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3. All items must be removed by that evening by exhibiting a "Paid" receipt at the door.

LIVE AUCTION

L-01 Basket of Cheer!

To start the bidding off, HVA's Board of Directors has put together this basket of wine and cheer to carry you through the holiday season. For your pleasure. Enjoy!

L-02 A Portrait!

West Cornwall's own Marc Simont, well-known children's book illustrator, will create a black-and-white sketch of a person, horse, dog or any other pet or friend you have in mind. Why not a portrait of you? Mr. Simont received America's highest honor for illustration in 1957 when he won the Caldecott Medal for his pictures in Janice May Udry's "A Tree Is Nice." He has also been awarded a Caldecott Honor for "The Happy Day," by Ruth Krauss. Marc Simont's newest book is "The Stray Dog," which he wrote and illustrated himself. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Marc Simont.

L-03 Let's Get Comfortable!

Getting comfortable will be a breeze with a \$350 gift certificate from J. Seitz good toward an upholstery piece from furniture designer Mitchell Gold. Select an upholstered desk chair for this amount or apply it toward any other piece in the collection that you like. Plus you'll spend one hour in your home with J. Seitz's staff designer (home must be within 20 miles of New Preston). To help you start on this creative journey, you'll get a copy of Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams' design book "Let's Get Comfortable." This design team has been using renewable resources for their furniture long before "green" became a buzz word. They've been featured in every decorating magazine and they appear regularly on TV to promote the use of resources in the industry. Donated by J. Seitz & Co.

L-04 Uniquely Exquisite!

This one-of-a-kind diamond pendant is hand fabricated by the designer, Peter Fusaro of Bella Jewelers. The delicacy and fine craftsmanship of this piece explain why he and his partner, Michelle Fusaro, have been awarded Best in Show twice by the Connecticut Jewelers Association. The “legs” of the piece are of hand-fused platinum and 22K yellow gold, and the .35cttw of Princess and Round cut diamonds are set in 14k white gold. It hangs from a 14k white gold neck wire. The airy design and sparkle of the one-inch pendant will flatter some lucky neckline. Yours? Donated by Bella Jewelers of New Milford.

L-05 Winter Break!

Shop with a \$500 gift certificate at the Bill Blass New York showroom next spring. Take 10 friends with you to view the private lifestyle collection that features sophisticated sportswear and is sold four times a year via private trunk shows; a tradition pioneered by Bill Blass himself as a way to ensure his clients a private and personalized shopping experience. You’ll meet Bill Blass New York designer Jose Solis. Private viewing must be arranged for a mutually convenient time. Donated by Susan Frishman and Susan Mattison.

L-06 One Singular Treat!

Even if you’ve never been on a stage in your life, you can’t help but connect with these 17 Broadway gypsies auditioning for eight spots in the “Chorus Line.” Bob Avian, director of the current production and co-choreographer of the original with Michael Bennett, offers four premium house seats in Manhattan’s Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre to any performance of your choice, subject to availability. The revival of “A Chorus Line,” has received rave reviews from critics and audiences alike, and won the 2007 Tony Award® for Best Revival of a Musical. How can you resist? Get those dancing feet ready to tap!

L-07 Paddle With the Pro!

Five-time national whitewater canoe champion, Bill “Ting” Tingley, will lead a guided canoe trip for up to four 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 once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that is certain to be an exciting and adventurous outing. Add to this, a gift certificate for four to lunch at the Wandering Moose in West Cornwall. Must be a mutually convenient date.

Manhattan Skylines

Eugene Kohn is known and respected worldwide as an architect. He has designed U.S. embassies and some of the world’s tallest buildings and writes books and lectures on contemporary architecture. But he is also known for his paintings. When he walks around New York City, Mr. Kohn studies the details of buildings, the textures. Those rich textures are integral to his watercolors, two of which he has donated to our auction.

L-08 World Famous Skyline!

This original watercolor includes some of most famous features of the New York City skyline as it was pre-9/11. Created in 2002, it includes the World Trade Center towers to the left of other landmarks like the Chrysler and Empire State Buildings. Matted and framed, it is a peaceful statement on a dynamic city.

L-09 Spirit of the City!

The smaller of the two paintings, also of the Manhattan skyline, was actually created in 2001. The emotion of that time is reflected here. In this one, the Twin Towers are depicted in a ghostly white. Still commanding, they are an eternal part of the world’s most powerful city.

L-10 An Apple a Day!

A fun, applepicking outing for twelve with lunch next fall at Diane von Furstenberg's Cloudwalk Farm. Includes cidermaking and lunch. Cloudwalk overlooks the beautiful West Aspetuck River. Mutually convenient date and time.

L-11 Springtime in the French Countryside!

Right out of Peter Mayle's "A Year in Provence," this fully restored 200-plus-year-old, three-story stone farmhouse is the setting for a glorious week in the French countryside, northeast of Avignon and east of Orange in the foothills of the Alps. Located in Mont Brun-les-Bains, Drome, France, the house is situated amid 40 acres of hillside, forest and meadow, and is surrounded by the rural unspoiled beauty of Provence. Walk to the Village of Montbrun for morning "cafe au lait" or "pain au chocolat" and sample the absolute best of French country markets. Ideal for two couples, with additional sleeping accommodations for several children. Spend a week in Provence during the first half of May 2008. Transportation is not included. Winner is responsible for getting to and from France.

L-12 Executive Directive!

If you want to learn about the Housatonic Watershed, state water policy or just want to sit back, relax and enjoy the lake views, join our Executive Director Lynn Werner and her husband Kevin Honan on their boat, the "Bette Rose," for a morning or afternoon cruise. You and a friend will be treated to drinks, nibbles and a swim, and the chance to talk about the state of our valley or whatever strikes your fancy. You're sure to be charmed by the lake and our gracious leader and her spouse. The "Bette Rose" is docked at Echo Bay Marina in Brookfield. Limited to two, and must be scheduled for a mutually convenient Monday through Friday morning or afternoon during the summer of 2008.

L-13 Up a Tree!

Have your trees looking as lovely as any poem with a half day of general tree care by licensed, insured arborists. You pick the trees that need attention or go with the professional's recommendation. Connecticut residents only. Certificate must be used prior to March 1, 2008. Materials, such as cables, are not included. No cash refunds. Actual price paid is deducted from our estimate. Donated by Arbor Services of CT, Inc.

L-14 Red Sox, Yes!

The headline in this still life by Bill Williams captures it all. After 86 years of living under the curse of the Bambino, the Red Sox finally won the World Series in 2004. And in 2007 they did it again! With many of the same players . . . David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, Jason Veritek and Curt Schilling the Sox not only came from behind to take the American League Championship Series but went on to sweep for the World Series Championship. Relive the thrill of it all with the winning bid on this 18" x 33" limited edition (600 with 60 artist proofs) offset lithograph, framed by Ed Vidal Framing in New Milford. Restriction: Not to be re-auctioned on E-Bay or other similar on-line auction sites. Donated by Bill Goff, Inc.

L-15 Will This Red Sox Player Be Rookie of the Year?

They did it again! The Red Sox won the series and this time, it was a clean sweep. And on the top of the list for Rookie of the Year is their second baseman, Number 15, Dustin Pedroia. Authentication papers included. This signed baseball by Pedroia was donated to our auction by the Boston Red Sox.

L-16 Gardener's Delight!

You and eleven of your gardening friends will experience a private garden tour of Robert Couturier's magnificent gardens in Kent led by head gardener Clive Lodge. Enjoy lemonade and cookies in this exceptional garden setting, and, with Clive as your lively host, you may just learn a few secrets, too. Photos of the garden are permitted, but no photos of the house, please. Garden Tour to occur between late May and the end of June, subject to advance arrangement with the donor. Enjoy!

L-17 Out of Africa!

Experience the magic of Africa on a photo safari for two for six days and six nights. Your choice of accommodations: Luxury Hemingway-style tents, Heritage Safari Lodge, Nyati/Ndlovu Lodges, or Zulu Nyala Lodge. These luxury facilities are situated in the heart of Zululand and St. Lucia/Sodwana Bay Marine reserve/Lubombo corridor, one of the richest wildlife conservation regions in South Africa. Includes three meals a day, pool, tennis, two daily open Land Rover trips with experienced guides. Transportation to South Africa not included. (Does not include airfare, transfers, side trips, personal beverages, or telephone calls.) Trip may be expanded or upgraded for an additional cost to be arranged with the donor, Trevor Shaw and Zulu Nyala Group. Expires two years from date of purchase. Trip cannot be exchanged or transferred to anyone else. <http://www.zulunyala.com>.

L-18 Wonderful Country Brunches!

Give yourself a break once a month and travel up to Kent to enjoy "Sunday Brunch-a-Month for Two" from the Fife 'n Drum. You can have brunch once a month for a year with your favorite person, or share a brunch with a group of friends. (If six or more will be in your party, please provide two weeks' advance notice, and please, no holidays for a large party. And, sorry, but a party of four is the maximum that will be honored for New Year's Eve, Easter or Mother's Day.) You'll receive

12 “Brunch for Two” coupons to be used in any combination you wish. Brunch includes choice of a Bloody Mary, wine or champagne, select soup or salad and your choice from eight delectable entrees! Gratuity is not included. Expires October 2008. www.fifendrum.com.

L-19 Come Into My Garden!

Sit and relax on this bench — custom made for our HVA auction. The whimsical design of the back reminded its creator, a trout fisherman, of ripples in a stream. An ideal spot for an afternoon rest amidst the larkspur and lilies. In mahogany, it is 20 inches deep and 75 inches wide by 40 inches tall. It is stained and sealed but should be brought indoors in the winter. Donated by Pete Barney.

L-20 Down the Runway!

Diane von Furstenberg, President of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, offers two tickets to her always spectacular New York City fashion show plus an invitation to a special after-show party. Here’s your chance to share the exclusive excitement and to get an insider’s look at the hottest styles for the coming season.

L-21 Great Pairings!

Wine professional Ira Smith of Kent Wine & Spirit and James Neunzig, chef/owner of J.P. Gifford Catering, will prepare a fabulous menu for eight lucky winners in your choice of location. James is well known in Litchfield County and beyond. His work has been rated “Excellent” in the New York Times. Ira has raided the cellar of Kent Wine for six pairs of fabulous wines topped off with Chateau d Y’quem. Each course is to be savored as are the special wines chosen to complement them. After a champagne reception come assorted hors d’oeuvres. Each of the six courses will be served with two wines that excel. The menu includes chilled butter poached lobster, risotto, saffron-infused pan roast with seafood, and grilled marinated leg of lamb. And Ira’s

wine choices include the likes of Champagne Louis Roederer Cristal 1999, Jermann Vintage Tunina, and a Tally Vineyard Pinot And the list goes on! Must be at a mutually agreeable time, date and location of your choice in Litchfield or Fairfield counties or New York. A server will be provided for the evening as well as appropriate Riedel glassware. Due to state laws, no one under 21 can be included. Donated by Kent Wine & Spirit and James Neunzig.

L-22 Southern Breezes Are Beckoning!

Spend a week in France's Roussillon region at Maison du Maitre, a five bedroom, two bath home with terrace views of a 13th-century chateau and lake. Dominated by 740,300 acres of vineyards at the extreme south of France, the area borders the Mediterranean, with the coastal plains and the magnificent Pyrenees offering complete contrasts in scenery. Perpignan is the main town of the area, with many historic buildings and a river running through it. Visit the attractive villages in the mountain foothills and the beautiful coastal towns of Collioure and Argeles-sur-Mer. The sea, the beaches are either long and open or nestled in lovely bays where the mountains join the coast. Available for a one-week stay from May through October 2008. Gratuities not included. Donated by Joseph Loreno and Christopher Hermann.

L-23 Exclusive Style!

Create the perfect wardrobe with this fabulous shopping experience! Enhance your wardrobe with a \$5,000 gift certificate for the Carlisle Collection of fine women's apparel and accessories. Get the style input you want when you shop by personal appointment with one of Carlisle's fashion consultants. Gift Certificate must be redeemed in full for the face value in one purchasing session. Original certificate must be presented and expires November 18, 2008. Donated by The Carlisle Collection.

L-24 Spotlight on Fashion!

Get an inside view of fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg's fabulous new Manhattan headquarters, featured in this month's Vanity Fair. Designed by Dan Wood and Amale Androas of Workac, inspired by the idea of a glittering jewel box. There are two floors of retail space stretching over 2,100-sq. feet. You and three friends will see it all. Pale gray glossy floors, DVF Pink banquettes, a continuous white wrap wall and twinkling mirrored constellations on the staircase and ceiling. While you're there, you'll have the opportunity to spend a \$1,000 gift certificate. And then go out for lunch in the neighborhood at your choice of Fig and Olive, Florent or Los Dados Mexicanos. A mutually convenient appointment in the spring will be scheduled.

L-25 Beachfront Villa for Six!

You and five friends can plan a one-week (seven days and six nights) stay in paradise! You will fall in love with the supremely comfortable yet notably exclusive Tortuga Bay in the Dominican Republic! Tortuga Bay is one of the Leading Small Hotels of the World. Decorated by none other than our own Oscar de la Renta, these 15 luxurious beachfront, golf view or ocean view villas offer uncompromised privacy and five-star relaxation for those seeking to unwind. This jewel of the Caribbean is located within a 15,000-acre gated community where Oscar de la Renta, Julio Iglesias and Mikhail Baryshnikov keep homes. Amenities include a fitness center, the full-service Six Senses Spa, five miles of white-sand beaches, traditional Dominican warmth and hospitality; and breakfast every day! Get ready to raise your paddle and bid for this one! Visit www.puntacana.com to learn more. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar de la Renta

L-26 Pack It Up & Go!

Thule is the name in roof rack systems. Pack your gear for the next vacation into an Atlantis 1600 system, the most popular size box in the Atlantis line. It offers the pre-installed Quick-Grip hardware systems. The box will mount perfectly to your new Thule base roof rack. It can handle 4-6 snowboards. The box is perfectly sized for today's SUV's and wagons. Use this gift certificate to make arrangements for getting your new Thule system.

L-27 She Has Such Grace!

Spend an extraordinary evening with multiple Academy and Tony Award nominee Lynn Redgrave. You'll get a full helping of her talent at the theatre and then follow up with the delightful treat of dining with her afterwards. What a feast for the mind and heart! She stars in "Grace," a provocative drama that pits Grace, a noted scientist and avowed atheist, against her son Tom, a lawyer planning to become a Christian minister. A critically acclaimed hit at London's SoHo Theatre now making its New York debut, "Grace" poses compelling questions about timely issues of faith, religiosity and ideological forbearance. Ms. Redgrave is kindly offering two tickets to the show and invites you to join her for dinner following the performance. The play runs from January 23 to March 8, 2008 at MCC Theater at The Lucille Lortel Theatre in New York. To be scheduled for a mutually convenient date after the opening night performance.

L-28 It's a Yurman!

Renowned jewelry designer David Yurman donated this extra large oval link bracelet in sterling silver and 18k yellow gold. It's chunky and perfect for your wrist!

L-29 Walk on Pink Sand!

Six lucky people will spend a week of pampered indulgence in Diane von Furstenberg's fabulous Harbour Island beach house, La Samana. Take long walks on the beach at sunset, twirl around the small town during the day. Watch the ships sail in at the harbor or have cocktails at the marina. Enjoy this casual and intimate Bahamas island by foot or golf-cart and bring your snorkeling gear! Harbour Island was ranked "The Best Island in the Caribbean" by Travel & Leisure magazine in 2005. Now you can see why! Must be a mutually agreeable date.

L-30 A Night at the Opera!

This luxe statement piece, a navy opera coat (size medium) is a signature Cynthia Steffe, a leading American contemporary fashion line. The collection embodies an innovative, youthful spirit and offers luxury combined with style basics. The coat has rich floral quilting, oversized buttons and a chic satin-trimmed belt. With three-quarter length full sleeves and a shawl collar, it falls below the hips.

L-31 Get Ready for Spring!

When the snows of winter finally melt away, get a jump start on enjoying your lawn with this spring cleanup and tick control package offered by Hoffman Landscapes. Three laborers will work for a half day raking the lawn, picking up winter debris, pruning shrubs, cutting down leftover ornamental grasses and scrubbing out the beds for spring planting. The service also includes a thorough Lyme tick control spraying. Work must be completed by April 15, 2008. Donated by Hoffman Landscapes.

L-32 Fashion Extravaganza!

You and a friend will enjoy seats at Oscar de la Renta's 2008 Fall Collection Show in February 2008. See all the latest styles firsthand. Then head to the Oscar de la Renta Boutique in Manhattan to shop with a \$3,000 gift certificate. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar de la Renta.

L-33 Nantucket Island Week!

For a true New England experience, you must do a one-week stay on the island of Nantucket. This comfortable, fully equipped cottage has five bedrooms and is perfect for one or two families. It's a mile from Madaket Beach, right on the bike path, and about 300 feet from the Madaket shuttle bus, which runs every half hour during the season. It's filled with vintage furnishings and pictures of old Nantucket. The cottage has a spacious rear deck, with lots of outdoor furniture for outdoor eating and a barbecue. The fully-supplied kitchen and eating area adjoin the great room. No pets or smoking. Not available from June 28 to September 1, 2008. A gift from Ann Martindale and Steve Jacobs.

L-34 Shall We Dance?

Our navy gown was custom couture designed in Paris, 2002 by Vicky Tiel, brilliant haute couturier to the world's most powerful, celebrated women. She is known for her exquisite, form fitting designs, conceived and executed in the couture tradition of precious fabrics. Its classic design, with a sweeping skirt (size six), is ready for some lucky gal to step into. Donated by a friend of HVA.

L-35 Paging Congressman Murphy!

Tour the capitol and have lunch with our newest representative in Congress. Chris Murphy will spend time with two of you, explaining how Washington works . . . or doesn't. You'll get a tour of the Capitol building and during lunch, you can grill him some more! And you never know who he might introduce you to. Overnight stay at the Mayflower Hotel. For a mutually agreed upon date in 2008.

L-36 Unspoiled Tranquility!

Nestled in lush hills on the secluded island of Nevis, Montpelier Plantation Inn (a Relais & Chateaux hotel) is a sanctuary far from the stresses of modern life. A haven of peace awaits two of you in a guest cottage with a private veranda at this carefully restored 17th-century historic sugar plantation. Each of the 17 rooms offers stunning views of the sea, mountains and lights of Nevis and St. Kitts at night. Play a game of tennis or try snorkeling (equipment provided). Nearby activities include the spa, golf, horse riding, eco-rambles, diving and sailing. Hike in the rain forest, climb to the mountaintop or laze on the beach. Montpelier's chefs offer classic cuisine with local and contemporary inspiration. The Inn's farm yields avocados, mangos, passion fruits, watermelons, oranges, lemons and limes as well as organically grown vegetables and herbs. Six-day/five-night stay includes breakfast and afternoon tea, but not lunch, dinner, beverages and other components not mentioned. Subject to availability and blackout dates apply, nontransferable, nonredeemable for cash and nonexchangeable. The trip is valid until November 18, 2008. When booking reservation, please choose three sets of dates for intended travel. To learn more, visit www.montpeliernevis.com. A gift from Edward Hoffman and Lincoln and Muffin Hoffman.

L-37 Peter, Paul and Mary!

Annie Leibovitz went on a cross-country blitz photographing folk music's stars for Vanity Fair's November portfolio. Her intimate portraits are the result of a style marked by close collaboration between the photographer and the subject. Here she captures icons Peter, Paul and Mary reunited at the White Horse Tavern where Mary Travers hung out as a young woman before becoming part of the famous trio. Photo is signed by Annie Leibovitz. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. Graydon Carter.

L-38 The Taylors!

Our second signed Annie Leibovitz print from the November Vanity Fair spread features the Taylor family. She managed to get a rare photo of James Taylor posed with his brothers, Livingston and Hugh, and sister, Kate, standing in front of James's 1958 Studebaker pickup truck. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. Graydon Carter.

L-39 Tour a 21st Century Beauty!

The new InterActiveCorp (IAC) world headquarters, on W. 18th Street, rises up to the Manhattan skyline in Chelsea. A design collaboration of IAC chairman Barry Diller and architect Frank Gehry, the glass and concrete structure is a testament to 21st century technology and style that melds with the chunky block structures of the 19th century. Your insider's guided tour starts in the breathtaking lobby and takes you into the inner workings. You and three companions will see an interior brimming with glass-filtered light bouncing off warm wood furniture, fabrics and tiles in bold graphics. Learn about the desired affect of the design and how it was achieved. Then during lunch at Pastis, Fig and Olive, or Florent, you can savor the artistic and technical triumphs of the IAC building along with an incredible epicurean experience. Tour and lunch must be scheduled for a mutually convenient time. Donated by Barry Diller.

L-40 Sunday in the Park with George and Stephen Sondheim!

The British revival of “Sunday in the Park with George,” which just won five Olivier Awards including Outstanding Musical Production is coming to Broadway in February. Songwriter/lyricist Stephen Sondheim is offering two tickets to a weeknight performance between February 21 and April 6, 2008 and invites you to join him for drinks and a chat before taking your seats.

L-41 Caribbean Dreams!

Vacation in Vieques, located off the east coast of Puerto Rico, the largest of the Spanish Virgin Islands and the Caribbean’s best kept secrets! Two-thirds of this island paradise is a wildlife preserve, home to horses and peacocks. Almost 50 wonderful beaches where you can snorkel, body surf or relax! Fine dining is offered in a casual setting at the open-air restaurants. For six nights and seven days, you can stay in Villa Destino, a hillside villa with three air-conditioned bedrooms, four baths, a pool, fully equipped kitchen, upstairs study with flat screen satellite TV, and beautifully landscaped gardens. You’ll enjoy spectacular views and cooling breezes and the covered porch overlooks the Caribbean. Plan your vacation for a week in March through August, depending on availability. This package is nontransferable. Donated by Lea Davies and Larry Power.

L-42 In the Lap of Luxury!

That’s what you’ll be sitting in when you settle into this fully upholstered wing chair from the Tulip Tree’s upholstery collection. Covered in a chocolate ultrasuede with walnut stained legs, it’s style, comfort and durability all in one.

L-43 A Flair for Living!

Use this \$1,000 gift certificate to shop at the Charlotte Moss Townhouse, housed in a land-marked building on the Upper East Side. Charlotte Moss offers customized home furnishings and is the exclusive retail location of select international artists, craftsmen, and antiquaries. Each room is luxuriously decorated from an eclectic portfolio personally designed and hand selected by Charlotte. Similar to a designer show house, the Townhouse's five floors provide the perfect backdrop for inspiration and exploration in modern-day gracious living. Donated by Charlotte Moss.

L-44 A Bounty of Books!

"As Cartier is to watches, Assouline is to books." So says "Time Out NY." Assouline books are works of art that capture culture and bring it to life. For 10 years, Assouline Publishing has created fine illustrated books dedicated to fashion, photography, art and design. Our collection includes: *Masks, Christian Dior, American Fashion, House of Worship, Ricky Lauren, No Smoking, Paris, New York, Watches, Boys, Poker, Trench, Movie Game Book, Costumes of Light, Alaia, Poiret, Solstiss, Bisazza, Geishas, Marie Antoinette Style, and Africa Is In Style*. Win this collection and you'll have finished your gift shopping for the season. Donated by Assouline.

SILENT AUCTION PROCEDURES AND RULES

1. The Silent Auction begins at 1 p.m. and continues until an auction official closes it just before the live auction.

All final bids must be submitted before the Live Auction begins.

2. All items will have a bid sheet. Persons desiring to bid must do so by writing their bid number and amount they wish to bid on the bid sheet. Each sheet will have a minimum opening bid as well as the minimum allowed bid increase. The highest bidder on any item becomes the purchaser of such item at the full amount of the successful bid.
3. **Minimum bids will be listed on each bid sheet.**
No item will be sold for less than the minimum bid.
4. After the Silent Auction closes, the winning bidder and the amount bid on each item will be posted at the cashier's table.
5. In the event of a dispute, an Auction official shall act as the final authority to determine the winning bidder and amount.
6. All auction items and services must be used within a year or within the time limits stated in the catalog, and are subject to the terms and conditions stipulated by the donor.
7. Payment shall be made by cash, checks payable to HVA or by VISA or MASTERCARD.

SUPER SILENT AUCTION

SS-01 Cocktails at Seven!

Circa 1920s, marked Tiffany & Co., this lovely cut crystal and sterling silver cocktail pitcher will grace your home with elegance for years to come. Stands 9 ½" high. Bears no monogram and is in superb condition. Donated by Lawrence Jeffrey Estate Jewelers in Litchfield.

SS-02 Four for Fore!

You and three friends will enjoy an unaccompanied round of 18 holes of golf any Monday through Thursday at the exclusive Bull's Bridge Golf Club, the only Tom Fazio designed golf course in Connecticut. Does not include caddie fees (must use a fare caddie). Must use before October 15, 2008. Donated by Mr. Ken Cooper.

SS-03 Foreign Trade!

"Merchant Junk" depicts China trade off the coast of Canton. Oil on canvas, measuring 14" x 10" framed, it was painted for the China Trade export market. This antique piece is estimated to have been painted 1840-60. Donated by Tucker Frey Antiques.

SS-04 Blowin' in the Wind!

Next time you need to know which way the wind blows and you can't find a weatherman, just look to your garden for guidance. Your impressive eagle weathervane, standing 51" high, is a superb reproduction of an 18th-century masterpiece. Handmade at Virginia Metalcrafters. Donated by The Garden, Woodbury, CT.

SS-05 Treat Your Feet!

Anyone who's anyone wears Manolo Blahnik shoes! Use this \$500 gift certificate to select exclusive, designer, one-of-a-kind shoes at the Manolo Blahnik Boutique in New York. Not to be used on sale items. Good until November 18, 2008.

SS-06 How Do Your Flowers Grow?

Knowledgeable gardener Barbara Robinson will conduct a private tour of the spectacular gardens at her Washington, Conn. home. Following the tour, she'll offer drinks and conversation for the winning bidder and five guests. To be arranged at a mutually convenient date and time next summer. Donated by Ms. Barbara Paul Robinson.

SS-07 Snow Time Like Bean Time!

13-Bean Silo Soup gift basket is perfect for the cooler weather. Not only will you have soup, but you'll serve it up beautifully. In a delightful metal basket, it includes a soup tureen, four soup bowls, an oval server, four placemats and napkins, and a tablecloth. And to help plan future gatherings, the folks at the farm have also put in two books — "Seasons in the Country" and "Christmas in the Country." Donated by Hunt Hill Farm Trust.

SS-08 Goddess of the Sea!

Jewelry for the modern goddess! Some things are just better old — especially when it's a new sterling silver bracelet from Mars & Valentine. Based on original 1920 nautical designs. It is set with pearl, white topaz, Czech glass and beads and it's absolutely meant to adorn the arm of some lucky woman! Donated by The Gilded Lily.

SS-09 It's in the Bag!

Elie Tahari came to New York with "nothing but a free plane ticket." Years later, he's one of the most well-known and respected names in the fashion industry, boasting five boutiques and a presence in over 600 stores. The Elie Tahari, Ltd.'s Zoe bag stands out for its shape, but you'll love it for the classic construction. The suede is thick and soft. With rolled double handles and a large zippered top, this medium-sized bag will become a staple.

SS-10 Rock-a-bye Baby!

Surely someone you know is expecting a baby sometime soon. What a delight this baby basket filled with layette items will be at the shower. It includes two crib sheets from Baby Traditions by Pamela Kline, a green and white crib bumper and matching dust ruffle of hand-embroidered linen featuring a farm scene, two towels and a bottle. Donated by Personal Best Monogram Shop.

SS-11 A Palace of a Place!

Located in the center of the upscale Recoleta district, the Alvear Palace is the most exclusive hotel in Buenos Aires and one of the top hotels in the world. A gilded classical confection full of marble and bronze, the Alvear combines Empire and Louis XV-style furniture with exquisite French decorative arts. Its majestic architecture and decoration have turned it into an icon of luxurious hotels worldwide. The hotel's essence, history, elegance, and the hospitality of its committed and qualified staff, will make your stay a unique experience. Your two-night stay in a deluxe suite includes buffet breakfast, butler service, fruits and flowers in your room and access to the hotel's health club. Valid from March through October 2008 and subject to availability. Donated by Travel and Leisure and Small Luxury Hotels.

SS-12 Pamper Yourself!

Yes, it's grand to spend the afternoon at Joe's Salon and Spa being pampered and babied, but when you have to make do at home, it doesn't get better than this! The pretty floral bag contains product assortment of The Yonka Treatment line, which uses the best of plants, fruits and aroma-therapy for naturally radiant beauty at all ages. The variety of hair products from Bumble and bumble include Damage Therapy Cleanser and Conditioning Creme, Finishing Balm, Styling Balm and more. Donated by Joe's Salon & Body Spa.

SS-13 Charming Chair!

For some reason Art Deco never really goes out of style. This vintage leather chair, circa 1930, probably has some rich stories it could tell. But with a little love, it could become an important part of your life. Seat cushions are in deep gold velvet and, rumor has it, offer the most comfortable sit down ever!

SS-14 Magic Carpet!

The making of kilim rugs is a tradition dating back thousands of years and has evolved into an art form and a way to pass on cultural history. Most look like magic carpets from fairy tales, esoteric and darkly mysterious. Our 5' x 13' 7," 100 percent wool, handwoven kilim comes from Afghanistan in a traditional pattern done in red, orange, maroon, black, brown and tan. This very fine tribal rug is probably late 19th- or early 20th-century. A gift from David and Carol Jalbert.

SS-15 Summertime Style!

Chic, sleek and sophisticated, this cobalt pinstripe halter dress (size 6) from Cynthia Steffe, easily goes from work to play. It features cobalt mini-stripes and an industrial zipper at the back.

SS-16 A Pretty Desk!

Studies show that a beautiful workspace can inspire greater productivity. At the very least, it can brighten your day. Instill a sense of beauty to your desk with this Baccarat lady's desk set featuring a crystal clock, heart-shaped paperweight and bud vase. Could be the perfect gift for the lady in your life. Donated by Robin and Catherine Ringler.

SS-17 The Clothes Make the Man!

Take this \$500 gift certificate to Paul Stuart. They've been catering to the sartorial needs of the well-dressed executive for 69 years. This classic clothing emporium's old-school aesthetic is as stylish and elegant today as it was in the era of kid gloves and the nickel subway ride. And their recently introduced Phineas Cole collection, with its leaner cut and cheekier style, appeals to a hipper, younger demographic or to the CEO who wants to adapt to new trends but maintain a connection with traditional good taste. Donated by Paul Stuart.

SS-18 From Russia With Love!

A framed and signed original drawing by Russian artist Sonia Delaunay is an essential to the modern art collector. She is associated with orphism, an offshoot of cubism based on Russian folk art. A prolific artist, she also produced paintings, murals, fashion and interior designs, ceramics, mosaics and stained glass. Her first set of costumes was designed for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes. In the 1950s she received numerous awards and in 1964 she was the first living female artist to have a retrospective exhibit at the Louvre. Donated by Robert Couturier.

SS-19 Tri-Color!

All that sparkles is not gold; sometimes it's three different colors of gold! These Cartier Trinity small hoop stud earrings with intertwined strands of gold could make you very happy. Donated by a friend of HVA.

SS-20 Rock Around the Clock!

Since 1926, the Hunt family of skilled craftsmen have designed and manufactured furniture on the grounds of the Hunt homestead in Wingdale, New York. The collection is characterized by its simple functional design, superb workmanship, strength and the warmth of solid woods. Our Birdcage rocker is crafted in oak and maintains the historic authenticity and beauty of timeless country styles. Donated by Hunt Country Furniture.

SS-21 Soothe Your Soul; Sculpt Your Body!

Here's to you! Sometimes we just have to take a day . . . or two . . . for ourselves. With this special basket of gift certificates you can take care of the entire you and it can all happen in Kent. Shop at the Rest & Relaxation Station with a \$50 gift certificate. Nothing soothes like fresh flowers; so visit Lily's on the Green for your unique vase arrangement. Come back for a refill with your \$50 gift certificate. Allow an hour and a half for an acupuncture session with Meg McMorrow, a licensed practitioner. Appreciate a custom flower essence blend prepared just for you by FloweremPowerment. Top it off with the ultimate relaxation therapy — a massage from Essentials Day Spa. Attend to that body with four one-hour, one-on-one personal training sessions with Marilyn Gansel at Fitness Matters of Kent. Be challenged with Optimal Functional Training Method for power, strength, balance, flexibility, and cardiorespiratory endurance. Programs are customized for each client. Complement your personal training with a one-hour session with Victoria Schumacher at The Bedford Studio. The studio is the home of two mind-body disciplines — Pilates and Gyrotonic — again tailored to the your needs. Now you feel great and you're in shape to walk around the rest of Kent for some fantastic shopping and dining! All gift certificates donated by those providing the service and are subject to any restrictions noted on them.

SS-22 Giant Ginger Jar!

In China they had some rather special uses for these giant ginger jars. Perhaps you'll just want to set it in your hallway for its beauty and craftsmanship. This lovely example hails from the early 19th-century and has a traditional design incorporating a pale pink chrysanthemum. The wooden lid is not the original but we think it's wonderful that a 200-year-old piece has come to us in such pristine condition. Donated by Madeline West Antiques.

SS-23 Best Seats in the Opera House!

What better way to introduce a child to the colorful world of opera! We have three tickets to a matinee performance of “Hansel and Gretel” during the upcoming holiday season. The English-language production of Engelbert Humperdinck’s masterful treatment of the beloved story by the Brothers Grimm is the second in the Met’s annual series of special holiday presentations. Tickets are for the Friday, January 4, 2008, 1 p.m. performance; Parterre Box 12, seats 1, 2 and 3. Donated by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Peterson.

SILENT AUCTION

THE ART GALLERY

- 1000** A self-taught photographer and professional artist, David LaBella believes that the image itself is what defines good photography. He wants the viewer to feel as though they are a part of the scene. You can do that every time you look upon “Falling Waters Trail,” taken in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.
- 1001** “On the Oxbow,” by David McCandless, Jr., is a treasure, just like our valley. This framed original pastel focuses on the beauty of this bend in the Housatonic River in Great Barrington.
- 1002** A local artist has given us a personal perspective on one of our area’s precious natural resources in this oil rendering of a field off Cascade Road in New Milford. “God’s Gift — Developer’s Dream” captures a moment of summer with wild flowers in bloom. The framed painting measures 44" x 34". Donated by A. Cronin.
- 1003** David Labella’s photography is a testament to the drama and beauty of the American landscape. “Autumn Leaves” was taken on the Salmon River, Marlborough, Connecticut. LabellaPhotographic.com.
- 1004** Charles Raskob Robinson has exhibited in one-man shows and major national and international contemporary marine art exhibitions. This year he graces our gallery with a limited edition, signed and numbered print, “Black Can.” The original painting is part of the renowned collection of Malcolm B. Forbes, Sr. It has been framed for us by Northlight Framing.

- 1005** Extreme close-ups executed in moody black and white . . . this is the hallmark of Hank Meirowitz's exquisite floral photography. His delicate rose, framed and matted and measuring 18" x 24", is a beautiful example of his work and it can be yours . . . for the winning bid! If you like this one, be sure to see the companion "Iris" in the Art Gallery.
- 1006** Once again we are treated to Hank Meirowitz's sensuous black-and-white floral photography. "Iris" is 18" x 24" framed and matted. Pair it with the delicate rose also in the Art Gallery and you have a lovely statement for any bedroom or quiet space.
- 1007** Our second offering from famed Washington marine artist, Charles Raskob Robinson, is a 22 1/2" x 15 7/8" limited edition print, signed and numbered — "Dawn on the Canal du Midi." Framing was donated by Northlight Framing.
- 1008** Winter on the "Shepaug at Weller's Bridge" captured by New Milford artist Lorraine Ryan. Over the years, Lorraine has had a number of one-woman shows at galleries in New York and Connecticut, and has received awards in juried exhibitions. Add her framed original 11" x 14" acrylic to your collection.
- 1009** Lorraine Ryan's "Sun and Shadows" takes us to a quiet spot on the Housatonic River in Kent. Bask in the sunlight, loll in the shade and remember what this river is all about.
- 1010** Lorraine Ryan has been documenting area landmarks (before they disappear!) for several years. For New Milford's tricentennial celebration this year, she created a commemorative painting: "300 Years: 1707 to 2007." The framed giclee print is 15" x 20".

- 1011** Local artist Martin Ryan has had a successful career creating record album covers and art for home products. Since retiring, he has come back to fine art and illustration, focusing mainly on wildlife. This 8" x 10" giclee print "Summer Goldfinches" is signed and numbered.
- 1012** Martin Ryan's work has been exhibited in many local galleries, most recently in a show at The Silo in New Milford. Add this signed and numbered 8" x 10" giclee print "Autumn Orioles" to your art collection.
- 1013** Award-winning landscape artist Anda Styler's work has been featured in numerous galleries up and down the East coast. Her warm impressionistic style captures the essence of our New England landscape. She's given us a view of the Housatonic River flood plain, created during the April 2007 rainy season.
- 1014** New Milford artist Chris Osborne has once again captured the aura and particular style of a Hollywood icon. Here, it's James Dean posed with a 1949 Mercury. She gives us a 22" x 28" signed poster. Donated by Chris Osborne.
- 1015** And Chris Osborne donates a small limited edition litho print depicting the fabulous Marilyn Monroe posing with a 1956 T-Bird. Very sexy . . . Marilyn and the T-Bird!
- 1016** Some 20 years ago, the dam on Candlewood Lake was covered in beautiful pines. Since then the pines have disappeared but Lorraine Ryan recorded the serene beauty of this spot on canvas. Unframed, this acrylic painting measures 24" x 18" and is titled "Peaceful Reflection." Donated by Lorraine Ryan.
- 1017** Washington artist Louise King is renowned for her clay horse sculptures. This year she offers two "Mud Ponies" to add to your collection.

- 1018** Prize-winning photographer James Stasiak's "Horses in Morning Mist" sets a dreamy tone. It is a limited edition 20" x 24" matted, archival photographic print printed on fine art watercolor paper and matted with archival board. Donated by Mr. James Stasiak.
- 1019** Let's go to the shore with Barbara Soares. Her archival photographic print "Path to Crescent Beach" will have you wishing for warm weather again. It is a 20" x 24" limited edition printed on fine art watercolor paper and is matted with archival board and sealed in an acid-free enclosure. Donated by Ms. Barbara Soares.
- 1020** Local artist Susan Grisell has given us a water-themed original oil painting. Framed, it measures 16½" x 22½". Donated by the artist.
- 1021** Gaylordsville artist Richard Stalter's original oil painting evokes a moody day at a water fall. Framed, it measures 23" x 27". Donated by Mr. Richard Stalter.
- 1022** Ahh, serenity. In this original painting of the Housatonic, Lynn Wellings has created her own impression of the photo that graces the cover of our Auction's invitation and catalog this year. Gaze upon a moment of peace. Framed, it measures 17" x 14½". Donated by Lynn Wellings.
- 1023** In keeping with an environmental theme, M.G. Martin creates unique linoleum block prints. This one, "Twenty Turtles," is framed at 28" x 23". Martin, a natural science artist and Woodbury resident, draws upon natural history as an influence for her works that use fossils, insects, plants and animals in complex designs. Donated by M. G. Martin.

THE LIBRARY

- 1100** With a one-year subscription to The Litchfield County Times, you'll enjoy the award-winning paper that brings you the news from all of Litchfield County. Spend a lazy Saturday morning in your LCT tee-shirt, sipping from your LCT coffee mug while you catch up on the local happenings. Donated by Litchfield County Times.
- 1101** "Crazy Sexy Cancer" is an irreverent and uplifting documentary about a young woman looking for a cure and finding her life. In 2003, 31-year-old actress/photographer Kris Carr was diagnosed with a rare and incurable cancer. Weeks later she began filming her story of survival sharing her courage and strength with lots of humor. The book she produced from the documentary "Crazy Sexy Cancer Tips" is a guide to kicking cancer's tail. Part memoir, part tips, tricks and secrets, this handbook will educate you and make you feel like you're not alone. Donated by Ms. Kim Carr.
- 1102** Quotations and excerpts from philosophers, sachems, scientists, conservationists, poets and others . . . all in one handsome volume. Donated by Mr. Thomas Crider.
- 1103** A popular item . . . so we offer a second chance at "A Nature Lover's Book of Quotations." Donated by Mr. Thomas Crider.
- 1104** Don't reinvent yourself. Instead give a read to a very practical self-help book, "How to Use What You've Got to Get What You Want." Donated by Bank St. Book Nook.
- 1105** "Starting Something" is a must read for aspiring entrepreneurs. Wayne McVicker has recorded an entrepreneur's tale of control, confrontation and corporate culture. He chronicles a five-year personal and corporate roller coaster ride. Winner of the 2004 DIY Book Festival — Book of the Year. Donated by Bank St. Book Nook.

- 1106** Janet Tashjian has a gift for portraying bright adolescents with insight and humor. Her “Vote for Larry” is a terrific read with a credible and lovable main character. Donated by Bank St. Book Nook.
- 1107** Kenneth Oppel’s “Skybreaker” is classic storytelling in the vein of Robert Louis Stevenson and Jules Verne. He creates a world in which a new discovery can have unimaginable consequences — on earth and miles above it. Donated by Bank St. Book Nook.
- 1108** “The Country Fair Craft Book” is filled with projects that are simple with easy-to-follow instructions. Get busy this winter. Maybe you’ll have a booth in one of those fairs next summer! Donated by Bank St. Book Nook.
- 1109** Award-winning artist Wendell Minor has joined talents with internationally bestselling author Mary Higgins Clark on her first children’s book. “Ghost Ship: A Cape Cod Story” debuted on the New York Times Best Seller List at #3 in Children’s Picture Books. Mr. Minor gives us a copy that is signed by both author and illustrator. What a collector’s item . . . and what a great story to read with the children on a cold winter’s night. He also sends along a poster for the book which he will personalize for the winning bidder.
- 1110** Take a stroll down memory lane with this collection of New Milford printed memorabilia. Surely you’ll see someone or something you used to see all the time. This collection includes: paperback retrospective on the 1955 flood published by The Waterbury Republican-American, a magazine published by the New Milford Chamber of Commerce in 1961, a 1970 Village Fair Days promotional poster from Connecticut National Bank and two issues of the New Milford Savings Bank Almanac (1970, 1971). Perhaps the most special piece is the August 15, 1953 issue of The Saturday Evening Post featuring John Clymer’s painting of the New Milford Green. These pieces are not

in absolutely perfect condition but they are fairly well preserved. Donated by Mr. Richard Pomerantz.

- 1111** “Houses of Berkshires – 1870-1930” by Jackson Gilder launched the Architecture of Leisure series and surveys 35 of the most renowned residences and estates in the scenic hills of the Berkshires. Donated by Miss Mary V. Flynn.
- 1112** “The Houses of McKim, Mead & White” focuses on the residential work of McKim, Mead & White, one of America’s best-known and most influential architectural firms. More than 30 houses are presented here, each elegantly recorded in lush new color photographs. Donated by Miss Mary V. Flynn.
- 1113** Stock up on books by your favorite author this winter. Select a coffee-table book or choose from an extensive collection of jazz, classical, folk, blues, Celtic and other musical CDs, art supplies, or mix it up with this \$100 gift certificate. Donated by House of Books.
- 1114** Photographer and writer Tim Palmer has spent more than 25 years researching and experiencing life on American waterways, traveling by canoe or raft on more than 300 different rivers. The texture and movement of water running through America’s rivers come to life in this stunning book. Donated by Friends of HVA.
- 1115** Spend a few hours appreciating what nature and art have to offer perusing this coffee table book of John James Audubon paintings of birds of America. Donated by Ms. Abby Wells.
- 1116** In his latest novel, Christopher Buckley imagines a future when America teeters on the brink of economic disaster as the baby boomers start retiring. The young heroine PR hack/blogger suggests some unusual solutions. Our copy is signed by both author and pater, William Buckley. Donated by Amy Schuchat.

HEARTH & HOME

- 1200** Add some charm to your kitchen with a strawberry bowl and these bright and cheery strawberry motif potholders and towel. Donated by Fife 'n Drum Gift Shop.
- 1201** This copy of "Swedish Styles" will give you some decorating ideas. This \$250 gift certificate to shop at Eleish Van Breems Antiques in Woodbury will start you on the way to completing your vision. Donated by Eleish-Van Breems Antiques.
- 1202** Perfect for casual entertaining, this "Patio Plus" serving tray features a berries-and-pears design. It comes with four salad/dessert plates and four dinner plates, two of each size with a pear design and two of each size with a berry design. Dishwasher safe but not microwaveable. Donated by Hutzler Manufacturing.
- 1203** Add a touch of warmth as well as light to your home or patio with a hurricane candlestick. This most popular design features a bright pewter finish, comes with a glass globe, stands 9½" tall and uses a standard 5-6" candle. Donated by Woodbury Pewter.
- 1204** Our friend Pat Schoenfeld has created a beautiful ceramic bowl in blue and earth tones. As an entertaining essential or a work of art, it stands out for its craftsmanship.
- 1205** This handmade unglazed terra-cotta pot is from one of the world's great earthenware cultures, the Sasak people of Lombok Island in Indonesia. It's a rare and beautiful piece of living history. It stands approximately 20" high. Donated by Foreign Cargo Limited.
- 1206** Lovely design and colorful artwork will prompt you to hang this red-and-gold tole wall pocket front and center. Use it as a planter or a handy place for outgoing mail. Donated by Mr. Ronald Budny.

- 1207** This complete set of 12 Wedgewood dinner plates is special. Each blue-and-white plate depicts a different historical building at Yale University. They are Wedgewood Etruria, with impressed marks, from 1931. Donated by Ms. Marilyn M. Hart.
- 1208** The rose. The name alone summons up myriad images and memories. “The Glory of Roses” with photographs by Christopher Baker and text by Allen Lacy examines the origin and history, the ways and variety of its naming, the cultural overlays it has acquired through the centuries, its various uses, and the literature and art that have been employed to describe it. The unique bud vase is the perfect complement for the beauty of the rose. Donated by The Wish House.
- 1209** This polymer brain coral sculpture will delight and intrigue. It’s bound to enhance your seaside decorating scheme. Donated by Mary Stuart.
- 1210** Most people think of boxes when they hear the word “Limoges” but most anything can be made from Limoges porcelain. Here, we have a hand-painted decorative antique platter of superb quality featuring a floral decoration and signed “Felix.” Donated by Bradford House Antiques.
- 1211** The potter’s challenge is to use nature’s palette – air, earth, water and fire – to create settings for domestic treasures, whether cooked, gathered or arranged that are as timeless as they are beautiful. Success has been achieved in the simplicity, strength and beauty of this 9½" luncheon plate with a fish motif. Donated by Cornwall Bridge Pottery.
- 1212** Add an accent with two chainstitch embroidery pillows in a design based on the style of Paul Klee’s art from his 1921-29 period. The knobby wool throw complements the pillows. Donated by Terston Home Accents & Womanswear.

- 1213** This happy looking Dog Clock with its swinging tail will add a cheery note to any wall, especially in a child's room. Donated by Pink Cloud Gallery.
- 1214** We see them everywhere these days . . . Canada geese. This hand-carved wood rendition from Canada will sit quietly near the hearth and bring naught but pleasure for years to come. Donated by Monique Shay.
- 1215** A harvest basket is a versatile work of art. This oval shaped example features a rounded bottom and a sturdy handle. It measures 11" x 10" x 8" high (not including handle). Donated by Authantiques, LLC.
- 1216** This vintage piece started out as a Belgian birthing chair. Now it would make a perfect fireside seat. It's just the right height for warming your toes in front of the fire this winter. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Allan L. Frew.
- 1217** You might want to give this Whirlpool compact refrigerator to the college student in your life. It's the right size for a dormitory room. But it might also come in handy on the patio or in the rec room. The 1.6 cubic-foot unit has full-width door storage, a freezer compartment with an ice cube tray and adjustable temperature control. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Allan L. Frew.
- 1218** This antique Georgian crystal decanter will look so nice on the side board, especially when filled with your favorite sherry. Donated by Mill House Antiques.
- 1219** This 15" x 6" copper trout is really a door knocker. Unique and handcrafted at Copper Knocker, it will dress up your door or hang proudly on your wall. Donated by Mr. David Duff.

- 1220** Go “authentic” with a digital facsimile of a Beers Atlas 1870s map of Litchfield County. It will look real because it’s printed on archival paper. Might be just the touch you need in that sitting room. Donated by Johnnycake Books.
- 1221** Ameico, Inc., known for their excellent craftsmanship and authentic, original contemporary design offers us this paper-thin porcelain tea light.
- 1222** Perfect as a decorative and functional piece, this 18" x 10" oval mirror’s frame is adorned with painted tin leaves and lavender glass grape clusters. Donated by Focal Point.
- 1223** A sushi set for two in a lovely brown pattern has two dishes, two sauce bowls and two sets of chopsticks. How tasteful! Donated by Focal Point.
- 1224** You can always find just the right decorating accessory or gift at Focal Point. Use this \$25 gift certificate to shop. Donated by Focal Point.
- 1225** Uber chic. Black-and-white decorating is the current rage. Stay in style and serve your drinks on a vintage black glass and silver round tray with four black frosted glass tumblers. Donated by B. Johnstone & Co.
- 1226** You’ll be prepared for emergencies with this fire safety kit. It includes two battery-operated smoke detectors, one battery-operated carbon monoxide detector and a five-pound ABC fire extinguisher. Donated by F & M Monitoring LLC.

- 1227** Mahogany is a solid wood and so is the craftsmanship on this blanket chest. The combined talents at Singer Woodworking and the Upholstery Shed have once again created a piece of furniture that will be handed down to future generations. The Upholstery Shed has added the finishing touches — padded leather panel inserts — to the 32" x 17" x 18" high, stained and lacquered chest.
- 1228** The deep blue of this fused glass vase calls out for something dramatic. Standing six-inches high with fluted edges, it would also work as a candleholder. You decide. Donated by Jo-Ann Durdock.
- 1229** Matthew Solomon's ceramics are unusually delicate in appearance and beautifully crafted. This vase stands 7½-inches high. The vase itself is essentially a pale green but the three dimensional flowers adorning it are blue and white. Donated by Matthew Solomon.
- 1230** Our 12" bluebird plate has a cheery floral pattern and a sculpted gold edge. The best part though has to be the little bluebirds perched among the flowers. Donated by Miss Mary V. Flynn.
- 1231** We have a second bluebird plate — matching the other one. Bid on both for a couple of lovely serving platters or one to hang with the rest of your plate collection. Donated by Miss Mary V. Flynn.
- 1232** It's a piece of refinement. This early 20th-century English linen tea cloth is in beautiful condition. The fabric was known as "rice cloth." It measures 31" x 31". Donated by Main Street Antiques.
- 1233** From Germany US Zone (circa 1940-45) comes this pair of beautiful china tea cups and saucers. Trimmed in gold, they are perfect for an afternoon break. Donated by Main Street Antiques.

- 1234** Everyone knows the perfection of Meissen. Since we don't have that we do have an 1890 drawing, exquisitely done, of a beautiful Meissen lavabo. The drawing depicts basin and pitcher on a creamy white background. It is matted in pale blue. The framing was done at Ursus Books and measures 16" x 20". Donated by a friend of HVA.
- 1235** This harkens to another time, a time of cocktails in the evening before dining at the Ritz, with men in tuxedos and women in shimmering silk. Use this silver-plated cocktail shaker at your party, but have the guests dress up first. Donated by a friend of HVA.
- 1236** This collection of antique serving utensils should come out at the next party at your house. The seven cheese knives (circa 1900) vary with four different handles. The English bone handled cold meat fork (circa 1880) has a beautiful pattern engraved into the silver. The Sheffield sugar tongs are circa 1860. The cheese knives store perfectly in the silver case. Donated by a friend of HVA.
- 1237** When you're serving tall cool drinks on the patio next summer, they'll look even cooler on this Albrizzi acrylic tray (24" x 15"). Donated by Mr. Peter Vaughn.
- 1238** "Jet set decor" best describes this "cool" ice bucket from Albrizzi. The Albrizzi line of objects and furniture proves, once again, that the best modern design is usually made by hand. All acrylic, it measures 8" x 8" x 7". Donated by Mr. Peter Vaughn.
- 1239** Light up the room in style with a striking red-and-white table lamp. The base is 6" x 24" and it has a white shade. Informal and fun! Donated by Mr. Peter Vaughn.

- 1240** Decorating your buffet table will be easy if you let these talented gentlemen design your fresh flower arrangement for you. Take this \$100 gift certificate into their flower and gift shop to see the magic they make. Cannot be used on holidays. Donated by Arrangements Fine Flowers & Events of New Preston.
- 1241** Our set of six nested stoneware bowls will ensure that you are never without the right size. Ranging from three inches to 15 inches in diameter, they are greyish white in color. Donated by Homeward Bound.
- 1242** We have a taste of the exotic with a large scarf or table cover, hand-decorated by a unique technique, that was displayed in the Crafts Museum in Islamabad, Pakistan. Can be hand-washed and ironed on reverse side with warm iron. Donated by Ms. Abby Wells.
- 1243** Washington Copperworks, a cottage industry for more than 25 years, has sent fine lighting fixtures around the world. They've sent us a handmade Arts & Crafts style wall lamp. This bracketed wall light, with subtle lines and a slightly more modern appearance, goes well in more contemporary settings. Approximate dimensions: 16" tall, 9" wide and 10" deep.
- 1244** With the electric "Waffle Cone Express 838" from Chef's Choice, you can make the best desserts at home. And the chrome cone holder will make it easy to fill the cone and put on the sprinkles. Donated by New Preston Kitchen Goods.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

- 1300** From the comfort of a 14-passenger, air-conditioned coach, you and your friends will tour the back roads of Berkshire County with an area native. You'll glide past the Gilded Age mansions of Lenox and Stockbridge, Hawthorne's "Little Red Cottage," Chesterwood, the gardens of Naumkeag and much more. You'll be stopping to take in the vistas that lend the Berkshires their magic and hear stories of famous and some lesser-known historic figures. Tours leave daily from the Red Lion Inn, the Lenox Town Hall, the Great Barrington Visitor Center and local inns and B & B's from spring through Fall Foliage season until the first winter snow. Call for reservations. Some restrictions apply. Donated by Berkshire Back Road Sightseeing Tours.
- 1301** Enjoy dynamic, professional theatre in the cultural heart of the Berkshires next summer. The Berkshire Theatre Festival in Stockbridge offers a gift certificate for two tickets to any one "Main Stage" weeknight and matinee performances during the 2008 season. Tickets cannot be combined with other offers or used for Opening Nights, Postscripts, Previews or Saturday Evenings. The 2008 schedule will be announced in February. When making your reservations, please state that you have a gift certificate. It must be presented at the Box Office in order to redeem tickets. Donated by Berkshire Theatre Festival.
- 1302** A major race weekend at Lime Rock attracts tens of thousands of spectators. Every race promises excitement and surprises. You and a companion can join the throng for high-speed thrills with two weekend passes to one of the Park's race events for the upcoming 2008 season. Original gift certificates must be redeemed at the track office at least two weeks prior to the event. Or you may mail the original gift certificate to Lime Rock Park indicating which event you would like to attend.

Tickets will be mailed to you. Not redeemable at the Infield/Main or Outfield Gates. May not be exchanged for cash. Valid for the 2008 season only — no extension permitted. Donated by Lime Rock Park, Road Racing Center of the East.

- 1303** Discover your own creativity and explore the skills and values of fine craftsmanship at Brookfield Craft Center with this gift certificate for a weekend workshop. You can join any two-day workshop, choosing from over 200 topics that are regularly offered at the BCC. Register for classes at least two weeks in advance. Donated by Brookfield Craft Center.
- 1304** Take a ride up to the Berkshires and treat yourself and a friend to a tour of the Norman Rockwell Museum, a unique opportunity to enjoy Rockwell's artistic legacy through programs for all ages. Donated by Norman Rockwell Museum.
- 1305** Pilobolus is acclaimed for its startling mix of humor and invention and today, is recognized as a major American dance company of international influence. We have two tickets for a performance at New York City's Joyce Theater. Performances are scheduled from July 1-26, 2008. Winning bidder must reserve seats at least three weeks in advance to ensure availability. Tickets can be picked up at the box office. Donated by Pilobolus.
- 1306** See the inner workings of our state government with a personally guided tour of the state capitol and lunch (for up to four) with State Senator Andrew Roraback, 30th District. Donated by Senator Andrew Roraback.
- 1307** Chamber music, jazz and choral concerts: all part of Music Mountain's 2008 season and these vouchers are good for any concert or any combination of concerts, excluding benefit concerts. Donated by Music Mountain.

- 1308** “Don’t Think Twice” before bidding on this one! We have a “Suspicion” that you’re going to love this birthday party. The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, a 1912 classic that has been beautifully renovated, has given us tickets for two orchestra seats at “The Elvis Birthday Bash” scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 8 p.m. Just dust off your “Blue Suede Shoes,” you “Hound Dog,” and “Shake, Rattle and Roll” your way to the theatre where there’ll be a “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On.” And please don’t “Return To Sender” as these tickets are non-transferrable and cannot be exchanged for cash. Donated by The Colonial Theatre.
- 1309** TriArts Sharon Playhouse is a not-for-profit summer theatre that uses a unique blend of professional designers, directors, musicians, Equity and non-Equity actors, and dedicated community performers and volunteers to mount three main stage productions each summer season as well as several special concerts. They’ve given us a premium subscription for two for the 2008 season. Curtain up! Donated by TriArts Sharon Playhouse.
- 1310** Don’t be a Couch Potato. Enjoy 20 movie tickets that can be used at either of the donor’s theaters, Cinerom in Torrington or Winsted. Not to be used on Saturday evenings, holidays or holiday weekends, or asterisk restricted films. To review films being shown, visit their Web site at www.cinerom.com. Donated by Cinerom.
- 1311** “A Chorus Line” is back and just as great as the first time around. Enjoy a midweek performance at the Schoenfeld Theatre in 2008. This is ONE enjoyable show! We have a pair of tickets for a mutually convenient Tuesday through Thursday performance. Winner must make arrangements. Subject to availability. Voucher expires October 19, 2008 and can only be used for this production. Donated by The Shubert Organization.

- 1312** It's 1929. Two ambitious visionaries race against each other to invent a device called television. Separated by 2,000 miles, each knows that if he stops working, even for a moment, the other will gain the edge. Who will unlock the key to the greatest innovation of the 20th century: the ruthless media mogul or the self-taught Idaho farm boy? You can find out with a pair of tickets to "The Farnsworth Invention" starring Hank Azaria, for a Tuesday through Thursday performance at the Music Box Theatre. Winner must make arrangements for a mutually convenient date. Subject to availability. Voucher expires October 19, 2008 and can only be used for this production. Donated by The Shubert Organization.
- 1313** "Paint Your Spirit!" Relax, renew, revitalize! Let down and let go of all the stresses you carry around. Artist and Yale graduate, Pamela Hochstetter of Bridgewater, established InnerArt in 2001. She will guide you through Process Painting — a method for unlocking each individual's creative potential, self-discovery and insight. The gift certificate gives the winner one all-day retreat, as part of a small group, to be held at Bridgewater Congregational Church. Donated by InnerArt.
- 1314** ArtSpace, in New Haven, catalyzes artistic efforts, connects emerging artists, audiences and resources, and redefines "art spaces." They offer two VIP tickets to their Annual Gala on April 26, 2008. VIP pass includes parking, a private reception with participating artists, discount on art purchases, and a post-event dinner gift certificate to Thali, an innovative new restaurant that will change the way you think about Indian food. Donated by ArtSpace, Inc.
- 1315** Let's all go to the movies. Here are four tickets and four coupons for a small popcorn. The evening's entertainment is under way. Donated by Bank Street Theater.

- 1316** Sample the wonderful works of MOMIX. Four tickets to a 2008 performance are offered to the winning bidders. Led by Director and Choreographer Moses Pendleton, Momix is a company of dancer-illusionists known internationally for presenting works of exceptional inventiveness and physical beauty. Winner must contact the MOMIX office to choose the venue and show they wish to attend. Donated by MOMIX.
- 1317** Millbrook Vineyards and Winery offers a wine tasting for four of six current and vintage Millbrook wines. And you'll leave with four souvenir wine glasses. Millbrook Winery is located in the rolling hills of Dutchess County. Daily tours for adults only. Gift certificate expires December 31, 2008.

OUTDOOR FUN

- 1400** Get ready for one day of skiing at Jiminy Peak, the "Mountain Resort," with two complimentary tickets, good through the 2007/2008 ski season. Donated by Jiminy Peak.
- 1401** Ski Mohawk! Two adult all-day lift tickets for one day, good anytime during the 2007/2008 ski season. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The vouchers are not redeemable for cash value. Donated by Mohawk Mountain Ski Area.
- 1402** Share the adventure at Catamount Ski Area where "The Cat" is always on the move. With your two lift tickets for the 2007/08 season, you can enjoy a day on the slopes and try out the Summit Quad lift. Donated by Catamount Ski Area.

- 1403** Kick back and relax, party with your friends, or just enjoy floating around Candlewood Lake with a one-day (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) luxury pontoon boat rental. Or gear up for speedy fun with a ski boat. May only be used during the 2008 season, Monday through Thursday (no weekends or holidays), subject to availability and a mutually agreeable date with the donor. Must be 25 years or older and hold a valid boating license. Donated by Gerard's Water's Edge Marina.
- 1404** Love to fish those special places? You and three companions will truly enjoy four adult season-long fishing permits to Aquarion Water Company reservoirs (where fishing is permitted). This package also includes miscellaneous tackle and equipment. Requires DEP Fishing License for permit eligibility. Donated by Aquarion Water Company.
- 1405** Join HVA's own Liba Furhman and Brenda Singer on a guided paddle of the Great Swamp in Dutchess County, New York next spring or summer. Up to 8 people are invited to experience the magic and mystery of this precious waterway. Liba and Brenda will provide drinks and snacks. Best time to be on the swamp is late spring, early summer or early autumn when the water level is higher. Participants must supply own transportation and canoe/kayak. Mutually convenient date and time to be arranged. Must be used by end of 2008 season.
- 1406** When you're out for your next bicycle ride, you'll definitely improve your chances of survival wearing this Telluride helmet from Casque de Velo (size adult medium). It's good for road cycling or mountain biking and has great air flow . . . cool on a hot day. Hey, it's rough out there! Donated by Bike Express of New Milford.

- 1407** Enjoy a half-day of fun learning the art of fly fishing with the Housatonic's most experienced guide, Rob Nicholas of Housatonic Anglers of Cornwall. He will provide all the equipment, flies and cold drinks and a snack for two. Participants must be at least 13 years old.
- 1408** Tee off any Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday during the 2008 season with a single round of golf for four on this "Championship" private course in Sherman. Carts provided. Call for reservations. Expires November 1, 2008. Donated by The Club at River Oaks.
- 1409** Don't be discouraged by the wind and snow. You can still plan on next year's golf season with a weekday round of golf for four with carts at the Heritage Village Country Club, home of HVA's 2008 golf tournament. Donated by Heritage Village Country Club.
- 1410** Come next summer you and three friends are invited to join Lynn and Harold Wellings for an evening cocktail cruise on Lake Waramaug. They'll provide the champagne, the hors d'oeuvres and scintillating conversation. To be planned for a mutually convenient date.

DINING OUT

- 1500** Have a great meal at Dick's Restaurant in Torrington with this \$100 gift certificate. Not valid on Saturdays or holidays. Expires May 18, 2008. Donated by Dick's Restaurant, Inc.
- 1501** If you've ever dined at Adrienne's in New Milford, you're already familiar with her fabulous cuisine. Put in the winning bid on this gift certificate and two of you can join one "Cooking With Adrienne" class and learn some of the secrets behind her epicurean magic. This is not a private session; preregistration a must. To learn more, visit Adrienne's Web site at www.adriennerestaurant.com.
- 1502** The dining room at The Boulders Inn, situated on beautiful Lake Waramaug, features elegant American regional cuisine with a country accent and a wine list that has won many distinctive awards. This gift certificate for dinner for two gives you the opportunity to experience the Inn's gracious atmosphere. And if you go in season, enjoy your dinner on one of the many terraces overlooking the Lake. (Reservations are recommended. Certificate does not include alcohol, tax or gratuity. Not valid on holidays. Expires November 18, 2008.) Donated by The Boulders Inn.
- 1503** Let's go out for pizza on New Milford's Railroad Street with this \$20 gift certificate. Donated by Milanos Restaurant and Pizzeria.
- 1504** Take a leisurely ride in the Berkshires and enjoy lunch or dinner at The Old Mill, a 1797 restored grist mill in South Egremont, Massachusetts with a \$50 gift certificate. May not be redeemed for cash or used for gratuity. Donated by The Old Mill.

- 1505** Paella Valenciana — Spain's national dish and a specialty at River Cafe in New Milford. Come enjoy shrimp, chicken, mussels, clams, calamari, pork and white fish over saffron rice for two at this delightful spot on the Housatonic River. No cash or exchange value. Donated by River Cafe.
- 1506** You'll definitely want to have the winning bid on this dinner-for-two gift certificate from The Woodward House in Bethlehem. You and a companion can expect a superlative dining experience in a circa 1740s tavern, lovingly restored. Woodward House excels at creative food and polished, correct service. Not valid Saturday evenings; does not include alcohol and gratuity. Donated by The Woodward House.
- 1507** Get your friends together at a table by the fireplace, and enjoy dinner or brunch using this \$100 gift certificate at the Bull's Bridge Inn in Kent, Connecticut. Nonrefundable; tax, tip and alcohol not included. Donated by Bull's Bridge Inn.
- 1508** Enjoy fascinating conversation and dinner for two with your hostess, June Freemanzon, at The National Arts Club in New York City. Located in the historic Tilden Mansion at 15 Gramercy Park, it features stained glass ceilings, ornate Italian carved wooden fireplaces and an antique glass dome. The Club's membership has included three U.S. presidents, many famous American artists and art patrons. Gift certificate must be used before the end of June 2008. The Club is not open weekends and is closed July and August. Mutually agreeable date with the donor.
- 1509** Come to the Buttonwood Cafe in Webatuck Craft Village in Wingdale for breakfast or lunch with this \$25 gift certificate. Donated by Buttonwood Cafe.

- 1510** Enjoy lunch or dinner at one of the following: The Cookhouse in New Milford, The Tavern at Four Corners in Brookfield or The Inn at Newtown with this \$50 gift certificate. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. James McInerney, Jr.
- 1511** Latin cuisine for lunch or dinner . . . so near by and so delish at New Milford's Food for Thought. And easy with a \$20 gift certificate. Donated by Food for Thought.
- 1512** Take time for a night out. This gift certificate will get dinner for two at the Upper Crust in Northfield. Does not include beverages, tax or gratuity. Donated by Upper Crust Pizza Kitchen.
- 1513** Take a friend with you for lunch or dinner at The Inn at Newtown, The Tavern at Four Corners in Brookfield or The Cookhouse in New Milford with a \$100 gift certificate. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leendert DeJong.
- 1514** Dine on scrumptious Italian cuisine or pizza or their fabulous rib steak at Kent Pizza Garden, Pasta and Grill with two \$50 gift certificates. Tax and tip not included. Donated by Kent Pizza Garden Pasta & Grille.
- 1515** The Aegean Breeze in Great Barrington, Massachusetts promises a meal of unequalled delight. Use this \$50 gift certificate to find out for yourself. Donated by the Aegean Breeze.
- 1516** Carole Peck's Good News Cafe is a delightful way to do lunch or dinner when you're in Woodbury checking out all the antique shops, especially with a \$50 gift certificate. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Steven J. Whitman.

- 1517** Uniquely different, New Milford's Palma Restaurant promises food enthusiasts a truly enjoyable dining experience. Come try the warm flavors of Mediterranean Cuisine prepared by Chef Steven Bongiovanni with a \$50 gift certificate. Donated by Palma Restaurant.
- 1518** Take a \$50 gift certificate to El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant in New Milford for a night of South of the Border delights and live music. Donated by El Mariachi.
- 1519** The Cookhouse in New Milford invites you to come try the "Best BBQ in the State" with a \$25 gift certificate. They're "slo smokin" the ribs just for you. Donated by The Cookhouse.
- 1520** Check out Doc's Trattoria & Pizzeria for good food and a good seat overlooking Lake Waramaug with this \$50 gift certificate. Donated by Doc's Trattoria & Pizzeria.
- 1521** Cafe luncheon for two, Tuesday through Friday, at the Pantry in Washington Depot. Choice of menu — the works! Gratuity not included. Donated by The Pantry.
- 1522** Make a special trip to Bantam . . . cause you don't want to miss a chance for dinner for two at Wood's Pit BBQ & Mexican Cafe. Use this \$30 gift certificate to make it even more enjoyable. Gift certificate not valid on Saturdays. Donated by Wood's Pit BBQ & Mexican Café.
- 1523** Empire Szechuan Chinese Restaurant is the place to go in Southbury for delicious Chinese food, especially with a \$50 gift certificate. The establishment also has a cocktail lounge and a Sushi bar. Donated by Empire Szechuan.
- 1524** Enjoy a wonderful dinner at Il Compare in Wingdale, New York with this \$40 gift certificate. Not redeemable for cash. Alcohol, tax and gratuity not included.

EATING IN

- 1550** Wouldn't this basket of gourmet organic food make a perfect gift for this holiday season? Or, perhaps you'd like it just for yourself! Donated by Davis IGA.
- 1551** Bill Fore of County Wine and Spirits in New Preston knows his wines! Trust that when he puts together a Spanish wine sampler it will be four bottles of the best that Spain has to offer. All packaged in a lovely gift basket.
- 1552** Flyer Swiss Chocolate Bars from Paris Chocolates, Inc. have been described as "elegant." Now, it's your turn to experience that elegance. An assortment of 48 chocolate bars (in three delicious flavors) will be shipped to the winning bidder's door. Donated by Flyer Swiss Chocolate Bars.
- 1553** Pop the cork and ready your palate for a truly wonderful treat from France. We have, from Mas de Boislauzon, two bottles of Chateaufort-de-Pape (2004 and 2005) and one bottle of Cotes du Rhone Villages (2004). Donated by Cornwall Package Store.
- 1554** The rich aromas from the Bank Street Coffee House in New Milford waft out to the sidewalk and on many a morning, the delightful establishment is packed. With their gift basket you can have these same fabulous aromas emanating from your kitchen . . . who knows who you'll draw in for breakfast. The basket includes four mugs, shortbreads, two pounds of coffee, a CD of acoustic African music and more! Donated by Bank Street Coffee House.
- 1555** Take home this basket assortment of delicious Matthews 1812 House products. Includes a Lemon Rum Sunshine Cake, sauces, candy, nuts and brownies. Donated by Matthews 1812 House.

- 1556** Luna di Luna is a light refreshing wine. A soft gold blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio, it holds an abundance of fruit flavors. Chill and enjoy the two 750ml bottles in this boxed gift set. Or put a bow on it and make someone else happy. Donated by Sharon Package Store.
- 1557** Wolf Roller of Washington Liquor Store has chosen a case of Ducetto 2004 Chianti for your sipping pleasure. This Chianti is estate bottled and the wine is well balanced yet complex with very vivid colors.
- 1558** Bridgewater Chocolates are the result of years of confectionery experimentation by head chocolatier Erik Landegren, trained in Sweden. From a small operation begun in the basement of the Bridgewater Village Store in Bridgewater, the chocolate company has expanded to sell via several mail order and retail outlets. Now it's your turn to enjoy this two-pound assortment from Bridgewater Chocolate.
- 1559** Sample the many wines Hopkins Vineyard has to offer and hear an explanation of the ingredients, winemaking techniques and suggestions for food accompaniments. Once you have tried them all, enjoy a glass of your favorite wine in Connecticut's first winery-established wine bar. Of course, with 10 wine tasting certificates you can come back over and over. And just to whet your appetite, take home this gift box of two bottles of Hopkins Vineyard's best.
- 1560** A ceramic replica of the "Belgique" store in Kent filled with handmade Belgian chocolates . . . a perfect gift for someone in this gift-giving season or a perfect treat for you! Donated by Belgique.

- 1561** Castella Blanc de Blancs 2005 is a Mediterranean white wine with aromas of bananas and green apples. These two bottles are the perfect complement for most seafood, pasta, chicken and even pizza! Donated by Dolly's Wine Boutique.
- 1562** Raise your glass to toast something extra fine with this soft pink-colored wine with very fine bubbles. Mas de Daumas Gassac Rosé Frizant is a rosé sparkler that surprises your palate with hints of raspberry and strawberry. Donated by Northville Liquors.
- 1563** You're bound to enjoy these fine wines — a bottle of Mariani Vineyards Russian River Merlot from California and a flavorful white from Albarino in the Rias Baixas region of Spain. Donated by Country Spirit Shop.
- 1564** Birthdays! Graduations! Retirements! They all call for a cake, and a special one at that. Grand Patisserie can fulfill that need and more. Use this gift certificate to order an eight-inch cake . . . one of the yummiest sweet concoctions you'll ever experience. Donated by Grand Patisserie.
- 1565** Stock up on food that not only tastes great, but is so good for you at New Morning Natural and Organic Foods in Woodbury. Go on a shopping spree with this \$100 gift certificate. Donated by New Morning Country Store, LLC.
- 1566** What a great idea for a festive meal! This six-pound beef tenderloin from Baird's General Store ought to fit the bill.
- 1567** Shop for dinner or gourmet treats with this \$50 gift certificate from the Washington Food Market in Washington Depot.

- 1568** Enjoy this French country colander filled with a selection of prepared gourmet foods. Mmmmm . . . yummy and cute, too! Donated by The Gourmet Palette.

GETAWAYS

- 1600** Enjoy a cozy night away at the Interlaken in Lakeville. This gift certificate includes a one-night stay for two with a full breakfast. Expires May 1, 2008 and excludes holidays. Advance reservations required, subject to availability. Donated by The Interlaken Inn.
- 1601** The Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge invites you to Wine, Dine & Recline. You'll begin your evening with wine and a local cheese and fruit plate. This is followed by dinner for two in the Main Dining Room where Executive Chef Brian Alberg offers contemporary cuisine rooted in the region's history emphasizing fresh, local and seasonal ingredients. Spend the night in an antique-filled room featuring luxurious Italian bedding and feather duvets. Top it all off with a full country breakfast the next morning and you've just had the perfect midweek refresher! This package is valid Monday through Thursday and expires November 18, 2008. The certificate is non-transferrable and excludes alcohol, holidays and the months of July, August and October. A reservation is required and subject to availability. Reservation must be made with reference to the The Red Lion Inn Gift Certificate number.

- 1602** Enjoy a peaceful two-night getaway in the foothills of Litchfield County at the Cornucopia at Oldfield Bed and Breakfast Inn. Originally the home of John Moseley, circa 1818, the inn is set on 2.5 acres of rolling lawn and gardens in Southbury's Historic District. You'll find spacious public rooms with their original fireplaces and views of the grounds and a large flagstone patio with bistro tables overlooking a stream. In addition to a full country breakfast, picnic on the bird-watching deck of the Audubon Center at the Bent of the River, read a book poolside, explore scenic rivers, streams and open space, noodle around antique shops in nearby Woodbury . . . there's so much to do! Accommodations based on availability. Reservations must be booked by December 31, 2008. Donated by The Cornucopia at Oldfield Bed and Breakfast Inn.
- 1603** Enjoy the warm hospitality of the Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville with a \$250 gift certificate for a night's lodging for two with breakfast. Plan at your leisure how to spend your time at this charming facility located near Lime Rock Park. Valid through August 8, 2008; not valid on holidays or weekends. Subject to availability. Donated by Wake Robin Inn.
- 1604** Take a day off work next summer and treat yourself and a companion to a midweek, one-night stay at Bread Loaf Lodge in Cornwall. After a good night's sleep in your guest cottage and a light breakfast of muffins and coffee, head out for some sightseeing or shopping. But be sure to leave a half day available for your guided bird-watching trip or fly-fishing outing with an Orvis endorsed guide. Bread Loaf Lodge is the only Orvis-endorsed outfitter in the state. Donated by Bread Loaf Lodge.

- 1605** Looking to get away for the evening? You can use this \$100 gift certificate for meals or lodging at the Cornwall Inn. Does not include gratuity and is valid through November 18, 2008. Donated by Cornwall Inn & Lodge.

YARD, GARDEN & GARAGE

- 1700** Create an instant and striking garden with 10 two-gallon perennials from Old Farm Nursery in Lakeville. The winning bidder will have his or her choice. Gift certificate must be presented when perennials are picked up by the winner at the nursery.
- 1701** Make a statement in your garden or on your patio with a fabulous hand-carved animal, aged with living moss. Must be kept outdoors. Donated by Campo de' Fiori.
- 1702** Come next spring you'll be glad you have this \$50 gift certificate to shop at Beardsley Gardens in Sharon.
- 1703** The bluebirds will appear again next spring . . . especially if you put up this perfect abode along the edge of your yard. HVA Board Member, Whitey Frew, has created this bluebird box especially for our Auction. Happy Birding!
- 1704** Next spring, erect this barn board bluebird box on your property. Then sit back with binoculars in hand and enjoy the show. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Allan L. Frew.
- 1705** Welcome winged visitors to your yard or garden with this beautiful copper-finished bird feeder and wild bird food from Smith & Hawkins. Donated by Washington Supply Company.

- 1706** Winter is the perfect time for workshop projects. Get the best results with your new Bosch 5" random orbit polar sander. Donated by Ed Herrington Inc.
- 1707** Planning on painting, fixing up the house or doing some yard work? Make the job easier for "Mr. Fix-it" with the items you can buy with this \$100 gift certificate donated by Northwest Lumber & Hardware in Cornwall Bridge.
- 1708** Winter is messy and especially hard on our cars. With this package of vouchers from Splash Car Wash in New Milford for one express detailing and 10 car washes, you can stay ahead of the road salt damage. Must be used for a car or SUV. Donated by Ms. Holly Flor.
- 1709** A DeWalt 29-piece screwdriver set is bound to come in handy. This one features a magnetic driving guide. The package includes a bonus socket set. Each set has its own carrying case. Donated by Ring's End.
- 1710** O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum! Here's your gift certificate to harvest your own Christmas tree at Jones Family Farm in Shelton. Expires December 24, 2007. Donated by Jones Family Farm.
- 1711** Let's sing it again! O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum! Here's another gift certificate to harvest your own Christmas tree at Jones Family Farm in Shelton. Expires December 24, 2007. Donated by Jones Family Farm.
- 1712** Freshen up that driveway or create a new garden path with five yards of crushed stone. To be delivered at a mutually agreeable time, only to New Milford, Kent, Sherman, Warren, Washington, Cornwall, Sharon or Amenia, New York, or within 20 miles of Kent. Donated by Gowel Excavating.

- 1713** This 18-piece tool set from Master Mechanic will come in quite handy. Complete with its own durable storage case, it includes: 7" groove joint pliers, 16' measuring tape, retractable utility knife with five blades, 8 oz. hammer, stubby bit driver, four Phillips bits, two slotted bits and two hex bits. Donated by H. H. Taylor & Son.
- 1714** The Homelite electric HandyTrim will have you ready for those trimming and edging chores next spring. Donated by Home Depot.

HEALTH & FITNESS

- 1800** Sharpen your sights with this \$50 gift certificate, good toward contact lenses or eyeglasses. Donated by Sharon Optical.
- 1801** No excuses for not improving your muscle tone now! FineLine Theatre Arts of New Milford lets you work off those holiday excesses with a 10-class card gift certificate. It's good for all adult Pilates, teen ballet, tap, body alignment and ballet barre classes. All ten classes must be taken within three months of the first use.
- 1802** Ease those tired muscles with a one-hour therapeutic massage. Must use before February 18, 2008. Donated by Mullins Massage Therapy.
- 1803** Dr. Thomas Livingstone of The Canaan Gentle Dental Center offers the gift of a lifetime — a beautiful, whiter, brighter smile! This gift certificate entitles the winner to either a take-home whitening kit with a set of custom-fitted trays or a one-hour visit in the office for whitening. Must call ahead for an appointment. Expires May 31, 2008.

- 1804** In Barbara Soares Holistic Healing practice she offers Reiki, Transformational Energy Work, Chakra Therapy and Soul Retrieval and Journeys in the Incan Shamanic Tradition. Use this gift certificate for one session (one hour in length) of Chakra evaluation and light body work based on Incan-Quero shamanic healing technique. Must schedule appointment.
- 1805** Start a healthy lifestyle with this three-month membership from The Club in New Milford. For new members only. Includes enrollment fee. Take part in classes in step, dance, funk, yoga, and more. Use the free weights, cardiovascular and strength training equipment. The Club is a full-service health and fitness facility.
- 1806** Come experience the fast growing sport of rowing on beautiful Lake Lillinonah in New Milford. GMS expert coaching staff will guide you through your introduction to this fabulous activity. You'll receive one weekend "Learn-to-Row" class next spring/summer (2008) taking you out on the water and on your way to improved fitness and loads of fun! Donated by GMS Rowing Center.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU

- 1820** The delightful knit hats in this collection make great gifts. But keep one for your own head . . . winter's on its way! Donated by Mazzocchio Knitwear.
- 1821** When it's time to take a break from sing-alongs, when every book has been read, you can keep that child entertained on a long car trip with an electronic game. No guilt with this one — the nonviolent, mini arcade Shoot Out basketball game will occupy those little fingers for many miles. And the sound effects are quiet enough not to be annoying. Suitable for ages six and up. Donated by Gifted Child.
- 1822** Look your best this holiday season. Treat yourself to a cut, wash and blow dry from the Kent Hair Studio. Certificate expires November 2008.
- 1823** Kick-start your wardrobe updates with a shopping spree from 57, the Chic Boutique. The snazzy New Preston shop with cutting-edge style offers a \$1,000 gift certificate. Win this one and go on a shopping frenzy. Certificate expires December 31, 2007.
- 1824** This delightful animal necklace will surely attract attention. Donated by Ms. Nancy S. Bushnell.
- 1825** Imagine the fun the kids will have when *their* imaginations kick in while playing with this classic Brio pirate train set. Perfect for ages five to 10 years old. Donated by Nordica Toys.
- 1826** Who knew that being naked could feel so warm? Victoria Leather Company has produced a beautifully styled black purse of naked leather just perfect for New England winters. Soft and supple, it has a front flap for security and an adjustable shoulder strap. Donated by Sundog Shoe and Leather.

- 1827** Select a gift or personal accessory from Clothes & Collectibles with this \$25 gift certificate.
- 1828** L'Occitane en Provence — the very name evokes pleasant sensations. Wait until you open and use the delightful products in the many jars, boxes, bottles, and dispensers. Fragrances, skin and hair care products, shaving soap and brush, a giant bottle of Verbena Eau de Toilette, and more! Mmmmm. Donated by Country Loft Antiques.
- 1829** For the dancer in your life — a dancer's shopping spree and a little extra guidance! A \$100 gift certificate that can be used for Gaynor Minden pointe shoes and dance wear and author-autographed copy of "The Ballet Companion," a comprehensive reference book for ballet students. Donated by Gaynor Minden, Inc.
- 1830** Freshwater Life of North America is a card game designed for children 7 years and up. Entertain and educate at the same time. Donated by Geppetto's Toys.
- 1831** In "Fishin' Fun" the biggest catch of the day wins! This children's game is definitely a hands-on activity and is perfect for ages three to six. Donated by Geppetto's Toys.
- 1832** Clear out some space and let your little ones have loads of fun assembling this 2' x 3' floor puzzle. They can even mix and match the easily washable pieces to create new forms of water life. Designed for ages two and up. Donated by Geppetto's Toys.
- 1833** For the young scientist in your house we've added a gift that is filled with fun, practical activities centered around marine life. For ages seven and up. Donated by Geppetto's Toys.

- 1834** The Professor Rubik Signature Edition improves on the famous cube. The Revolution's "six electronic games in one" make for multiple challenging levels. Interactive single and multiplayer games add to the fun as do the voice, lights and sound effects. For ages 5 to 105. Donated by Toys Galore & More.
- 1835** You'll be warm and look good at the same time when you're wearing this woman's (size 8-10) jacket imported from Germany. A Damo red wool and cashmere is always flattering. Donated by Main Street.
- 1836** Each piece of jewelry from OMI is different; individually hand cut, assembled and fired by the artist. OMI is wearable art — in this case a pendant and stud earrings in shades of deep red — made by fusing various rare and beautiful glasses. Donated by OMI by Lise.
- 1837** What child (or grandparent) could resist this adorable "Froggie Rain Gear" collection? The umbrella opens up to be a frog and matches the green rain boots and slicker. Size 3T for ages two to three but exchangeable for another size or style. Donated by Kaleidoscope.
- 1838** Patricia Polk mixes drama with refined contemporary elegance when she creates her jewelry. Her latest is a cinnabar fan-shaped beaded neckpiece with Chinese turquoise and a silver Tibetan pendant. The size is adjustable making it a good gift buy.
- 1839** Former senior fashion editor at Mademoiselle magazine, Kate Spade has been honored with multiple prestigious design awards since she began marketing her stylish, practical handbags in 1993. Her handbags have even been exhibited at the Cooper Hewitt Museum. We have a pair of her sexy, to-die-for *shoes* on exhibit here. The "gwenie" in ink-dipped grey metallic patent has a 2½" heel, a crisscross open toe and elegant shape. Ours are size 7½ B. A gift from Schwartz & Benjamin.

- 1840** Our second Kate Spade shoe is a demure little number in camel patent leather. Open toed with a dainty sling back, the heel is 1½" high. Again, our pair is a size 7½ B. Donated by Schwartz & Benjamin.
- 1841** And now for something really kinky . . . this Kate Spade shoe has a slightly thicker heel that is 2½" high. The strapped, open toe design is black suede and patent. Size 7½ B. Donated by Schwartz & Benjamin.
- 1842** This versatile woman's Warp Jacket by The North Face is great for biking, hiking or walking around town. It has a hood, two side zip pockets and a zip sleeve pocket for key and credit card. Pretty in Dawn Pink, size medium. Donated by Backcountry Outfitters.
- 1843** With a \$40 gift certificate you can find something special indeed at Silver & Gould on Church Street in New Milford. Exclusive and unique designs are a specialty of jeweler Kris Gould. She's also pretty handy at repairing valued pieces. Donated by Silver & Gould.
- 1844** The doctor's bag was the basis for this baggallini handbag design. Actually it was designed by flight attendants, so it's great for the woman on the go. Although practical and roomy, it's still elegant and stylish. A framed zipped opening allows easy access to the well-organized interior. Lightweight water resistant fabric is offset with leather trim and handles. Ready, set, go! Donated by Country Clothes.
- 1845** Jo Malone London has a line of products to make you feel fresh and pretty. Reminiscent of the scent of limes carried on a Caribbean sea breeze, this Lime Basil & Mandarin Bath Oil has become a modern classic for men and women. Fresh limes and zesty mandarins are undercut by peppery basil and aromatic white thyme in this alluring signature blend. Donated by Debbie Kiederer.

- 1846** Here's a unique gift — a personalized, handcrafted jigsaw puzzle made from a photo that you provide. A name can even be part of the puzzle. Puzzle pieces can be shaped to a theme such as animals. Artist will give guidelines for photos that work best. Donated by Ms. Margo Whipple.
- 1847** Devoted customers have been collecting Louis Nichole romantic home furnishings for the past 20 years. He has generously provided us with a mini-collection of our own to offer you. We begin with his one-of-a-kind hand-painted and handcrafted porcelain doll creations that have graced The White House, The Smithsonian Institute, The Victoria and Albert Museum and Disneyland. First in the lineup is Margarita, from the Carter White House. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1848** Adapted from a White House version, Rose, with point esprit lace, is a limited edition porcelain doll. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1849** “Bru” belongs in a porcelain doll collection, too. A limited edition, she is also adapted from the White House collection. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1850** These limited edition Christmas ornaments (five in all), adapted from The White House collection, will add a touch of 19th-century elegance to your decorations. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1851** Toss these four Christmas pillows for special holiday decorating effect. From Europe, they feature hand-cut and hand-appliquéd felt. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1852** Time to harvest the grapes or maybe time to decorate a special corner, with a one of a kind, handmade Italian vineyard basket. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.

- 1853** A classic Louie Nichole design, this holiday centerpiece, in an Italianate urn, was created for the White House. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1854** Today's centerpiece. Tomorrow's dessert? Use a Louis Nichole European Handy Dandy styler to create opulent, elegant — edible! centerpieces. Even a novice can produce impressive results. And unlike flower arrangements that simply fade away, the produce used in these can be reused in your favorite recipes. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1855** Bring a piece of your garden indoors for the season and display it handsomely in a Victorian style wireware plant stand. Donated by Mr. Louis Nichole.
- 1856** Your skin will be amazed at how wonderful it will feel when you use this assortment of all natural, handmade goat's milk soap products in a lovely reusable basket. Products include soaps, lotions, scrubs, and balms. Donated by Goatboy Soap.
- 1857** Composed of seven types of roses from around the world, Jo Malone London's Red Roses Cologne has a surprisingly clean, voluptuous scent. With a heart of crushed violet leaves and hints of lemon, it unfolds like a bouquet of fresh-cut flowers. Donated by Debbie Kiederer.
- 1858** Nothing speaks classic like pearls. This 16-inch strand of grey freshwater pearls will be the perfect accent for your winter wear. Donated by Ms. Delores Dunn.

AT YOUR SERVICE

- 1900** How's the air in your home? How about the water? Conduct a complete water test, including testing for radon, lead and volatile organic compounds, and test your air for radon. The winning bidder will receive collection materials and instructions. Donated by Aqua Environmental Lab.
- 1901** Thinking of a house addition, renovation, or a new home? McKee Patterson, AIA, award-winning partner in the Southport-based Austin Patterson Disston Architects and a New Milford resident, will give you a two-hour consultation concerning design and potential budget. Gift certificate must be used by November 18, 2008. Donated by Austin Patterson Disston.
- 1902** Maybe you've inherited a beautiful landscape painting of the Housatonic River or found a fabulous bronze while noodling through one of our many antique shops. Need to know what it's really worth? Green River Gallery specializes in 19th- and 20th-century art. Use this gift certificate for a fine art appraisal of one work of art. Donor will travel up to 30 miles from his Gallery located in Millerton, New York. Certificate expires November 18, 2008.
- 1903** Working on a new lawn layout? Redesigning your English garden? Didona Associates, award-winning landscape architect and designer for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" in Bridgeport, will visit your site to advise you about the condition and potentials of your landscape. Gift certificate expires on November 18, 2008.
- 1904** Patrick Mulberry's Litchfield County architectural firm specializes in the design of fine custom homes in Connecticut and along the Gulf Coast. He defines his practice as an exercise in a classic American style. He offers a design consultation to help get your remodel-

ing plans going. Visit his website at PatrickMulberry.com to see his portfolio.

- 1905** Can't add 2 + 2? Don't worry, just use this gift certificate towards the preparation of your individual or small business tax return or for financial advice for calendar year 2007 (up to \$250 of service). Must use between 1/1/2008 and 4/15/2008. Donated by H&R Block.
- 1906** Want to capture those family memories with a special creative family portrait session? Trust Heidi Johnson of New Milford to do it. Session done in-studio or on location (within 15 miles of her studio). Includes one 8" x 10" portrait from your favorite pose. Must be used by 12/1/2008. May not be exchanged for cash value.
- 1907** New Milford High School's Cut, Paste and Copy program will provide design and layout service for your own logo. They will provide copy-ready artwork that any printer will be able to use for business cards, notepads and letterhead. Must use by April 2008.
- 1908** Smile! Rich Pomerantz Photography will capture your individual (or the family's) personality in a portrait sitting in his New Milford studio. The group sitting can have up to six people. One 8" x 10" black-and-white print (unmatted) of the chosen pose will be furnished. Winner must call for appointment. Gift certificate must be redeemed by November 16, 2008.
- 1909** Remodeling or designing your dream home? Maybe you're in the process of restoring a 19th-century classic. A design consultation with Interior Designer Ron Budny of Litchfield will help you create a beautiful environment that defines your life. A native of New York City, he provides both residential and commercial design to clients located throughout the world.

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