



UUCSJS

18th
Annual
Auction

Saturday, November 18, 2023

at the UU Center

6:30 pm



*Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of the South Jersey Shore*

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May the
BLUE BIRD of HAPPINESS
Visit This Year's Auction!



from

Marty Quish and Tony Zitelli

UUCSJS Sponsorship • *Frank Lloyd Wright* (1867-1959)



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I would I were alive again
To kiss the fingers of the rain,
To drink into my eyes the shine
Of every slanting silver line,
To catch the freshened, fragrant breeze
From drenched and dripping apple-trees.

~ a few lines from *Renaissance*
by EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY

Deb Dagavarian-Bonar UUCSJS Sponsor e.e. cummings (1894-1962)

Welcome to the Auction!

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore, welcome to our **18th Annual UUCSJS Auction**. The money raised on auction night will be used to support our liberal religious presence here in southern New Jersey. Last year's event was held in person after the difficult years of the pandemic, and we're grateful to be enjoying each other's company again this year.

On **Saturday evening, November 18, 2022**, the Sanctuary is transformed as festive tables display the auction's many enticements. Drinks and light finger foods will be on hand. Featured that evening once again will be the Live Auction conducted by long-time auctioneer, Paul Utts. Before the live action begins, you will enjoy bidding on Events, Services, Handmade Items and Other Items donated by our members and friends. And don't neglect the Chance Auction tables! Buy your tranche of Chance tickets as you enter and use them to win all your favorite items. Winning tickets are drawn on auction night.

You can preview auction offerings ahead of time in the colorful **18th Annual UUCSJS Auction catalog**. Catalogs will be emailed to members and friends the week before the event — **on or before Sunday, November 12** — and available on the UUCSJS website. A limited number of catalogs, photocopied in black & white, will also be available at the Center on Sunday morning, November 12.

As you check in on auction night itself, you will be issued a **18th Annual Auction Night Tally Sheet** to record your winnings. You will affix winning stickers to this sheet for each offering you win and this tally sheet will then be used at checkout to add up the amount you owe.

This annual event has never been possible without the generosity of many. It is definitely a big team effort. Thanks to all of you who have participated and helped already and who will do so up to and including auction night at the UU Center.

Most of all, thanks to those who have donated to the auction and to the generosity of members, friends, and family who will be in attendance and bidding enthusiastically.

Thank you so much for your support!




Who We Are...

Welcome to UUCSJS and Unitarian Universalism, a religion that celebrates diversity of belief and is guided by seven principles. Our congregations are places where we gather to nurture our spirits and put our faith into action through social justice work in our communities and the wider world.

Newcomers are welcome. There is no formal conversion process, so becoming a Unitarian Universalist is simply a matter of self-identification. Membership is voluntary and does not require renouncing other religious affiliations or practices.

We invite you to explore our website, www.uucsjs.org, and visit us on Sundays for a 10:30 a.m. service, and discover Unitarian Universalism!

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;*
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* 

Auction Volunteers

18th ANNUAL AUCTION COMMITTEE

Debbi Dagavarian, Betsy Searight, Judy Pereira,
and **Jess Dunn Safonof**, UUCSJS Administrator



Paul Utts, Auctioneer

Kit Marlowe, Auction Check-in & Check-out

Nick Bonar, Greeter

Betsy Searight, Events

Katy Cardwell, Handmade Items

Judy Pereira, Services

Marsha Hannah, Other Items

Colby Tippins, with **Tracy Simone, Kaulette Johnson, Pat Kennedy,**
Janet Longo, and **Marsha Hannah**, Chance Auction

Deb Dagavarian, Publicity

Judy Pereira, Auction Catalog

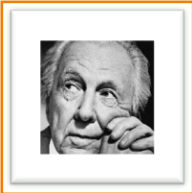
Marty Quish & Tony Zitelli, Bartenders Extraordinaire

Sue Parks & Julie Spradlin with **Richard Schurig**, Refreshments

John Brilla and helpers, Auction Set-up

Sponsorship

Our five levels of UUCSJS sponsorship are proudly named for famous individuals in Unitarian Universalist history.



- 1 \$500** — Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959)
~ American architect, designer, writer, and educator

MARTY QUISH & TONY ZITELLI



- 2 \$300** — Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888)
~ American author, Little Women (1868), Little Men, and Jo's Boys



- 3 \$100** — Charles Dickens (1812-1870)
~ English novelist and great social critic of the Victorian era

MARSHA HANNAH



- 4 \$50** — e.e. cummings (1894-1962)
~ American poet, painter, essayist, author, and playwright

**DEB DAGAVARIAN
KAREN YORK**



- 5 \$25** — Beatrix Potter (1866-1943)
~ English writer, illustrator, natural scientist, and conservationist

JUDY PEREIRA

Look for catalog pages with special messages from our UUCSJS sponsors.

Thank you very much for your support!



Auction Guidelines *cs*

The 18th Annual UUCSJS Auction starts officially at 7:00 PM on Sat., November 18, 2023, with doors opening for previews at 6:30. The Auction Committee reserves the right to withdraw any offering at any time without notice before the actual sale. Last minute events, services, or items may also be added to the auction offerings at any time up to and including auction night itself. In the event of any dispute, the Auction Committee shall act as final authority in determining the winning bid.

For the LIVE AUCTION: You may bid on any live auction item or service during the Live Auction on the evening of Sat., November 18 at the UU Center. *Minimum* or *opening bids* are usually noted with the offer and can be modified by the auctioneer at any time during the proceedings. Bidding continues until all items or services are sold (or the auctioneer closes the bidding on the item or service). Note that a bid duly acknowledged by the auctioneer is a legal contract to purchase the offering. (If you cannot attend in person, you may make use of the Proxy form found on page 9, below.)

For the EVENTS: You — or you and your partner — may sign up for one small dinner or other similar event during the first round of open bidding. This constraint is meant to give everyone present the chance to obtain a small dinner or similar event of their choice. After that first round is complete, you may sign up for any space which is open for any event up to the time bidding on Events officially closes. Winners will get an event sticker for their tally sheet if they win a spot at any event.

Any unsold auction events will be available for sign up and payment on the Sunday following the auction, and may then be offered later by special announcement and/or through Breeze, our church software program. Instructions for using Breeze will be forthcoming, if applicable.

For the SERVICES, HANDMADE ITEMS, and OTHER ITEMS: You may bid on any service or item at any time after the auction opens at 7:00 p.m. on auction night. *Minimum* or *opening bids* are so stated with the offering. Take note of multiple offers, if any, or whether the service or item is one-of-a-kind. Also, *please note that table monitors may modify opening bids up or down at their discretion as the auction proceeds* (except for Fixed Price items). Bidding continues until all bidding on Services, Handmade Items, or Other Items officially closes, at which time the highest bid wins. You will get a sticker from the table monitor to put on your tally sheet if you win. Signing the bid form constitutes a legal contract to purchase the service or item at that price.

For the CHANCE ITEMS: You can purchase Chance tickets at the ticket table as you enter the auction on auction night, as follows: **20 tickets for \$15** and **40 tickets for \$20.** (Each additional tranche of 20 is just \$10.) You bid on individual items by placing tickets in the container bearing the number of the item on which you want to bid. After time is officially called on Chance Items, a random drawing will be held to select the winners.

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Auction Guidelines (continued)

Payment

At the end of the evening you will present your **18th Annual Auction Night Tally Sheet** at the checkout table where you will settle your account and obtain a receipt. Your timely settlement of this amount due is expected and will be appreciated.

Item Pickups

If you are the winning bidder on any Live Auction, Chance, or any other Item, please take the item away with you on auction night. If this is not feasible, the item may be picked up from a downstairs RE classroom within the next fourteen (14) days. Although effort will be made to reunite items with the winning bidder, after time expires (and before Thanksgiving), items left behind may be removed and donated, unless special arrangements are made.

Winners of Services are responsible for contacting the donor, and vice versa, in order to arrange for and receive the services offered. Winners of Events will be so notified by the Events coordinator, and then later contacted by those who are offering the event.

Auction Events Cancellations

Event hosts will personally contact participants prior to their event to confirm attendance. If a guest, after signing up and paying, cannot attend an event on the stated date, it is the guest's loss. The host is under no obligation to make up the event for that guest.

If the host needs to cancel, for any reason (e.g., illness, inclement weather, etc.), the host will reschedule the event. If this is not possible, or not possible to reschedule when all guests can attend, those who cannot attend may request a refund from the UUCSJS Treasurer.

If the event does not have a planned date at the time of the auction, and the host cannot find a date that is acceptable to everyone who signed up and paid, the host should hold the event more than once, or in some way take responsibility to please all guests.

Terms of Sale

Unless otherwise noted, all certificates for goods and services must be used within one (1) year of the auction date. All items and services are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the donors.

All sales are final. There will be no exchanges or refunds. UUCSJS does not make any expressed or implied warranties or guarantees on auction items regarding quality or value of items or services. UUCSJS has attempted to describe and catalog all items correctly, but all items are offered and sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS."

UUCSJS neither warrants nor represents, and in no event shall be responsible for the correctness of descriptions, genuineness, authorship, provenance or condition of the items. No statement made in this catalog or made orally at the auction or elsewhere shall be deemed such a warranty for tax purposes or market value. Items have not been appraised unless otherwise noted.

Reservations for trips and vacation accommodations must be mutually arranged with the donor unless otherwise noted. No refunds will be allowed on travel packages for cancelled tickets and/or accommodations.

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Auction Guidelines *(continued)*

Terms of Sale *(cont.)*

By the buyer's purchase, the buyer waives any claim for liability against UUCSJS, its elected and appointed officials, members and employees, sponsors, volunteers connected with the auction, and/or the donor of the item. Neither the UUCSJS nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damage that may result from the use of the property or services.

Tax Information

This catalog lists the fair market value of each item, when available. Any amount you pay in excess of the fair market value would normally be available to you as a charitable contribution for tax purposes. Please check with your tax adviser for specifics.



Bidding By Proxy

If you cannot attend the auction, you can give this proxy to a friend and have them bid for you on any Live Auction item or service, or any other items not yet sold, *except that proxies are not permitted for the Auction EVENTS.*

I, _____ *(your name)* has empowered
_____ *(your designee)* to bid for me on
the items listed below.

Item # _____ Max. Bid _____ Item # _____ Max. Bid _____

Item # _____ Max. Bid _____ Item # _____ Max. Bid _____

Item # _____ Max. Bid _____ Item # _____ Max. Bid _____

Signed _____ **Date** _____



*Murray Grove Retreat Center
invites you to
a Heartwarming “Souper Supper” Fundraiser
featuring artist Gina Roché
Saturday, December 2, 2023 ~ 3-6 pm
\$50 per person*



Come join the fun, the music, and good company — all for a good cause. It will be a “stone soup” supper — we bring vegetables that will then be donated to “Just Believe” so they can make soup for hungry people. Murray Grove will provide us delicious soup and accompaniments. And we each take home a unique soup bowl.

Do join us for this festive early winter event by the fireplace at Murray Grove.

Link to register for this event can be found on first page of our website:

murraygrove.org

Live Auction!

#100 FAMILY PHOTO SESSION

David Weesner will work with the auction winner regarding schedule, location, and just what the winner envisions—formal, informal, or... ?



David has experience with individual, couple, family, and pet portraits. His offer includes two professional 8" x 10" full color prints.

Estimated value: \$200
Opening bid: **\$75**
Donated by: David Weesner

#101 Set of 7 HARMONICAS with LESSONS

Steve Merkel is offering all the "mouth organs" you've ever imagined, and private lessons to match!

Includes Major keys — ABCDEFG, 1st position, 2nd position, melody & blues, instructional booklet, and a touch of theory.



Estimated value: \$200
Opening bid: **\$75**
Donated by: Steve Merkel

#102 Basket of ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

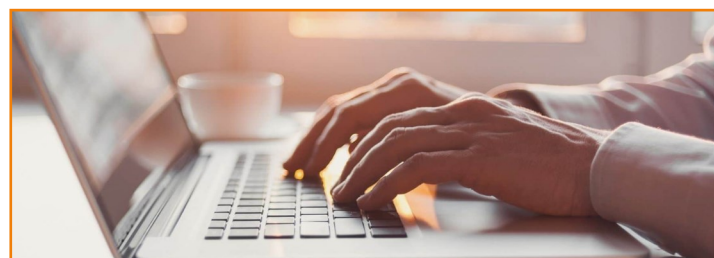
This remarkable basket is full of surprises, but also contains all the basics such as reusable bags, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc., etc. All packaged without plastic!

Estimated value: \$100+
Opening bid: **\$50**
Donated by: Marsha Hannah



#103 FAMILY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Don't let your family's oral history be forgotten! David Fenimore will record and transcribe to a Word doc up to two hours' worth of your stories and/or other memories, recollections, and other biographical detail. Using this document, you can easily create and publish an online or hard-copy family history.



David taught for many years a university-level storytelling class, and has spent countless hours recording, transcribing, editing, and preserving the stories told by his family and friends.

Estimated value: \$400
Opening bid: **\$150**
Donated by: David Fenimore

Live Auction! *(continued)*

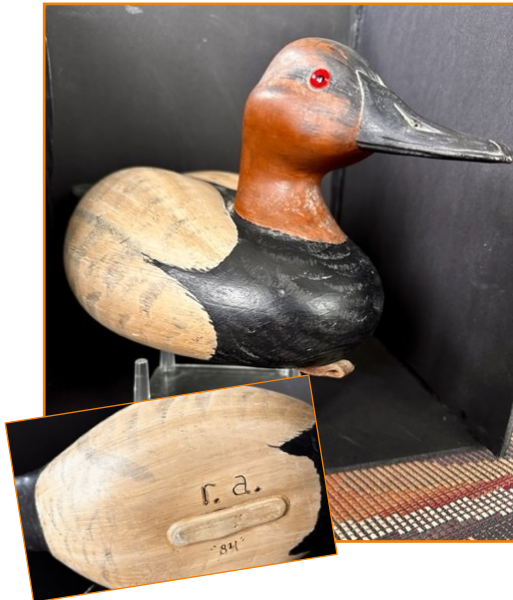
#108 2023-24 SEASON SUBSCRIPTION to Vineland Regional Dance Company

Win 2 tickets to a performance of The Nutcracker on **Sat., December 16, 2023**, and 2 tickets to the Spring Show on **Sun., March 3, 2024!**

Estimated value: \$140
Opening bid: **\$75**
Donated by: Jess Dunn Safonof



#109 Vintage DUCK DECOY



Be the new owner of this wonderful piece of vintage folk art signed by the carver!

Authentic duck decoy of a Redhead created in 1984 by well-known South Jersey decoy carver Russell Allen, who now resides in Virginia...

Estimated value: \$350+
Opening bid: **\$175**
Donated by: Miriam Pappas-Nemez

~from the Decoy collection of the late James Pappas, Jr.

The Redhead (*Aythya americana*) is a medium-sized diving duck.



Events

#200 FOOTBALL PUB NIGHT



Gather at the Taylors' home in Ocean City to watch the NFL Wildcard Game! Enjoy some tasty munchies and age-appropriate beverages while cheering on your favorite team. Some pub-style games will also be on the menu. ~Reserve your seat!

Offers: 10
Date: **Sunday, January 14, 2024**
4-8 PM
Place: Jeff & Marie's home in Ocean City
Cost: \$25 per person
Hosted by: Jeff & Marie Taylor

#201 BRUNCH in the GARDEN



Offered again this year! Don't miss this chance to mingle in Janet's exquisite garden and enjoy a bountiful brunch buffet in the pleasant company of friends. Be sure to join a garden tour! ~Come rain or come shine!

Offers: 16
Date: **Saturday, June 15, 2024**
10:30 AM
Place: Janet's home in Port Republic
Cost: \$25 per person
Hosted by: Janet Longo

#202 ARMCHAIR AFRICAN SAFARI DINNER

The nearest thing to being there!

Enjoy exciting photographs on the big screen



taken by UU friends on their recent African safaris. Hear stories of how it was to really be there on that storied continent!... Your buffet dinner menu will even mimic those enjoyed on safari, and will include vegetarian options.

Children are free when attending with a parent.

Offers: 16
Date: **Saturday, January 27, 2024**
5:30 PM
Place: The UU Center Sanctuary
Cost: \$35 per person
Hosted by: Betsy Searight & Judy Pereira



Events *(continued)*

#203 WINE TASTING FÊTE

Don't miss Paul and Helen Utts' popular Wine Tasting party! It's so much more than just the wine! You will delight in the multifaceted array of foods to suit any taste. Choosing your favorite wines and later learning their names and prices is all part of the fun!

~ If you've had the pleasure, come again.
~ If you've never had the pleasure, do sign up!



Offers: 25
Date: **Saturday, June 8, 2024**
Place: The Utts' home in Northfield
Cost: \$45 per person
Hosted by: Paul & Helen Utts

#204 "El Taco Grande" DINNER

This festive, convivial taco dinner party will feature beef, pork, chicken, steak, and (maybe) venison—with heaps of grilled vegetables, too, along with all the trimmings!

!Todos a su propio gusto!

Offers: 8
Date: **Saturday, February 17, 2024**
Place: Kaulette & Rick's home
in Minotola
Cost: \$35 per person
Hosted by: Kaulette & Rick Johnson



#205 Learn to Play MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese tile game which found its way to the U.S. about 100 years ago—and is still popular today.

If you like to play cards, you will love Mah Jongg! Playing pieces (and Pat's expert guidance)



will be provided as you learn the basic rules and strategies of the game!

Offers: Minimum 3, Maximum 12
Date(s): **Wednesdays**, dates TBD;
(either 12-2 or 1-3)
Place: The UU Center
Cost: \$25 per person for 6 lessons
Hosted by: Pat Kennedy

#206 SUSTAINABLE FOOD CELEBRATION



Join Jack & Jesse Connor for an evening celebrating local foods from area gardens and our local waters.

Southern NJ wine and beer will accompany this 4-course seafood dinner, which will begin with hors d'oeuvres and an optional garden tour.

Offers: 8
 Date: **Saturday, June 22, 2024**
 Place: Connors' home in Port Republic
 Price: \$45 per person
 Hosted by: Jesse & Jack Connor

#207 JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Debbi will teach four people how to make simple, constructed jewelry using wire findings and glass or gemstone beads. All materials and tools will be provided. You'll have access to Deb's treasure trove of beads and findings and you can create gifts for the special people in your life (or yourself!).



P.S. If anyone has their own set of pliers and cutters, kindly bring them!

Offers: 4
 Date: **Saturday, February 24, 2024**
2 PM
 Place: Debbi's home in Little Egg Harbor
 Price: \$40 per person
 Hosted by: Deb Dagavarian

#208 MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Remember how enthusiastically Mexican Train Dominoes was offered at the Auction by our dear friend, Arlene Yacka? In her memory we're continuing the practice — here's your chance to join in the fun!



Snacks and chocolate will be served, just as Arlene had always done.

Offers: 8
 Date: **Saturday, April 20, 2024**
1 PM
 Place: UU Center
 Price: \$20 per person
 Hosted by: Julie Spradlin

#209 KNITTING CLASSES

Have you been wanting to refresh your skills or take up knitting for the first time? Here's your chance,

with five classes offered by Peg Gillies. You will benefit from Peg's expert guidance and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow knitters.



Offers: 8
 Date: **To be arranged**
 Place: Peg's home in Cape May
 Price: \$25 per person for 5 lessons
 Hosted by: Peg Gillies

#210 'CONVERSATION STARTER' GATHERING featuring *Asian Fare*

Enjoy getting to know some of your fellow UUs in a relaxed outdoor setting on our wisteria-covered deck in Ocean City. Asian specialties will be served, such as dumplings, steamed rice paper rolls, and green curry, to include vegetarian options. Red and white wines are included.

We will get the conversation rolling with some stimulating, pre-selected questions that will allow us to learn more about each other and, hopefully, share some laughs. ~*What was one of your most unusual and/or unique jobs?* ~*If you could pick a super power, what would it be?* ... &c. It should prove to be an interesting night!

Offers: 8
Date: **Friday, June 14, 2024**
Place: Cardwells' home in Ocean City
Price: \$35 per person
Hosted by: Katy & Rob Cardwell



For Betsy:
May our many adventures
continue apace!

Judy Pereira, UUCSJS Sponsor
~ Beatrix Potter (1866-1943) ~

Services

#300 POWER WASHING

Kit Marlowe will clean dirty surfaces in (or on) your home using a high-pressure power washer.

You provide water and electricity. In up to five hours, Kit can clean 500 square feet of surface.



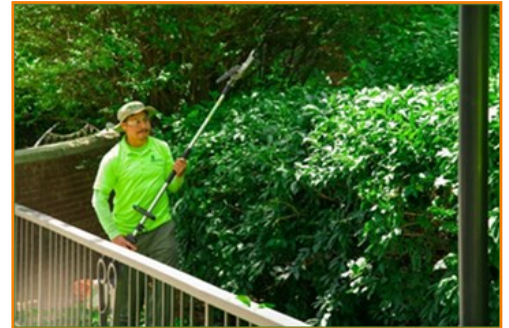
Offers: 1
Date: *By appointment*
Est. value: \$160
Minimum bid: **\$50**
Donated by: Kit Marlowe

#302 INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL

Kit Marlowe will share with you the experience he has gained protecting 20 acres of State Park from invasive plants in a three-hour hands-on tutorial.

Offers: 2
Date: *By appointment*

Est. value: \$100
Minimum bid: **\$30**
Donated by: Kit Marlowe



#301 TAX PREPARATION

Kit Marlowe will apply the experience he has gained completing hundreds of income tax returns in the last six years to your Federal and State personal tax returns. Returns for small businesses that don't involve inventory for sale are okay.



Offers: 2
Date: *By appointment*
Est. value: \$150
Minimum bid: **\$50**
Donated by: Kit Marlowe

#303 BEGINNER TAP DANCING

Here's your chance to fulfill a life-long wish! Let Gina Roché help make your dream come true... Sign up for this lively beginner tap dance class to be held in the UU Sanctuary

for 4 consecutive weeks—either on Saturdays OR on Sundays after the service—to be determined.



Offers: up to 10
Date(s): *To be determined*
Est. value: \$60 (\$15 per lesson)
Fixed price: **\$30** per person
Donated by: Gina Roché

Handmade Items

#400 Small pitcher/vase with lace pattern



Minimum bid: **\$15**
Handmade by:
Marie Taylor
Donated by: Marie Taylor

#402 3-piece set of small vases with blue rims



Minimum bid: **\$20**
Handmade by: Marie Taylor
Donated by: Marie Taylor

#401 3-piece set of leaf-pattern dishes



Minimum bid: **\$20**
Handmade by: Marie Taylor
Donated by: Marie Taylor

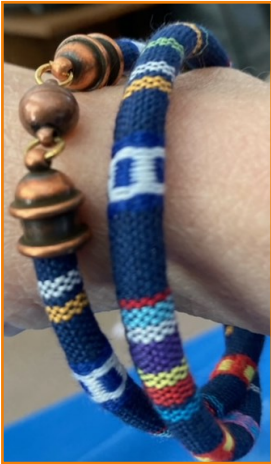
#403 Crocheted tablecloth (WHITE, 64" x 72")



Est. value: \$75+
Minimum bid: **\$25**
Handmade by: Marie Taylor's Mother
Donated by: Marie Taylor

Handmade Items *(continued)*

#404 Cloth bracelet with magnetic clasp



Est. value: \$8
Minimum bid: **\$5**
Handmade by:
Debbi Dagavarian
Donated by:
Debbi Dagavarian

#407 Handmade necklace

This handsome necklace in lovely shades of amethyst with wire-wrapped stone is sure to find a coveted spot in your jewelry box.

Est. value: \$75
Minimum bid: **\$35**
Handmade by:
Palma Merkel
Donated by:
Palma Merkel



#405 Green & silver chain maille bracelet

Est. value: \$40
Minimum bid: **\$15**
Handmade by:
Debbi Dagavarian
Donated by:
Debbi Dagavarian



#408 Set of 4 handknit baby hats



Minimum bid: **\$15**
Handmade by: Marie Taylor
Donated by: Marie Taylor

#406 Copper necklace — tri pendant

Est. value: \$18
Minimum bid: **\$10**
Handmade by:
Debbi Dagavarian
Donated by:
Debbi Dagavarian



Other Items

#500 2 Eddie Bauer FOLDING BEACH CHAIRS with carry bags



Light and portable, these two folding chairs would be useful to have stored in your car.

Est. value: \$40
Minimum bid: \$25
Donated by: Jeff & Marie Taylor

#502 Electric POPCORN POPPER

Gently used—and ready for those cozy winter nights ahead with nothing more appealing to do than watching all the old movies you always wanted to see! But, is the POPCORN ready yet?



Est. value: \$25
Minimum bid: \$10
Donated by: Marsha & Jerry Hannah

#501 FLATWARE SERVICE for 8

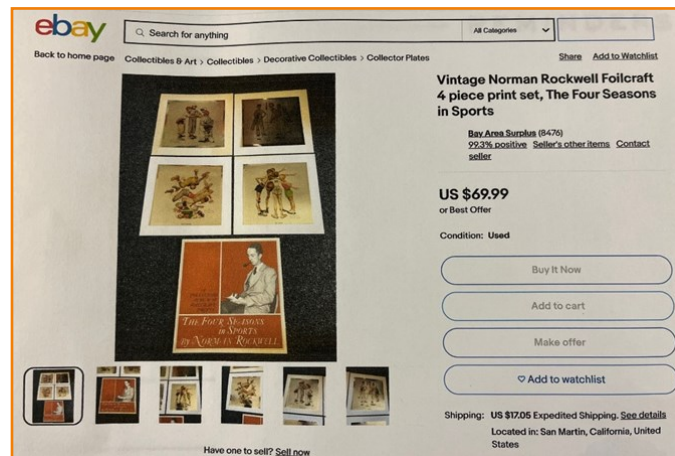
Attractive and versatile design! This handsome flatware set in original case also includes serving pieces.



Est. value: \$100
Minimum bid: \$50
Donated by: Jeff & Marie Taylor

#503 Vintage NORMAL ROCKWELL Foilcraft

This is a 4-piece print set entitled, "The Four Seasons in Sports." Buy at the auction and save on shipping! Would make a special gift... seen on e-Bay for \$69.99.



Est. value: \$70
Minimum bid: \$30
Donated by: Jeff & Marie Taylor

Be Seeing You at The Auction!



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