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25th Anniversary Auction for the Environment
Housatonic Valley Association
Benefit Auction

Sunday, November 8, 2015
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11 School Street
Washington Depot, Connecticut

Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction
1 p.m.

Tribute to Diane von Furstenberg
2 p.m.

Live Auction
2:30 p.m.

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We extend a special thanks to our media sponsors
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Today we honor all of you and celebrate an extraordinary woman – Diane von Furstenberg.

Twenty-five years ago, Diane joined HVA’s Board of Directors and decided that she wanted to create a way for everyone – shopkeepers, artists and craftsmen, restaurateurs, and donors at every level – to come together to conserve our beautiful Housatonic River Valley. Diane’s vision and leadership launched the Auction to Benefit the Environment.

Thank you, Diane, for all the wonderful new friends you’ve brought to our cause, including our passionate and charming Christine Baranski! Thank you for giving so much. And thank you all for making so much possible. You’ve conserved thousands of acres of forest and meadow, cleaned up hundreds of miles of river, restored dozens of cold water steams and wildlife habitat, delighted three generations of children and inspired their love of nature, and won tougher environmental protections at all levels of government.

So many achievements! And all because Diane had an idea 25 years ago – and you helped make it a reality. Thank you!
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3. All items must be removed by that evening by exhibiting a “Paid” receipt at the door.

CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

All goods must remain in the hall during the Live Auction. However, guests who wish to pay for their winnings before the end of the event may do so. If they must depart before the end of the Live Auction, they may pay and make arrangements for later pickup or delivery of items.
LIVE AUCTION

L-01  Basket o’ Cheer!
Something for everyone! Back by popular demand, this spectacular collection of wines presented by the HVA Board of Directors will enhance all of your holiday pleasures. Cheers!

L-02  Click Your Heels and Magic Happens!
Especially if those heels are Manolo Blahnik! Check it out yourself with a $500 gift certificate toward a pair of Manolo Blahnik shoes. Donated by George Malkemus.

L-03  A Diva in Her Own Right!
Many of us learned about the importance of having a pair of Manolo Blahnik heels in our closet through one woman – Carrie Bradshaw. Now you can find out how many pairs her creator, Candace Bushnell, has in her closet. Of course, when you’re having lunch with the critically acclaimed, international best-selling author, you’ll probably want to talk more about her mark on our literary, television and film worlds. Sex and the City (of course!), Lipstick Jungle and Killing Monica are just a few of her bestselling titles. Winner of the 2006 Matrix award for books, she’s also received the Albert Einstein Spirit of Achievement Award, and had her own show on Sirius Radio. Share a table here in Litchfield County with this very intelligent, very talented, very witty woman and you’ll have stories to tell, too. You’re gonna have fun!

L-04  Old World Elegance!
An extraordinary garden visit for 12! Enjoy this rare chance to see Robert Couturier and Jeffrey Morgan’s magnificent estate garden. You’ll have brunch and a lively tour of this exceptional garden with head gardener Clive Lodge – both entertaining and enlightening! Photos of the garden are permitted (no house photos, please). You will be inspired to new heights of gardening magic! And you can brag to your friends (who weren’t on your list) about the wonders you see when you share this autographed copy of Robert Couturier:
Designing Paradises. Visit from late May through June 2016 on a mutually convenient date with the donors.

L-05  **Puntacana Calling!**
Sometimes you’ve just got to get away where nobody knows your name but where everybody’s ready to wait on you hand and foot. You can do that with two nights and three days at ultra-glamorous Tortuga Bay. Located on five miles of pristine beachfront, Puntacana Resort & Club is a private enclave whose luxurious accommodations were meticulously designed by Oscar de la Renta. Your package for two in a junior suite includes breakfast at Bamboo Restaurant (alcoholic beverages not included) and a 50-minute Six Senses Spa signature massage for each of you. Perhaps one of Tortuga Bay’s most extraordinary offerings is the VIP service at Punta Cana International Airport where guests are met on the tarmac and swiftly escorted through customs before being whisked to the resort, just 10 minutes away, where you’ll meet your own personal Villa Manager and be assigned your own golf cart for your stay.

Terms: Your reservation will be subject to availability and is not available Easter Week, Christmas or New Year’s. The prize is valid until September 8, 2016 and non-transferable.

L-06  **Nice Fish – Nice Guy!**
Right now, Mark Rylance is performing back home in England but come next February 14 through March 3rd, he’ll be debuting his production of *Nice Fish* at the newly opened St. Ann’s Warehouse in Brooklyn. He wants you to come (with a friend – there are two tickets here) and he wants to meet you backstage after the show to say hello. Don’t miss this chance to see another powerful performance by this multiple Tony and Olivier Award winner. And also right now this actor, theatre director and playwright is wowing audiences in *Bridge Of Spies*, the Steven Spielberg drama starring Tom Hanks. Oscar buzz, anyone? An Academy Award might look nice among his collection.
L-07  Studio Style by DVF!
Enjoy a private guided tour of Diane von Furstenberg’s fabulous Manhattan headquarters. Steps away from New York City’s High Line park, the plain brick structure holds within a glittering, modern work space filled with natural light that shines down through a clear, six-story staircase. DVF Studio is an exemplary adaptive re-use project, meshing modern design and green elements. After your tour, stop in at DVF’s flagship store where you’ll have the help of an in-house stylist and your $1,500 gift certificate. Then you and your guest will be treated to lunch at the Standard Grill.

Terms: The $1,500 gift certificate may be spent at any DVF retail shop in the USA and must be redeemed in full on one (1) visit. Any remaining balance will be forfeited. Gift certificate may not be used to purchase DVF for H. Stern jewelry. Shopping spree and lunch must be completed within six months of purchase. Lunch is not to exceed the amount of $300.00 (tax and tip excluded), and is limited to two people. Diane von Furstenberg’s office must be contacted by winner within 30 days of this auction. Lunch reservation on desired date cannot be guaranteed if requested with less than two weeks prior notice. Gift certificate and lunch cannot be resold or re-auctioned. Donated by DVF Studio LLC. Studio Tours are not available on weekends.

L-08  A Reason to Stay Up Late!
So you can see yourself on Late Night with Seth Meyers! You laughed at his jokes and performances on “Saturday Night Live” and now you can laugh with three friends when you join the audience at a taping of NBC’s Late Night with Seth Meyers. And you get to go backstage after the show to meet the funny guy. Here’s a great opportunity for a fun night out in New York. Impress your friends! Enjoy yourself!

L-09  Hot Cross Bag!
Mark Cross, that is! Inspired by the brand’s rich heritage, dedication to fine craftsmanship and use of the finest leathers in the world, there’s never been a need for excess
hardware and logos. Customers know a Mark Cross product when they see one! Crafted in Italy out of premium calf leather, lined with the designer’s signature red cotton twill and finished with a stunning leopard print in soft calf-hair, this small tote is the epitome of the classic elegance for which Mark Cross is famous. Grab it!

L-10  Have a Seat!
You’re invited (six couples) to a most unusual home set on a hillside in the Kent woods for cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a tour. The home of George and Louise Beylerian is a treasure trove of contemporary art and design. They take their collecting seriously, so seriously that the latest addition to their home was designed to show off the couple’s vast chair collection. Any chair designed by the likes of Gaetano Pesce and part of a set surrounding a table by Pascal Mourgue is an artistic statement! Hardly surprising, since George Beylerian played a pivotal role in bringing Italian design to the American market. Of Armenian ancestry born in Alexandria, Egypt, our man of the world has worked in photography, drawing, sculpture, sound and poetry and won various awards for his designs and for his photography. Today he is acclaimed for his work in the field of high-tech, futuristic and environmentally-sound materials. But don’t be intimidated. When architect David Ling designed this house, he was told to make it a “fun house.” Come see for yourself and meet this fascinating couple amidst a medley of modern art and major design furniture and objects. Cocktail party is to be scheduled for any mutually agreeable weekend starting after April 21st, all of May and June 2016.

L-11  Maison Roux!
It’s a beautiful five bedroom, three and a half bath, 13th century limestone village home in the South of France which sits adjacent to the vineyards of Cahors in region known for its Malbec wines, foie gras, and black truffles. Soak in the panoramic views of rolling green countryside, sunflower fields, and herds of grazing ponies and donkeys.
Savor a late-summer rosé, warm and gooey goat cheese salad, and salmon with purple sea salt at a nearby restaurant. The house is a destination in and of itself, though activities nearby include everything from wine tasting and farm-to-table dining to water sports and river cruising. You’ll discover castles and ancient ruins, boutique shopping (the cashmere and wool clothes are divine), swimming, kayaking, biking, hiking, and much more. Maison Roux will serve it all up on a gold platter!

Designed for superb comfort, the three-story house is appointed with elegant antique and vintage furnishings. The house is ideal for up to five couples (not suitable for small children, the elderly or handicapped) and also boasts a gourmet kitchen, laundry, WiFi, iPod docking/CD station, telephone, fireplaces and TV. Bedrooms are one king bed master suite with private bath, two queen bedrooms sharing a bath, and a double bedroom and a bedroom with twin beds sharing a bath.

Please note: The owners strongly recommend having a car for this vacation. Available from Saturday to Saturday year-round.

L-12 Micro-Distillery=Maximum Taste!
Here’s an opportunity to show off your good taste. You and 24 of your closest sippin’ pals are invited to sample the Batchers’ series at the Litchfield Distillery, Connecticut’s newest micro-distillery. The series includes three handcrafted, premium spirits: Batchers’ Bourbon Whiskey, Batchers’ Double Barreled Bourbon Whiskey, and Batchers’ Gin. And since spirits are best sampled with food, hors d’oeuvres are included. The Distillery folks say: “Our mission is to produce exceptionally distilled spirits handcrafted from the highest quality, regionally harvested grains.” Your mission is to have the winning bid on this sensational offer! Donated by Jack and Pam Baker and the Litchfield Distillery.
L-13  **French Chic in NYC – Baccarat!**
Baccarat brings modern French luxury to a hotel in mid-town Manhattan. You and a companion will enjoy a two-night stay in their grand classic king room, a sophisticated mix of modern and traditional styles. Known for the perfection of crystal, Baccarat Hotel brings this artisanship to their hotel and to their service. While you’re there, indulge in the exclusive amenities including the world’s first Spa de La Mer, a 55-foot marble swimming pool; cocktails in the barrel-vaulted bar; and of course, dinner for two at the Chevalier Restaurant. Savor cuisine prepared by Michelin-starred Executive Chef Shea Gallante. When you step outside...if you do...you’ll find yourself right opposite MoMA and only 2.4 miles from Central Park. Très chic! Très hip! Très fun! Donated by Baccarat Hotel & Residences New York.

L-14  **Solo Express!**
This year’s solo canoe is another classic designed and built by award-winning Hilary Russell of Berkshire Boat Building School in Sheffield. She’s sturdy and comfortable with an open feel. At 11’ 8” with a 28” beam, she weighs only 20 pounds. The ends are fine and narrow, making the boat sleek and fast. The stems are upright, thus lengthening the keel line and helping her to track beautifully. Crafted from spruce, white pine, northern white cedar with mahogany cedar used for the backrest and thwart, she has floorboards of Douglas fir. The “skin” on this beauty is eight-ounce polyester. The package includes an AquaBound double paddle. Raise your paddle to win this one!

L-15  **Focus on the Flowers!**
Eight of you will be part of a hands-on photography workshop in Linda Allard’s gardens with a gourmet lunch, too! Premier photographer Rich Pomerantz will conduct this workshop next summer. The class will start by 8 a.m., to catch the early morning summer sun, and will include explanation of camera workings and composition and light, with a gentle critique of participants’ work during
lunch in Linda’s cinema room while you feast on lite
fare from Marty’s Café in Washington Depot. Bring your
digital camera (with its manual), preferably not a cell
phone. Mr. Pomerantz’s images have appeared in National
Geographic publications and periodicals like Horticulture,
Fine Gardening, Organic Gardening, Coastal Living and
Traditional Home. He’s conducted classes at the New
York (and other) Botanical Gardens, The Massachusetts
Horticultural Society, and at his studio in New Milford.
And he’s held photography workshops in Costa Rica and
Cuba and has published three books of his photographs.
Click! You’re making magic! His website is at www.
richpomerantz.com.

L-16 A Night at the Club!
If you do nothing else today, make this date. Join Christine
Baranski, Peter and Paula Gallagher, Heather Watts and
Damian Woetzel for an evening of dinner and chatter at
Lake Waramaug Country Club. This veteran theatrical
group of pals invites two of you to be their guests. Your
evening of show chat, movie chat, ballet chat…whatever
chat…will happen next summer or fall so you can take
advantage of amazing views over the lake.

L-17 A Visit from the Johnny Appleseed of Warren
You may have seen the latest issue of Litchfield Magazine
featuring our own Christine Baranski on the cover. Well
another local star is also featured inside – orchardist
and owner of Montgomery Gardens in Warren, Peter
Montgomery. He’s chosen three heirloom apple trees from
the selection he’ll be planting at Eric Sloane Museum
in May 2016 and offers to plant them for our winning
bidder. These trees are historically correct in that they were
widely available in New England circa 1805. Heirloom
apples trees of this caliber and size, three to four years old
and well-branched, are rarely available at garden centers
and not available in catalogs. They’ll produce increasing
amounts of fruit for fresh eating and cider. At maturity
these trees can easily produce 75 - 100 lbs. of fruit with
proper organic care and pruning. Your package includes a meeting, consultation and installation of an Espopus Spitzenburg, a Newtown Pippin (the oldest commercially grown variety bred in the USA), and a Roxbury Russet.

**L-18**  **Bordeaux!**

Do you love wine? Do you love being immersed in the heart of one of the world’s most acclaimed wine regions? Then this 1850’s Gironde-style stone home in France’s Bordeaux countryside is perfect for you! Enjoy a weeklong stay (six nights) in this three bedroom, two bath house situated near Saint-Émilion in southwest France. From your garden table, gaze upon sunny hillsides and vineyards which provide the picture perfect complement to your strolling, biking and sipping pleasure. The owners tell us that renting bicycles is a popular way to get around.

Nearby Saint-Émilion has a history dating back to prehistoric times. The village is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it is filled with fascinating Romanesque churches and ruins stretching all along steep and narrow streets. While the Romans may have planted the first vineyards in the region as early as the 2nd century, the town was named after the monk Émilion, a travelling confessor who settled there in the 8th century. It was the monks who followed him that launched the wine production of the region. Make your plans for the spring or summer of 2016. The property is ideal for two couples or five adults; not recommended for children. Donated by the owner.

**L-19**  **A Fond and Funny Farewell!**

Crystal Rock, LLC is giving four of you the once in a lifetime experience of seeing the final Connecticut performance of the legendary Garrison Keillor hosting the iconic radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*. Join Keillor and his talented guests and stable of regulars at the Palace Theater in Waterbury on Saturday, November 21st for the laughs and farewells from the characters we have loved for over forty years. Don’t miss the latest, and last,
news from Lake Wobegon broadcast from Connecticut! For more information on the show please visit: http://www.palacetheaterct.org/shows/special-events/prairie-home-companion-garrison-keillor/

L-20 The City of Light Beckons!  
Enjoy a luxurious three-night stay in Diane von Furstenberg’s private Paris apartment. Ideally located in the heart of the Saint-Germain-des-Pres neighborhood on the city’s Left Bank, the apartment affords breathtaking views of the River Seine and is just steps away from the best that Paris has to offer. Stroll to lunch or dinner at one of the city’s famed eateries – Café de Flore and Café Deux Magots are just steps away – or spend an afternoon shopping at the iconic Le Bon Marché. Within walking distance you’ll also find the Louvre, Musée D’Orsay, Jardín des Tuileries, Jardín du Luxembourg and the Pont des Arts, so you and two guests will experience the City of Light in all of its glory.

Terms and conditions: All efforts will be made to accommodate winning bidder’s date requests. Desired date cannot be guaranteed if requested with less than two months’ notice. Blackout dates may apply due to local holidays or owner in residence. Please note this item is for accommodations only. Expiration November 9, 2016. Exclusive to winner plus two guests maximum. Item cannot be resold.

L-21 Lunch with the Ladies!  
We imagine that having lunch with the delightfully entertaining duo consisting of actress/activist Susan Saint James and real estate mogul Carolyn Klemm will be a high-energy affair. Two of you can join these two dynamic women at a local eatery and then perhaps the wisest course of action would be to just listen and learn, my dears. To be arranged for a mutually agreeable date the first two weeks of December 2015 or in the spring (after mid-April) of 2016.
L-22  **Wolf Eyes Dogwood!**
The master gardeners and our dear friends at Kent Greenhouse & Gardens offer a spectacular 8- to 10-foot Wolf Eyes Variegated Dogwood. Showing off with up to six weeks of white blooms in the spring to a light pink fall color, this tree promises to never stop giving you pleasure. *Cornus kousa* has variegated foliage in the autumn with the leaves developing streaks of color ranging from pink to red. Raise your bid card to have Kent Greenhouse and Gardens, widely known for their high quality plants and installation, deliver and plant your Wolf Eyes Dogwood within a 25-miles radius of Kent.

L-23  **Quiet on the Set!**
See the action for yourself on the set of CBS’s “The Good Wife” with co-star Christine Baranski. Come see how the powerful Diane Lockhart owns the scene. Then experience the warmth and charm of the real Christine when she stops by for a chat with you and your companion. And you’ll get to see some of the folks who signed this script from an episode of “The Good Wife” for you. This is your priceless opportunity to be Christine’s special guest on the set – don’t miss it!

L-24  **A Walk in the Garden**
George Schoellkopf invites you and your party (a total of twelve adults) for a visit next summer to Hollister House in Washington, Connecticut to tour this garden, a preservation project of the Garden Conservancy. You’ll also have a private tour of his 18th century house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, containing collections of 18th century American antiques and art from his career as a dealer and gallerist in New York. Drinks and canapés will be served on the terrace overlooking the gardens. Sounds divine, doesn’t it? Date to be determined by mutual agreement. Visit must take place between June 1 and September 1, 2016.
L-25  **Tarry a While at Derrylea!**  
Our hosts describe this vacation as offering “ample opportunities for biking, hiking, and, of course, pub hopping.” Piques our interest. Up to five of you will spend a week in a charming three-bedroom home overlooking the sea just outside the hillside village of Castletownshend in West County Cork. After a day spent exploring some of Ireland’s most desirable destinations – Kerry, Blarney and Kinsale – you can relax in front of the fireplace in the living room. The house also has a formal dining room, a fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher and washer/dryer, and a downstairs powder room. Upstairs you’ll find the master bedroom with a double bed, fireplace, and en suite bathroom. The second bedroom has a double bed and fireplace and shares a full bath with the single bed third bedroom. All bedrooms overlook formal gardens and have spectacular views of the ocean. Castletownshend is only four miles from the market town of Skibbereen and is conveniently accessible by two major airports. Oh. Did we mention that there’s “ample opportunity for pub hopping?”  
Donated by Tom Bechtle, Don Bachman and John Green.

L-26  **Dinner at The Waverly Inn!**  
Here’s your chance to dine at the exclusive, cozy and quaint Waverly Inn! At the Vanity Fair publisher’s Greenwich Village eatery, you will dine on fine cuisine and dish on the Manhattan glitterati. All eyes will be on you, of course. How thrilling! Be part of the smart set and smile for the paparazzi. And if you can give enough notice, the great man himself, the one and only Graydon Carter, will stop by your table to pour your wine. Donated by Graydon and Anna Carter.

L-27  **Shining Light Bracelet!**  
Woven by hand in Ojai Valley, California, every pearl and silver section in our cuff bracelet has been ethically sourced using Fair Trade practices that do not harm people, animals or the environment. It consists of over a thousand pieces of semi-precious freshwater cultured pearls and oxidized sterling silver. The three-and-a-half inch cuff adjusts from
7 to 7¼ inches. Donated by the Gilded Lily in Woodbury, they tell us that the designer, Love Heals, will plant 10 fruit-bearing trees with the purchase of this unique piece.

L-28 **Kent Shopping Extravaganza!**
Don’t you just love to noodle through all the great shops in the village of Kent? You’ll have all the reason in the world to make multiple trips now because you can’t possibly use up all these fabulous gift certificates in one day. Many of these shopkeepers have been supporting this auction since its very beginning. This time out, in honor of our 25th Anniversary, they’re joining forces to entice you to their fair village. Here are the contributors to your $1200 package: B. Johnstone Studio, Backcountry Outfitters, Country Clothes, Fife & Drum Gift Shop, Foreign Cargo Limited, House of Books, J. J. Grogans, Kent Coffee & Chocolate Co., Main Street Antiques & Koblenz & Co., N. M. Watson Wild Bird Supply, No. 109 Cheese & Wine, Panini Café, Rolling River Antiques, So Delicious Home Made Bakery, Tea & Dreams LLC, and Terston Home Accents & Womanswear.

L-29 **Dinner Under the Stars With a Star!**
She’s an actress, she’s an activist, she’s a Board member, she’s an Auction chair, she’s a mother (and shh…even a grandmother but a rather glamorous one), and she’s a perfectly charming hostess. Christine Baranski invites two couples to join her next summer at her lakeside home in New Preston. Bid now for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres on the dock, scintillating conversation, a good laugh or two, and a scrumptious dinner with Christine during the summer of 2016.

L-30 **San Franciscan Nights!**
And Sonoma Days! Only here can you combine two nights in San Francisco with two passes to spend a full day learning the limits of the Audi S Models…are there any limits?…on the Sonoma Raceway. The professional driving coaches at the Sonoma Raceway will spend the day with
you providing classroom instruction, paddock-based car-control exercises and three lapping sessions on the raceway. You’ll drive an impressive lineup of Audi S models, including the Audi TTS, S4 and S5 on one of America’s most challenging racing circuits. Then head back down to San Francisco where you can freshen up in your Nob Hill pied-à-terre before exploring one of America’s most romantic cities. Please plan trip to take place after January 1, 2016.

L-31 Act With Speed!
On this amazing $5,000 gift certificate from Expedia! You have to book by November 30, 2015 for your trip ANYWHERE to take place by November 9, 2016 and completed by November 30, 2016. This single-use coupon is valid for a discount of up to $5,000 off one “pay now” hotel room booking or a package that includes a flight and one hotel room booking. (Cannot be used for airfare only.) Here’s how it basically works: Go online to either create or sign in to your existing Expedia account. After you select your booking, use the “I have a coupon” link on the booking summary page. Please enter the code you see on your gift certificate. ANYWHERE! Hawaii! Australia! London! We repeat – ANYWHERE! Donated by Expedia.

Terms: Limit one coupon per single booking. Booking must cost at least $500. The amount due on any hotel or hotel + airfare booking in excess of $5,000 is the responsibility of the customer. Bookings are subject to availability at the time of booking and applicable terms and conditions. Coupon is non-transferable and is not to be combined with or applied to other coupons, promotions, special offers or air-only bookings. All taxes, fees, charges, and surcharges applicable to the booking, including – without limitation – extra person, parking, phone and other charges are applicable to your reservation, and coupons cannot be applied to them. These charges must be paid at the time the reservation is confirmed or to the hotel directly, and they are the responsibility solely of the customer. Coupon cannot be applied to the cost of cancellation or change penalties, prepaid.
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L-32 Finishing the Hat!
Full title: *Finishing the Hat: Collected Lyrics (1954-1981)* with *Attendant Comments, Principles, Heresies, Grudges, Whines and Anecdotes*. Isn’t that wonderful?! Stephen Sondheim’s lyrics have become synonymous with musical theatre and popular culture. In *Finishing the Hat* you’ll find a collection of his lyrics, his observations, his regrets, his successes AND his signature as well as that of Meryl Streep…star of the film version of *Into the Woods*. Both are pillars of American theatrical culture and both are co-chairs of this year’s Auction.

L-33 Life Will Be Great When You’re Downtown!
Come stay for two nights in luxury accommodations, have dinner at *ATRIO* and explore Manhattan from the Financial District at the luxurious Conrad New York. Overlooking the Hudson River in Battery Park City, the Conrad New York is close to some of the city’s most iconic landmark neighborhoods, including TriBeCa and SoHo. This all-suite hotel features a spectacular atrium and 2,000 pieces of stunning artwork on display throughout the hotel, providing an elegant escape from the bustle of the city. The Statue of Liberty, the National 9/11 Memorial Museum, Wall Street and the Brooklyn Bridge are all easily accessible from
here. In addition to your two-room suite, you’ll experience the pinnacle of downtown New York fine dining at ATRIO Wine Bar & Restaurant.

L-34  **All We Need is a Plan!**  
If you act now, then next summer you’ll be that much closer to the garden of your dreams. YardApes, Inc., voted one of the top 12 landscaping companies in the United States by Total Landscape Care magazine, will design your new garden and offers a $1,000 credit toward installation and/or plants. A three-hour on-site consultation with a licensed Landscape Architect begins with a pre-visit phone interview and includes hand sketches of the design and a plant list. Valid for areas as far north as Sharon, Cornwall and Goshen, as far east as Bethlehem (Litchfield County) and Oxford (New Haven County) and as far south as Greenwich (Fairfield County).

L-35  **Tea for Two Hundred!**  
We have two tickets for the 19th annual Tea for Two Hundred garden party gala benefit in July 2016. The proceeds from this social event of the season support the New Milford VNA Hospice Program and the Interfaith AIDS Ministry of Great Danbury. Your tickets give you VIP parking and a personal server at the party held in the beautiful gardens of the Washington Depot home of Gael Hammer and Gary Goodwin. Don’t forget to wear white!

L-36  **Coffee Klatsch Skinny!**  
So here’s your chance to make a coffee date with Sam Waterston and get the skinny on that rumor last spring that NBC was looking to do a revival of its 20-year hit *Law & Order*. Wouldn’t you love to see him reprise his tenacious Jack McCoy character? Or maybe you can ask him what it’s like working with Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, and Martin Sheen in Netflix’s *Grace & Frankie*. Since even before his 1984 Oscar nomination for his Sydney Schanberg in *The Killing Fields*, Mr. Waterston has been noted for his charismatic appeal and his solid credentials as an actor on
screen and on stage. But did you know that he also has a career as a farmer? Wow! There’s so much to talk about! Book your date to take place in the next year on a mutually agreeable date in either Cornwall, Kent or Litchfield.

L-37 Everybody in the Pool!
As the owner of New Milford Tennis & Swim Club likes to say, “Another spring and another new beginning.” As we wind down this season, why not plan for next summer’s family fun? If you’ve never belonged before, begin now! Here’s your chance to win a family membership at one of the area’s most well respected tennis and swim clubs. This package even invites grandparents and caregivers to come by with the kids. You’ll have access to tennis courts, a pickleball court, family days and family nights. But even more!!! Win this and you can send your child to camp next summer for six to eight weeks of tennis and swim fun. If you’re looking for a family-friendly, down to earth place to spend the summer, this is it! Donated by Dinesh Rajagopalan, New Milford Tennis & Swim Club. Package is only available for a new membership.

L-38 The Apple of Your Eye!
…will be waiting for you in the apple orchard at Cloudwalk Farm next fall! Invite friends and family to join you for a fun-filled day on Diane von Furstenberg’s beautiful farm situated on the banks of the West Aspetuck River in New Milford. You will enjoy splendid river views, a wonderful lunch for a party of up to 12, and each guest will go home with a basket of apples picked by the Cloudwalk team. Choose a mutually convenient date and make your reservation next year to spend some quality time in a very special orchard. Expires November 1, 2016.

L-39 Retreat to Hilton Head Island!
Head to the links and more with a one-week vacation between September 15 and December 1 in 2016 at a Queens Grant Villa at Palmetto Dunes Resort. The villa, situated on one of three available golf courses, has two
bedrooms, is pet friendly and boasts access to a pool and bike paths that lead to three miles of pristine oceanfront beach just two blocks away. If golf or tennis is your thing, you can tee off on three world-class golf courses (Robert Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills) or test your skills with a few sets at a nationally-ranked Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center. Or rent a kayak or canoe and explore the 11-mile lagoon system with an abundance of wildlife. Anglers are also in luck at Palmetto Dunes as the lagoon offers plenty of great fishing spots, and a courtesy shuttle service will take you to Shelter Cove Marina where a plethora of boating opportunities await. A great couple’s retreat or family vacation, Palmetto Dunes is situated in the center of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Please make your reservations soon as they are based on availability. Donated by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Jastremski.

L-40 At the Ballet!
Precision! Grace! Versatility! That’s the beauty of the ballet. Since 1940, the American Ballet Theatre – America’s national ballet company – has delivered the highest caliber of ballet to the world stage. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity! You will receive four tickets to an American Ballet Theatre performance in the 2016 spring season at the Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center in New York. You will also be treated to a visit to the ABT patron lounge and an exclusive post-performance backstage tour. The spring season runs from May 9 to July 2 in 2016. Your performance choice will be on a mutually agreeable date subject to ticket and backstage tour availability. (Some blackout dates may apply.) Donated by American Ballet Theatre and arranged by Linda Allard.
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1. The Silent Auction begins at 1 p.m. and continues until an auction official closes the sections just before the Live Auction.

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BOOK SHOP

1001 through 1004 – Add to your library one of these following sets of Collectors’ Editions published by The Easton Press of Norwalk. Each book is bound with genuine leather and accented with 22k gold. They are magnificent to hold and important to read. Donated by Arthur Klebanoff.

1001 For the armchair traveler and history buff, this collection includes: The Journals of the Expedition, Volumes One and Two by Lewis & Clark and The Oregon Trail by Francis Parkman from The Leather-Bound Library of American History, and Kon-Tiki by Thor Heyerdahl from The Leather-Bound Nautical Library.

1002 For those focused on America’s Civil War Era and Abraham Lincoln, we have Bruce Catton’s Gettysburg: The Final Fury and The Literary Works of Abraham Lincoln.

1003 This book combines the work of two American icons – Poor Richard’s Almanacks by Benjamin Franklin illustrated by Norman Rockwell.

1004 And for the sci-fi buff, we have three signed first editions – A Call to Arms by Alan Dean Foster, Kingdoms of the Wall by Robert Silverberg, and The Day the Martians Came by Frederik Pohl.

1005 In The Empire State Building – The Making of a Landmark, John Tauranac gives a vivid characterization of the skyscraper as romantic phenomenon. Our paperback copy is signed by the Cornwall author and includes the classic New York City Subway Map – also signed by Mr. Tauranac. Donated by The Wish House in West Cornwall.

1006 We have a splendid way to spend a day by the fireside… poring over your copy of Lonely Planet’s Ultimate Travel:
Our List of the 500 Best Places to See... Ranked. The world’s leading travel guide publisher, Lonely Planet brings you the world...ranked. Can’t wait to see if their Number 1 matches yours! Start your bucket list now! Donated by the Hickory Stick Bookshop in Washington Depot.

1007 Orion Magazine invites readers into a community of caring for the planet. To be sure you’re on board, they offer a one-year subscription to their award-winning magazine and a cloth tote filled with six paperback Orion Readers, collections of essays from previous issues of the magazine. Titles: Change Everything Now, Leave No Child Inside, To Eat with Grace, Wonder and Other Survival Skills, Animals & People, and Thirty-Year Plan. You’ll also have a copy of Amy Irvine’s Trespass – Living at the Edge of the Promised Land, and Baptized in PCBs by Ellen Griffith Spears.

1008 Stock up on books for winter reading or find the most entertaining holiday cards and decorative items at the Hickory Stick Bookshop in Washington Depot with their $60 gift certificate.

HOME GOODS SHOP & GALLERY

1101 For Denise Trach, Creating Cadence means using her colorful paintings to spread whimsy and inspiration. She’s captured a spirit shared by HVA in this 18" x 24" acrylic on canvas. She made this one for us but can make personalized, one-of-a-kind pieces for you to make someone you love feel extra special.

1102 Winter draws nigh and the kitchen hearth calls. It’s time to bake some holiday pies and fresh bread, cook up gallons of soup for the freezer, and stir up some satisfying stews. Show off your apples before you put them in the pie in a white English footed Ironstone china
bowl donated by Dawn Hill Antiques in New Preston. Everything will turn out better when mixed up in one of these four nesting mixing bowls created in a classic design by Ohio Stoneware donated by New Preston Kitchen Goods. Then bake your pie in this hand-thrown pie plate with a Cornwall motif donated by Cornwall Bridge Pottery. And for your inspiration, we’ve included four cookbooks – *Gourmet Weekday*, a collection from *Gourmet* magazine, published by Conde Nast, *Celebrate* by Pippa Middleton, *Double Delicious!* by Jessica Seinfeld, and *Weight Watcher’s Simply the Best*.

1103 Landscape artist Anda Styler of Sherman is drawn to the magic of the Litchfield Hills and the New England landscape. Working with shadow, light, vibrant color, mood and sky, she brings excitement to her work that reflects the world around her and captures the unique and lasting beauty that only nature reflects. She has received numerous awards and recognition for work as a painter. Her latest offering to HVA was painted on location in Morris, Connecticut.

1104 Entertain stylishly with a Bandeja Mö 23" bamboo tray replete with serving tongs. Complete the setup with a creamer, sugar bowl, salt and pepper shakers, and a lemon squeezer pretty enough to bring to the table – all from Tonfisk. Donated by Ameico on Church Street in New Milford.

1105 Handcrafted from reclaimed wood, our generously proportioned cutting board (23" x 16"), donated by Privet House in New Preston, can be the centerpiece for your next gathering. Every party needs the proper lighting – ambience, right? Set the tone with three hurricane lamps from Pergola and a special scented candle from DK Schulman, also New Preston shops! And then add the set of four hand turned wooden bowls for the nibbles (donated by Sandford Rackow). And Woodbury Pewter has provided the wine caddy to protect your table.
Brighten up the hearth and stash the ash in a shiny brass fireplace bucket from England. Donated by Ronald Budny.

Show off your greenery in a large blue Italian cache pot. This traditional English Spode design has been in production since 1816. Perfect for the parlor or a fantastic gift idea for someone who appreciates fine English craftsmanship. Measures 6" tall. Donated by Ronald Budny.

Beautiful craftsmanship featured in an Italian reticulated cache pot is another fine way to show off your greenery. Measures 8" tall. Also donated by Ronald Budny.

Washington artist Louise King is renowned for her clay horse sculptures. She’s given us another wonderful pair of wood-fired Mud Ponies complete with gable boxes to add to your collection.

How many kinds of pasta can you name? Rigatoni, cavitelli, fettuccini, linguine, spaghetti...it’ll all taste better served in our festive pasta bowl. And that steaming garlic bread should be in our ceramic bread basket. Put the antipasto on the leaf-motif fused glass platter and no one will be late for dinner. Donated by Sandford Rackow.

Martell & Suffin Antiques of Woodbury has given us an unusual silver-plated, two-tiered double gravy boat bearing English hall marks.

Freshen the powder room with the lavender-based products in this sweet basket from Washington Health Center Pharmacy in Washington Depot. Inside you’ll find four bars of aromatic soaps, two jars of soothing creams and two sweet embroidered guest towels. Hand towels donated from the private collection of one of HVA’s very special friends.

Hutzler Manufacturing, a Canaan firm, gives us this fruit patterned melamine service set. Includes a serving tray and (four each) – mini mugs and salad plates. Serve
up your cheese on this handcrafted apple wood cutting board. Perfect combo! The board was created by Whitey Frew from an apple tree that used to grace his property.

1114 Try your hand at an old fashion pudding this Thanksgiving. For authenticity, use an antique copper mold donated by Tucker Frey Antiques in Woodbury. And for added rustic atmosphere, put these two antique brass candlesticks from Monique Shay in Woodbury on the mantle.

1115 Get lost in the “Spacious Skies” over Kent. Rosemary Connor’s framed oil shares an afternoon on the riverfront between New Milford and Kent. This internationally acclaimed, award-winning artist calls the Housatonic Valley home, having grown up in New Milford. This year’s oil is framed by Housatonic Fine Art and Custom Framing of Cornwall Bridge.

1116 Countrified class comes with a John Atkinson queen size blanket in hunter green and a green and white gingham duvet cover. Both pieces were custom made for DonaDio Design. Her clients wanted authentic English wool blankets and country charm in the bedrooms of their Texas ranch; so when she had the wool for the blankets custom dyed and duvet covers stitched up for them, she had extras made for us! (The blanket is marked “double” but fits a double or queen sized bed.)

1117 Kocian DePasqua Antiques in Woodbury sends us a faux bamboo Windsor armchair with chinoiserie highlights on a painted black surface, circa 1950. A lovely accent piece.

1118 Jennings & Rohn Antiques offers a hand-colored copper plate engraving of an amaryllis by Redoute – original plate from one of Redoute’s famous books on flowers.

1119 Frame that lovely watercolor you found in mother’s attic at Lee Picture Framing at Paperdilly in Lee, Massachusetts. They’ve given a gift certificate
Next time you’re in Woodbury, stop by Clapp and Tuttle, Inc. on Main Street South with this $50 gift certificate. Good toward custom framing, a fine art purchase or other services at the antiques purveyor.

Just over the Brooklyn Bridge and into Manhattan… Jeffrey B. Kellner has given us one of his black-and-white photos of this iconic structure. The photo was taken in 1980 with an old Graflex 4 x 5 View camera. The negative is 4" x 5" and this is printed on 17" x 25" archival cotton rag paper using carbon inks and is varnished for protection and longevity. It is hand-signed, dated, unmatted and unframed.

Appletree Design Depot, Inc. in Washington Depot graces us with a lovely Soumak weave 100% wool 5' x 8' area rug. This is a beautiful rug in a classic pattern woven in warm grey and yellow tones. Not returnable, non-exchangeable.

Abrash Galleries of Woodbury offers a $100 gift certificate toward washing one 9' x 12' or larger rug. Certificate expires May 8, 2016 and cannot be combined with any other sales or promotions.

Richard Stalter paints our river and captures her moods. He gives us “Bridge at West Cornwall – Winter,” an oil painting on canvas measuring 20" x 24".

From J. Seitz & Co. in New Preston comes a Pendleton Beaver State lap robe. Measuring 64" x 80", it is 82% wool and 18% cotton and woven in the Father’s Eyes pattern, a tribute to the men who watch and guide us through life. A product of Pendleton Woolen Mills – a beautiful classic for your home.

You might want to use this handsome decoupage tray for canapés or you might want to hang it on your wall. Deborah Eldridge of Huntington & Hope in
Washington Depot came back from her recent travels with a unique tray featuring a map of the Bermuda Islands. Made in the USA, it measures 12” x 8”.

1127 This delightful little watercolor comes from Brazil. The humming birds are sweet. Donated by Mill House Antiques in Woodbury.

1128 *The Return of Yellowknife* is a calming piece of artwork by Bob Crofut. This stunning work is a signed and numbered print and is beautifully framed. Donated by the Olde Crabs Hockey Club.

**CHILDREN’S SHOP**

1201 This will keep the kids (or the kid in you) occupied for hours. From Nordica in New Milford, we have the Playmobil Great Dragon Castle set.

1202 From the Pink Cloud Gallery in Sharon, we have another charming wall clock. This year’s critter is a fox and his bushy tail swings to keep the time.

1203 For the dancer in your life, Gaynor Minden gives a $200 gift certificate for pointe shoes, slippers, studio wear or accessories, plus an autographed copy of *The Ballet Companion*, the acclaimed reference book for ballet students.

1204 Stuff those stockings with colorful knit hats. We know Santa would, if he could get his hands on this set of four handmade winter hats by Mazzochio Knitwear.

1205 This giant coloring poster is a huge map of the USA containing all its famous landmarks and people. Six feet wide and three feet high, it offers hours of coloring activity for the kids…or you, if it’s your thing. Donated by Ameico in New Milford.
Sophisticated enough for adults yet cool enough for kids, our Q&Q solar-powered wrist watches will become an everyday favorite.

GAL’S SHOP

1301 You’ll jazz up the holiday festivities in a bright red jacket from “Song & Sun.” Size small, it features 3" cuffs and double lapels that hold their flattering shape. Donated by Chic Boutique in Kent – chic with a little bit of fun!

1302 Just look at these Möbius strip handbags. They just go on and on. When unzipped, it lays flat in your suitcase. When zipped up, an infinitely delightful handbag! This collection of six purses, three small clutch size and three large, could be an easy gifting solution…they’re fun; keep one for you. Donated by Amanda Carlson, LoCouture.

1303 Catch the train on Timex time when you’re wearing this classically styled woman’s watch.

1304 When you pop up to Great Barrington for a fun day of noodling through the galleries and shops, be sure to stop by Karen Allen Fiber Arts on Railroad Street and shop the fabulous sweaters and knitwear with a $100 gift certificate.

1305 Baby your feet (probably our most neglected body part!). Here’s a collection of alpaca crew socks and ski socks. In assorted colors, they feature reinforced heel and toe, arch support, thermal lining and cushioned foot. The ski socks have all the same features as the crew socks plus a moisture transport system which allows moisture to escape the ski boot, keeping the foot warm and dry. Donated by Depot Trading in Washington Depot.

1306 Let’s face it, the Italians really know how to rock the tunic – tunic, toga…think about it. This one from Patrizia Luca in Milano, is black and grey with red piping and is styled to
perfection. Marked a size L, it appears to run on the smaller side. Donated by Main Street in Great Barrington.

1307 Smoky blue quartz replicates the early morning skies over the southern deserts of Arizona. The blue smoke in the clear quartz of this necklace, surrounded by platinum and pewter leaves and flowers and Hematite stones, is thought to provide added benefits of health to whoever it adorns. Created and donated by Mary Ann Werner.

1308 Sundog Shoe & Leather in Kent has given us a classic for your bidding pleasure. Nothing beats a chocolate brown 100% leather tote. By ili of New York, the clean lines make it perfect for play or business.

1309 Think Patagonia and you think outdoors! Zip into this bright blue woman’s R3 jacket and you’ll ward off the chill as well as the winter blues. Size small, it’s donated by Patagonia – Boston.

1310 J. McLaughlin has been selling classic clothes with current relevance since 1977. Stop in the Washington Depot store with this $125 gift card and shop their collections, whose sunny palette and cheeky details, include ready to wear and accessories for men and women. Gift card is only valid at this location.

1311 The stones of Tourmaline Jasper in this necklace capture the same light as the skies over the Rim country in Arizona’s White Mountains. The frosted silver spacers represent the snow-capped mountains of the region. The wise ones consider this type of Jasper to be a calming and protective stone. Created and donated by Mary Ann Werner.

1312 This little pullover zip-neck is a great lightweight but warm layer offered by Patagonia – Boston. Light grey, it’s a size medium.

1313 Our hand-stitched silk Kantha scarf features traditional stitching whose history can be traced back to the early 17th
century. This craft evolved from thrift and economy where artisans embroidered torn cloths, worn sari silks and rags… recycle, re-use! Now Kantha scarves are made from old sari silk and worn by both men and women. No two are alike. Donated by the joanna john Collection in Woodbury.

1314 Bank Street Shopping in New Milford starts with a $30 gift certificate at Swank on Bank, includes a stop at Paul Morton Jewelers to pick up a little something extra with a $50 gift certificate and ends with lunch at Bank Street Coffee House with a $25 gift card.

1315 Forget about decking the halls with boughs of holly! How about you deck your neck with a stunning pendant necklace designed by Michael Vincent Michaud? Set off your gay apparel with the matching cuff bracelet and outshine the blazing yule with the drop earrings. Mr. Michaud captures the beauty and exquisite detail of nature in metal. These pieces are cast in bronze layered in gold and silver with cast glass elements. Donated by Robertson Jewelers of New Milford.

GUY’S SHOP

1401 Head up to Ben’s in Lee, Massachusetts to start restocking your winter wear with a $25 gift certificate.

1402 A guy’s feet deserve to be babied, too! Here’s a collection of alpaca crew socks and ski socks. In assorted colors, they feature reinforced heel and toe, arch support, thermal lining and cushioned foot. The ski socks have all the same features as the crew socks plus a moisture transport system which allows moisture to escape the ski boot, keeping the foot warm and dry. Donated by Depot Trading in Washington Depot.

1403 Our man’s Diamond Quilt pullover from Patagonia – Boston looks good and offers just the right layering for your winter warmth. Size small.
You’ll never miss a trick…or a train…or a date. Always be punctual with your Timex watch.

She shops all over the world and sometimes shares with us. Abby Wells found this boldly beautiful sweater in Chile. It is wool in a man’s size large – very large.

This Burberry patterned scarf is a classic and is made from 100% lamb’s wool. Donated by our world-traveling friend Abby Wells.

THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT

The Berkshires offer ample opportunities for entertainment. We’re offering two venues to try. You can head north armed with two ticket vouchers for any Berkshire Theatre Group-produced show in their Pittsfield venue. And you’ll also have two tickets for Barrington Stage Company’s 2016 5th Annual 10 x 10 New Play Festival in Pittsfield. Curtain’s going up; better bid fast! (Barrington Stage tickets exclude opening nights, Saturday evenings and special events. Berkshire Theatre Group vouchers are not to be used for special guest performances or the annual gala.)

The lights are always bright on Broadway…and in Torrington at the Warner Theater. Place the winning bid on two season subscription seats for the Warner Main Stage Musical season of 2015-16 and you’ll be seeing all seven Main Stage shows with your choice of date and time. You’ll also have your choice of one Studio theatre show! Musicals for the season include: Nice Work If You Can Get It, Rock of Ages, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, and Seussical the Musical. Donated by WZBG in Litchfield.

Described by The New York Times as “about as close as it gets to the Platonic ideal of a chamber music concert,” the Sherman Chamber Ensemble succeeds in its mission to bring world class musicians to our communities. Plan
for some summer evenings with the Sherman Chamber Ensemble with four season subscriptions to their 2016 summer classical series. To keep you in the mood until then, listen to their CDs included with this donation.

1504 The Berkshires do tend to attract artists. Daniel Chester French, America’s foremost public sculptor, and Norman Rockwell, America’s iconic illustrator and painter, both found peace of mind and inspiration in these hills. You can see why when you visit Chesterwood in Lenox and the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge. Take a friend; you have two passes to each museum.

1505 The Moviehouse in Millerton is THE place to see independent films and box office hits. They’ve given a Dual Contributing Membership (for two adults) valid for the next year. Benefits include: $2 off all movie tickets, $3 off all special events (National Theatre, Metropolitan Opera, Bolshoi Ballet), two complimentary movie tickets, invitations to Members’ special events, and a one-year subscription to the Lincoln Center’s “Film Comment” magazine. Member cards will be issued when the winning bidder returns the registration card to The Moviehouse.

1506 Come to Music Mountain next summer with four pairs of vouchers. Must be used in summer 2016. Just present the voucher at the box office for tickets on concert day.

1507 Mark your calendar and tell your friends that you’re going to see Lena Dunham, creator of critically acclaimed HBO series Girls (eight Emmy nominations, two Golden Globe wins!). Get your bid in now for two tickets for Lena’s Reading & Talk on Friday, November 27 at 5pm at the United Church of Christ (Cornwall Meeting House) in Cornwall. A reception and book-signing at the Cornwall Library follow the reading of excerpts from her new book Not That Kind of Girl. At press time it looked like the event will be sold out. Aren’t you lucky to have this opportunity?
We see two nights out in New Milford here with four passes for any regular 2D or 3D movie showing at Bank Street Theater and a $25 gift card for Salsa and a $25 gift card for Lucia Ristorante.

Steven Wright, the knuckleballer who had won a spot in the Boston Red Sox’s starting rotation, suffered a concussion after being struck by a line drive during the Miami Marlins’ batting practice. He’s recovering nicely. But before that unfortunate incident, he had emerged as one of the better storylines in a dismal Sox season – taking a regular turn after his call-up from Pawtucket, he ran off four straight starts in which he allowed two runs or fewer. Vowing to be back in the game next season, he took the time to sign this baseball for us.

Here’s why we put this offer in this category…if you let the pros at H & R Block in New Milford handle the preparation of your individual or small business tax return next year, you’ll have more time to go play. It’s that simple. Use their gift certificate for up to $250 of service between January 1 and October 15, 2016.

Here’s your chance for two tickets for the New York Knicks vs. Brooklyn Nets game at 7 pm on December 4th Seats are section 106, row 12, seats 7-8. We hear these are dynamite seats. BID!

OUTDOOR FUN

Next year you are definitely getting out on our river! You’ll enjoy a leisurely guided paddle of the Lake Zoar section of the Housatonic River with Joe Ruggiero on a spring day in 2016. This seasoned paddler’s tour begins at Shepaug Dam and ends at Stephenson Dam, just under 10 miles (distance can be adjusted, if desired). This section of the river is described in HVA’s Paddle Guide for the Housatonic River in Connecticut, Section P, and has scenic waterfalls, state parks and forests, boat launches, bridges, tributaries, and
maybe even a bald eagle! Your outing includes a picnic lunch at Kettletown State Park in Southbury. Lunch, the kayak and necessary equipment are all provided for this fabulous adventure by Joe. No excuses now!

1602 Everything you need to enhance your bird watching experience is right here. We have the Celestron Bird Watching Kit and Sean Grace, director of Sharon Audubon, who will guide you and five of your friends on a bird walk. The Celestron kit includes binoculars, three straps, a carrying case, lens pen and a bird identification book. Sean is a professional wildlife guide and loves to share ways to become a better wildlife watcher including personally setting up your new binoculars for you! He invites you to schedule a water fowl walk before the end of November 2015 or a spring migration walk to be used by May 30, 2016. If you win this, call Sean now to set your date and get birding!

1603 You can carry all your birding equipment – binoculars, iPad, and more – in a Lowepro belt pack. Donated by a friend of HVA.

1604 National whitewater canoe champion and one of HVA’s Souce-to-Sound guides, Bill “Ting” Tingley of Sharon will lead a guided canoe trip for up to three people on the Housatonic River. Ting will provide the canoes and equipment. The outing will be geared to the appropriate challenge level based on the winning bidder’s abilities. Don’t miss this chance to experience the river with a pro! Add a gift certificate of lunch for four donated by the Wandering Moose in West Cornwall and you’ve got a great day on the river. Mutually convenient date.

1605 Ski Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort in the 2015-16 season with two “Anyday” vouchers. Your lift ticket voucher is valid any operating day (including weekends and holidays) during the 2015-16 winter season.
Come this winter, have yourself a delightful outing in South Egremont. First hit the slopes at Catamount Ski Area with two lift tickets (good for the 2015-16 season) and then experience the epicurean delights of dinner at The Old Mill with their $50 gift certificate. Now that’s how to do winter.

The only thing that’s more fun than a family dog is a well-trained family dog. Diamond Creek’s Canine Sports Center in Goshen can make you and your dog a lot happier with a gift certificate for three training classes: Beginning Obedience 101, Advanced Beginner Obedience 201, and Nosework Level 1: Foundations. These folks are great and will show your dog almost as much love as you do. To learn more about their course offerings, visit www.caninesportscenter.com.

**DINING OUT**

Gifford’s offers seasonal New American cuisine with a menu of signature dishes and specials to please every palate. All of their menu items highlight the freshest ingredients prepared entirely onsite. Led by James Neunzig and Michael Moriarty, their staff will provide you with the finest dining experience in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Come in with this gift certificate for dinner for four and enjoy a wonderful meal in beautiful Kent!

Looking for a perfect way to end a day? Welcome to the Hopkins Inn. Enjoy dinner for four in this enchanting 19th century country inn overlooking Lake Waramaug. Gratuity not included. Donated by Hopkins Inn.

Upper Crust Cucina Italiana in Northville offers dinner for two. Dine in a warm and casual atmosphere on gourmet pizza. And be sure to choose something from their varied appetizer or salad menus – Mission Fig Pancake, e.g., pear, gorgonzola, spiced pecans, baby arugula, agave syrup…mmm. Does not include alcohol or gratuity.
Hickory smoked pit barbeque and Arizona style Mexican food is available right here in Bantam at Woods Pit BBQ & Mexican Café. Try it out for yourself with their $25 gift certificate.

Next time you decide to visit the shops in the Village of New Preston or maybe just the next time you’re passing through, be sure to stop by 9 Main for a delicious treat. Use their $20 gift certificate to sample the fare.

*Connecticut* magazine ranks a lot of experiences here in our great state. In their January 2015 issue, they ranked Hidden Valley Eatery in Washington Depot among the best vegetarian and vegan restaurants in Connecticut. Chef/owner Drew Stichter offers up the freshest produce, the yummiest recipes and the friendliest service going. We’d pick it anytime and so can you with their gift certificate for dinner for two. (Gratuities not included in gift certificate.)

Bulls Bridge Inn in South Kent provides the classic New England tavern atmosphere. Use their two $50 gift certificates to experience the fine food and friendly service for yourself. Not valid toward alcohol or gratuities.

You can’t go wrong when you go for lunch at The Pantry in Washington Depot. Take a friend because this gift certificate says, “Lunch for Two – choice of menu.” Valid Tuesday through Friday, gratuity and alcohol not included.

52 Main – a $50 gift certificate to splurge on tapas made in the Spanish tradition with an American flair.

Give yourself a treat. Stop in Kent at the Fife ’n Drum Restaurant to enjoy a baker’s dozen of their Sunday Brunches once a month for 13 months or invite some friends for a big brunch party. (If six or more will be in your party, please make a reservation.) Use 13 gift certificates in any combination you wish. Brunch includes choice of a Bloody Mary, glass of House Wine or Champagne, and Soup du Jour or House Salad, and your choice from eight delectable entrees! Gratuity is not included.
There are so many reasons to visit Woodbury and we’ve just added six more…You’ll experience fine dining many times over with our collection of gift certificates. Start bidding now on a $20 gift certificate for Carlito’s of Woodbury, $50 at Constantine’s, $50 at The Market Place, $30 at San Remo’s, dinner for four with two cocktails at Curtis House, and dinner for two at John’s Café. Put the scales away for the winter and start eating out more often.

EATING IN

1801  Washington Liquor offers a case of Chardonnay from the Andcraft Artisan Collection for your winter tasting pleasure. A medium-bodied wine, it’s refreshing by itself or perfect with food and best by firelight.

1802  A Washington institution for more than 40 years, Washington Food Market welcomes shoppers with a $125 gift certificate.

1803  New Morning Market is a health food store and so much more – organic produce, full service humanely-raised meat department, gourmet eat in or take out, and a Wellness Department. Shop it all with a $300 gift card.

1804  The folks at Matthews 1812 House know how to tempt our taste buds – Apple Brunch Cake, Caramel Bourbon Sauce and Rosemary Olive Oil Savories. Just look at the goodies in this gift basket! Let the holidays begin!

1805  For your chocolate cravings, Paris Chocolates, Inc. invites you to have the winning bid on 24 of their VERY DARK CHOCOLATE bars. We’ll have them ship the candy to you.

1806  And Paris Chocolates, Inc. knows very well that some of us prefer MILK CHOCOLATE….or maybe you want both. Put down the highest bid, the 24 candy bars come to your door.

1807  County Wine and Spirits of New Preston has put
together a gift basket of assorted craft beers and artisanal spirits. Trust their judgment; we do!

**1808** Executive Cuisine’s kitchen on Elm Street in New Milford is your source for a four-course take-out dinner for four. Easy. The difficulty is choosing from among the likes of Plum Glazed Salmon, Moroccan Beef Stew and Roasted Tuscan Chicken. Winner must give seven-day advance notice.

**1809** Country Spirit Shop of Woodbury wants to lift your spirits with a gift basket of three delicious wines – Tres Picos Garnacha from Spain, Casal Garcia Vinho Verde from Portugal and Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon from Chile.

**1810** Davis IGA in Kent has done it again! They’ve put together a basket for us filled with gourmet treats!

**1811** Owned by Denis Niez, Ovens of France in Woodbury is one of Connecticut’s better French bakeries. Open seven days a week, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to visit with your $30 gift certificate – a great breakfast stop on the way to work, a fun lunch spot, or even to stop in and pick up something for dinner or dessert on your way home.

**1812** Hopkins Vineyard has given us a gift basket of their wine. And you can visit Hopkins Vineyard for a winetasting using the coupons included. Visit this heritage farm set in the scenic hills of Litchfield County overlooking Lake Waramaug, a perfectly splendid way to spend an afternoon.

**1813** Nutmeg Olive Oil on the Green in New Milford has all sorts of tempting treats for you. And they’ve given a fine sampling of their fare in this gift basket. Just read the tag on this beauty!

**1814** The Berkshire Bag is filled with treats. Yummy ones – three 7.5-oz jars of jam and a stocking stuffer mesh sleeve of four 2.5-oz jars of jam and 3.4-oz bottle of pure maple syrup.
from Berkshire Berries and two 12-oz bags of medium roast coffee beans from Barrington Coffee. Elegant ones – three packets of eight hand-printed notecards from Museum Facsimiles in Pittsfield. Hopeful ones – packets of seeds from Native Project to plant next spring. And practical ones – a wallet, a lunch tote and the “owl” bag that it all comes in from Blue Q in Pittsfield. Tote home some goodies.

1815 The folks at Harney & Sons Fine Teas in Millerton, New York travel the world to select the finest quality teas for their customers. Lucky you! They’ve put together a lovely gift basket with some of their most popular selections. Enjoy!

GETAWAYS & SPIRIT LIFTERS

1901 Take a day to relax and renew at Canyon Ranch in Lenox with their Spa Renewal Day. You will have full use of the spa from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., which will include a low-calorie gourmet lunch, the opportunity to attend fitness classes and spoil yourself with a spa service of your choice using the $150 credit provided. This is the perfect way to pamper yourself or a friend. Valid Monday through Thursday for one year from date of issue. HVA will notify Canyon Ranch Spa of the winning bidder’s name and address. The non-transferrable gift certificate will be sent directly from them to the recipient. A reservation, booked at least two weeks in advance and using gift certificate number, is required.

1902 Pamper yourself with two gift vouchers at Joe’s Salon & Spa on Bank Street in New Milford. One voucher gets you a salon wash and blow dry styling and makeup application. The “½ and ½” voucher gets you a half-hour facial and a half-hour massage. And take home the gift bag of two Oribe styling products. Gift certificates expire June 1, 2016.

1903 Kent Hair Salon will have you looking good. Make your appointment for a wash, cut and style with their gift certificate.
Experience the magic of *Lilibeth* of New York with a $500 gift certificate. Win this and you’ll receive an eyebrow shaping for women or men. It starts with their unique brow shaping tool and a lesson in using it. You’ll receive a full set of eyelash extensions (a two-hour process), and an extension refill offer. The salon uses single strands of silk eyelashes, curved to replicate a natural lash. Choose from varying lengths and thicknesses for your own natural look. You won’t even need mascara anymore. And you’ll receive a touch-up session within 45 to 60 days. Package also includes a full make-up application with the visit. Place the winning bid and then make your appointment in Manhattan. semi-permanent eyelash extension refills. Donated by Peter A. Pappas for *Lilibeth* of New York.

**Housatonic Hair** works in West Cornwall promises the perfect do for you. Check it out with this $50 gift certificate, good for toward any service including color and foil wraps.

**David Gavin Salon** on Main Street in Kent wants you to feel good about yourself. It all starts with a gift certificate for a custom cut and styling.

And now you can pamper a friend with two gift vouchers at Joe’s Salon & Spa on Bank Street in New Milford. One voucher gets you a salon wash and blow dry styling and makeup application. The ½ and ½ voucher gets you a half-hour facial and a half-hour massage. And take home the gift bag of two Oribe styling products. Gift certificates expire June 1, 2016.

Slip into the serene Terraloka Massage & Wellness Studio in Kent (gift certificate in hand) for a (pre-scheduled) one hour massage from a certified massage therapist – your choice of either Swedish or deep tissue. Ahh…don’t you feel better now?

Perhaps you’re in need of energy healing. We all are
from time to time. Terraloka Massage & Wellness Studio in Kent’s owner, Carly Hilliard, is also a certified Reiki master. Make an appointment to use this gift certificate for a one-hour session.

1910 butter LONDON promises after hours glamour and we promise you’ll feel pretty as a picture when you try their Best Sellers Collection. Package includes eyeshadows, mascaras, liners, lipsticks, makeup removers and nail lacquer.

1911 Unwind in the Litchfield Hills with an overnight stay at the Interlaken Inn, Lakeville – breakfast included. Whether sightseeing, bicycling, hiking, or shopping is your pleasure, you’ll find it all nearby the Interlaken Inn. Valid seven days a week November 1 through April 30; and midweek (Sunday through Thursday nights) only in May to October 31. Gift Certificate expires May 15, 2016. Advance reservations required, subject to availability. Winner must indicate gift certificate number when making reservation. Donated by Interlaken Resort & Conference Center.

YARD, GARDEN & GARAGE

2001 Spend the winter admiring the gardens that are shared in *Hudson Valley Gardens* by Jane Garmey, photographs by John M. Hall, and learning how to do it yourself perusing Page Dickey’s *Embroidered Ground – Revisiting the Garden* (both donated by The Wish House in West Cornwall). You’ll have the tools to start fresh next spring with a 7-cubic foot wheelbarrow from Agriventures Agway in New Milford, a multi-purpose Easy-Go cart from Northwest Lumber & Hardware in Cornwall Bridge, a set of Fiskar tools (telescoping bypass loppers, hedge shears, traditional bypass pruner and a 10" folding saw) from Ed Herrington’s in Lakeville, a $75 gift card from Beardsley Gardens in Sharon, and a $50 gift card to use at Ward’s Nursery & Garden Center in Great Barrington.
The potted mum in the wheelbarrow is so you’ll have some color now. Thanks, Kent Greenhouse & Gardens!

2002 When it’s time to get back into the garden next spring, expand your earthly delights with 12 two-gallon perennials. To be picked up by winner. Donated by Old Farm Nursery in Lakeville

2003 You may not need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows but you could use a whimsical weather vane. Crafted in the folk art style, the Commodore will keep a weather eye out and keep you in the know. Created and donated by Sandford Rackow.

2004 Sometimes being a fish out of water is a good thing – even for the fish! Try posting this weather vane in the garden and see if he catches the breeze. Again, crafted and donated by Sandford Rackow.

2005 Freshen up your driveway or create a new garden path with five yards of tan, crushed stone. To be delivered at a mutually convenient time, only to Canaan, Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, Warren, Washington, Sharon or Amenia, New York, or within 20 miles of Cornwall. Donated by Gawel Excavating, Kent.

2006 Turn your garden into a storybook setting with a ceramic toadstool, donated by Washington Supply, (stands 18" tall) and a purple ceramic birdhouse from The Garden in Woodbury. Add to the whimsy with a 3D Twist Windspiration parrot from The Gifted Child in Lenox, Massachusetts. Your pretty parrot will spiral in the wind… attracting even more magical creatures to your garden.

2007 Make your backyard more inviting to our feathered friends. In addition to having some shrubs and trees for them to roost in, add two handmade birdhouses from Good House Gallery in Woodbury. The one with rope trim makes us think of Switzerland…maybe a cuckoo will move in. The other is made of drift wood…
it’ll probably attract more laid back birds. And the birds will totally appreciate this leaf-imprinted, hand-crafted cement birdbath from Garden Art by Claudia.

2008 Tracey Usher of Soulbury offers you a little green for the window sill all year long. This custom succulent planter is very sweet. Don’t overwater.

2009 Ace Hardware of Woodbury’s classic wooden rocker is ready for the porch. Aren’t you? So bid on this oversized version and next spring, you’ll be sitting pretty.

SUPER SILENT

2101 Samuelsohn is ushering in a new era in fine menswear – an era where the techniques and traditions of exquisite tailoring are celebrated, and garments are created for a man who values superior quality and style. Our Beckett Performance Suit combines elements of modern styling with classic tailoring. Available in 38R to 46R, winning bidder must contact Samuelsohn within 30 days of our auction date to arrange for delivery of suit.


2103 Teamwork Wins, our vintage poster from World War I, hung in the office of our dear friend for years, inspiring his staff to work together toward a goal. It worked! Created by Hibberd Van Buren Kline somewhere between 1914 and 1917, this is the original, framed and ready to inspire the next generation of hardworking Americans. Donated by Harold and Lynn Wellings.

2104 Frederic Malles provides an uncompromising approach to fragrance creation. This basket includes 14 of
his special candles – Ler Mai, Cafe Society, Chez Monsieur, Joyeux Noel, Jurassic Flower, Marius & Jeannette, Notre Dame, Rosa Rugosa, Rubrum Lily, Russian Nights, Saint Des Saints, Santal Cardamome, Tubereuse and Un Gardenia La Nuit.

2105 Kiehl’s, an American cosmetics brand that specializes in making premium skin, hair, and body care products was founded in 1851. They’re still going strong and send us a holiday basket filled with men’s and women’s products.

2106 Charlotte Tilbury’s full range of beauty essentials and two of her signature looks that will take you from day to night all in one gift package for you!

2107 Aerin is a global lifestyle brand inspired by the founder’s signature, effortless style. We have an entertainment set complete with a green Shagreen tray, a set of green Shagreen Coasters, a bird-inspired match striker, a leaf motif bottle stopper, and a set of Sphere nesting bowls.

2108 Beacons were originally conceived as a more unique alternative to the generic landscape lighting fixtures available commercially. While still functional, by ornamental standards they have developed far beyond the original aim and intent – they have become architectural landscape features, garden focal points, lighted sculpture. Our beauty used to grace the front lawn of a well-loved Arts & Crafts cottage on Lake Waramaug. The glasswork was custom designed for the donors. The post is locust wood; it will not rot. Now it’s your turn to light up your corner of our beautiful county. Donated by Harold and Lynn Wellings.

FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

2201 Our adorable set of Furnivals Quail Pattern transfer ware includes a coffee pot measuring 7½" tall
with the lid, a tea pot measuring 4½" tall with the lid, a covered sugar bowl measuring with the lid, and a cream pitcher measuring 3½" tall.

2202 His dreamy expression makes you wonder what became of the boy in this Greek portrait from the late 19th century. Titled Bust of a Young Man. Pastel on paper, framed (frame exhibits some damage), it measures 22½" x 19".

2203 From the English School, early 19th century, A Sportsman and his Dog is a watercolor on paper, unsigned, verso bears retail label. Framed, it measures 21" x 19".

2204 For the discriminating copper collector among us, we have this large copper candy pot, a chafing dish and a dovetailed tea pot.

2205 If the Victorian era is your thing, put down the winning bid on an adorable electric wall sconce and a desk lamp with a glass shade.

2206 From a different time but still lovely in the right setting… we have a porcelain chamber pot from Menelik.

2207 Our Spanish urn traveled all this way to get your bid. Don’t pass up this chance.

2208 For our brass collector, we have a brass charcoal warmer. It’s an antique.

2209 Carved in teak in Southeast Asia, the detail on this canister is exquisite. Perhaps you can store tea in it or tobacco…now who smokes tobacco these days?

2210 And one final antique for the real collector, an authentic candle mold.
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