / \$150 per)



Run, don't walk, to sign up for this sold-out returning favorite of last year's auction. Who wouldn't love to know how to make the best fried chicken in Litchfield County, maybe the world? And Marty Rook, owner of New Preston Kitchen Goods, the premiere source for serious cooks in our neck of the woods, is just the man to teach the tricks of the perfect fried chicken. A true food aficionado, he trained at the Culinary Institute of America and worked at some pretty swell restaurants, Picholine and La

Grenouille, among them. Oh, and did we mention you'll sit down for a fried chicken dinner with your fellow cooks?



When: TBD

Who's It For? Anyone who dreams of fried chicken as the perfect food, - who likes crunch and a little spice.

A Year to be Beautiful – at the Litchfield Spa

(Opening bid \$500 for each treatment, with \$25 increments)

Swedish Massage (50 minutes) once a month for 12 months

Total Value \$1,140+

"Spa" Manicure/Pedicure once a month for 12 months

Total Value \$1,020+

Wash & Style twice a month for 12 months

Total Value \$1,200



Who's Is For? Anyone who likes to look beautiful...and pamper themselves!

A Wineophile's Dream – A Mixed Case of Wine Curated from an Exceptional Cellar

(Opening bid \$400, with \$25 increments)

Anyone who is lucky enough to know Michael Dennis can vouch that this is a man who in another life could have been a sommelier. Michael has chosen 12 rare vintages from his personal wine cellar for your enjoyment.



Who's It For? The wine lover in your life. Picture it: the whole case tied with a bow under the tree. Or, split it up for hostess-with-the-mostest gifts. Or, keep it for yourself and raise a glass, once, twice, thrice in the New Year.

Write in Style

(Opening bid \$175, with \$25 increments)

This iconic and elegant Montblanc in its original presentation case is a design that “writes history.” Deep black precious resin with gold-coated details surmounted by the white star emblem and finished with a handcrafted Au750 gold nib and gold-coated clip inscribed with individual serial number 115384. Retail value: \$935.00 - Meistegold coated 249



Who's It For? The discriminating scribe.

Get in the Spirits... Whiskey, Vodka & Gin Tasting Party with Barbecue Rib Dinner at The Litchfield Distillery

(20 people / \$150 per)

Drink local and eat hearty. David and Jack Baker take the best wheat, corn and barley from local Northwest Connecticut farmers to distill fine craft spirits, one batch a time. You'll go right inside their distillery to see how our beautiful fields of grain are turned into liquor in a bottle (just think: after this event, you'll know how). After the show-and-tell tour, join the party in their tasting room and sit down for a barbecue rib dinner.

When: TBD

Who's It For? Anyone who likes to eat drink and be merry!

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Upgrade Your Breakfast Table – Sterling Silver Egg Server

(Opening bid \$250, with increments \$25)

A unique silver soft-boiled egg cooker/server on stand. 10" high; holds 4 eggs.

Who's It For? Anyone who likes to begin the day in elegance.

