

Aschiana Foundation Gala 2016: Silent Auction Descriptions

Men! Adorn her ears with elegant Pavé diamond crossover hoop earrings designed by David Yurman from Pampillonia Jewelers! From the Crossover Collection® that explores the rhythmic



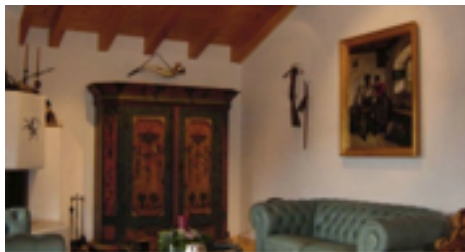
weaving of line to create form and movement, the individual strands are meticulously entwined, using a dynamic range of smooth and cabled cords. Sterling silver Pavé diamonds, 0.44 total carat weight. *Value \$1,450 Donated by Pampillonia Jewelers.*

Buy We Are Afghan Women: Voices of Hope signed by Laura Bush! Laura Bush, honorary founding co-chair of the US-Afghan Women's Council, wrote the introduction to this book, compiled by the George W. Bush Institute staff, that tells the stories of Afghan women in their own words. Their powerful stories create a compelling portrait of the lives, struggles, and successes of this extraordinary nation and its extraordinarily resilient women.

Value \$100 Donated by Mrs. Laura Bush.

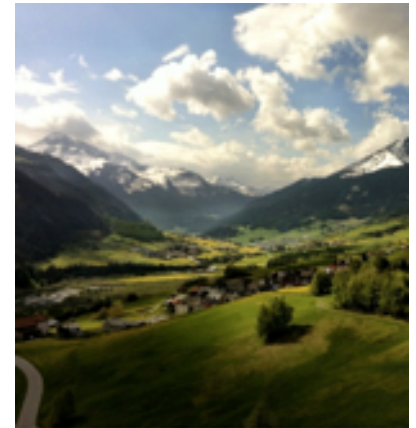


Escape to the breathtaking Swiss Alps for a fabulous carefree week!



Stay in a beautiful 2 BR, 3-balcony apartment with 3 different mountain views, one shown in photo at right. Photo left is the living room. Enjoy the serene beauty, or hike or ski nearby in Savognin, Lenzerheide,

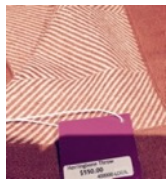
San Moritz or Davos. The apartment is in the tiny village of Salouf, a 2-hr drive east of Zurich, near the town of Savognin. A hotel restaurant is within walking distance. One BR has 2 twin beds that can be pushed together for a double, the other bunk beds. Dates to be mutually agreed. *Value \$2,000 Donated by Candice and Lou Hughes.*



Dine with Afghanistan Ambassador Hamdullah Mohib and Mrs. Lael Mohib at the Embassy of Afghanistan! The Ambassador and Mrs. Mohib will join 8 guests for a delicious authentic Afghan lunch! Date to be mutually agreed to take place after the Holy Month of Ramadan. Schedule with the Embassy Social Secretary. *Value \$700 Donated by Ambassador and Mrs. Mohib and the Embassy of Afghanistan*

Enjoy a one-night weekend stay for two in a luxurious Deluxe King Guest Room at the elegant Jefferson Hotel!

The room features a King bed, work space, and an Italian marble bathroom. This historic Beaux-Arts style building is a hotel that was designed to accommodate the world's elite travelers and Washington DC's most important visitors and is just blocks from the White House and historic DC landmarks. Review original Thomas Jefferson-signed documents and a Book Room filled with historic leather-bound volumes on Jefferson's favorite subjects. Subject to Blackout Dates and Availability. Expires June 30-2017. Value \$500 Donated by The Jefferson Hotel.



Snuggle under this plush luxurious ZANHA cashmere throw handwoven in Nepal! Beautiful coral herringbone weave with lovely solid color banding. Value \$550 Donated by Wendy Summer of ZANHA glamour. for good.

Treat yourself to Bamian Restaurant's superb authentic gourmet Afghan food! Located in Falls Church, Bamian serves some of the best Afghan food in Metro DC. Value \$50 Donated by Bamian Restaurant.



Enjoy delicious pastry from PastryXpo, Maison of specialty cakes, at your next important occasion! In Falls Church, Maurice Pastries Inc. provides high quality pastries, desserts, and cakes to the best known fine hotels in the metropolitan DC area. Value \$100 Donated by PastryXpo.

Enhance your home with a beautiful painting by Micheline Klagsbrun! This mixed-media 20" x 20" painting on canvas is called *Medusa Molecule* and is based on the story in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. Medusa's gaze turned everything to stone, including the grass which was cast into the sea and became coral. This theme of transformation is prevalent in much of Micheline's work which has been described as *mythological realism*. Value \$800 Donated by Micheline Klagsbrun.





Grace your home with an elegant Arita-yaki porcelain vase 9" x 6" from Japan! Arita-yaki is a general term for the ceramics goods which are made in and around the town of Arita, in Saga prefecture, Japan. It is known for its exquisite white porcelain and elegantly painted designs which are over glazed with vivid colors such as indigo, red, and gold. *Value \$100 Donated by the Embassy of Japan.*

Enjoy a superb meal at NOPA Kitchen+Bar brasserie! In the heart of the Penn Quarter, this award-winning Ashok Bajaj restaurant serves American fare with French and Asian influences. It offers lively dining in the main dining room and quieter dining options as well as private dining rooms. Winner of Open Table Diners' Choice, Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence, and listed in Zagat's best DC Pre-Theatre Menus.



Value \$125 Donated by the Knightsbridge Restaurant Group.

Dine and drink at any of the Café Deluxe or Tortilla Coast restaurants! The gift card is redeemable for food, beverages, and fun! *Value \$50 Donated by Café Deluxe.*

Take Afghanistan history home with you! Framed set of vintage Afghan postcards circa 1950s of historic landmarks. About 6 feet tall, 14" wide, vertically arranged. *Value \$650 Donated by Homira Nassery.*



Indulge yourself with exceptional and elegant Napa Valley Reserve 2006 red

wine! Blended by the winemaker for H. William (Bill) Harlan, world-class vintner of Harlan



Estate and founder of The Napa Valley Reserve - a place of "pure winemaking nirvana" - these two 750 ml bottles are from the private collection of Theodore B. Olson. Hailing from the (according to Robert Parker) "outstanding" 2006 vintage, this Napa Valley Reserve wine is one that speaks to the terroir it was chosen from, the winemaking team that legends are made of, and belongs in a collection that truly understands the rare beauty of this bottling! This exclusive wine, which can be purchased only by Members of the Reserve, is described by wine enthusiasts as "elegant, well-balanced, and smooth, with notes of boysenberry and loganberry, cinnamon, cherry and oak." *Value \$750 Donated by Ted and Lady Booth Olson.*

Create a treasured painting for your home! Description: a professional artist will create an original, realistic watercolor of a home, a wedding location, or a favorite place of your choosing from your photographs. The final painting will be 16" x 20" and will be presented to you ready for framing. You will be able to communicate personally with the artist regarding mat color and frame choice. *Value \$600 Donated by Mary Jo Myers*

Drape your body in luxury with a silk shawl from Ibhana Creations! This pink self-pattern shawl is 28" x 80". *Value \$85 Donated by Ibhana.*



Enjoy delicious authentic Afghan food at a dinner for 6 prepared by Aschiana Foundation board member Sima Calkin! Afghan cuisine is mainly influenced by that of Persia (Iran), India and Mongolia. From India came chilies, saffron, garam masala (cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, cumin, nutmeg) and pepper. Persia contributed coriander, mint and cooking with sabzi (spinach or green herbs), while Mongolian influences take shape in dumplings and noodles. But Afghan cuisine has a style of its own! The dinner will be at the home of the purchaser or the board member with date to be mutually agreed upon by the beneficiaries and the providers. *Value \$375 Donated by Sima Calkin.*



Adorn your neck with a beautiful handmade Termeh design pearl and Swarovski crystal necklace! This pearl necklace features a pink opal gemstone in the center that is surrounded by Swarovski crystals and is closed with a Swarovski silver clasp. *Value \$190 Donated by Maryam Tehrani.*

Enhance your Christmas decorations with a unique hand-carved Russian Santa from Moscow on the Potomac! A Master Craftsman hand-carved the Santa from a solid piece of linden tree wood - unlike mold-cast figures - then the figure was hand-painted and signed by the artist. This meticulously crafted Santa symbolizes the spirit of the holiday and is a true collector's item and perfect for bringing that spirit to your home during the holiday season and all year round! *Value \$250 Donated by Moscow on the Potomac.*



Update your fashion look with a beautiful handmade Ottoman design bracelet from Enise! Drawing on the splendor of her homeland, Turkey, Enise brings the opulence of Istanbul's grand palaces, the colors of old-world spice bazaars and the mystery of treasures hidden beneath the Aegean Sea to her unique jewelry designs. Enise's creative eye is matched by her impeccable hand craftsmanship. *Value \$95 Donated by Enise.*

Attention Sports fans! Washington Nationals Nesting Doll from Moscow on the Potomac! A Russian nesting doll or matryoshka, is a set of wooden dolls of decreasing size placed one inside the other. Perfect for any Nats fan, this set of nesting dolls featuring five different players is hand-carved from linden wood and hand-painted. The players' numbers and names are painted on the back of their jerseys. These come from a village near Moscow known as the toy capital of Russia for its production of hand-crafted wooden toys and collectibles. Matryoshka dolls are collected like any other piece of art! *Value \$50 Donated by Moscow on the Potomac.*

Enjoy award-winning wines at a wine tasting and VIP tour for 6 at Ingleside Vineyards!

The winery has donated a wine tasting for 6 along with a VIP Tour and a wine and cheese reception that features premium and reserve wines from whites to reds, dry to sweet. Ingleside Vineyards is one of Virginia's oldest and largest wineries, and has won numerous awards in state, national, and international wine competitions! The Ingleside estate was built in 1834 as Washington Academy and also served as a Civil



War garrison. It is close to the birthplaces of George Washington and James Monroe and other aspects of colonial and early American history. Certificate expires June 7, 2017. Two-week advance reservation required. 2 ½ drive from DC. *Value \$150 Donated by Ingleside Vineyards.*



Wine tasting at Barboursville Vineyards for up to 8 people, rated one of the Top 101 US Wineries for 2015!

The 18th Century historic estate near Charlottesville is a breathtaking climax to a beautiful and historic country drive, 2 hours from DC, and a 30-minute drive to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. A pleasant stroll away from your wine tasting on Barboursville's truly splendid lawns is the historic ruin of a mansion designed in

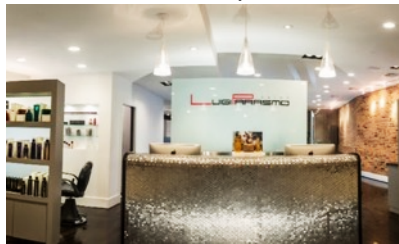
1822 by Thomas Jefferson.

Sat-Sun tours available noon – 4 PM.

Value \$56 Donated by Barboursville Vineyards.

Treat yourself to a basket of products from Luigi Parasmo Salon & Spa!

From one of DC's premier salons, the basket is filled with Kérastase luxury



hair care products and bottles of OPI Nail Lacquer. For 20 years Luigi and his

talented, highly trained and dedicated staff have delivered sleek, sophisticated

style and unparalleled customer service to his devoted clientele and new friends

equally - from power brokers, media mavens



to politicians, busy professionals and housewives.

Value \$300 Donated by Luigi Parasmo Salon & Spa.

Add a chic look to your winter wardrobe with a wool vest from Zarif Design! This Asymmetric white wool vest has red details at collar and pockets and around the armholes and has two coin buttons. Size S. *Value \$350 Donated by Zarif Design.*



Enhance your wardrobe with an elegant signature handwoven silk and hand-embroidered jacket by Zarif Design! Zarif is one of the most sought after of contemporary Afghan designer and producers. Zarif (“precious” in Dari) is a social enterprise that creates fashions that draw on the cultural heritage of Afghanistan and Central Asia. The group employs local Afghan men and women using local textiles to produce timeless, high quality pieces. The jacket is size M. *Value \$450 Donated by Zarif Design.*



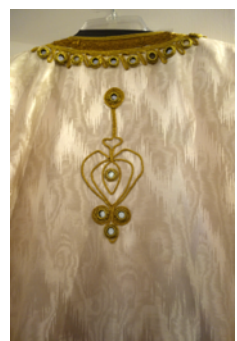
Have fun and food at destination Pinstripes, the new gem in Georgetown, with a gift certificate for 6 for brunch and bocce!

On Wisconsin Avenue and overlooking the historic C & O Georgetown Canal, Pinstripes offers a unique dining and entertainment experience featuring locally-sourced made-from-scratch Italian-



American cuisine along with bowling, bocce and daily events for the whole community. Pinstripes has a thoughtfully selected wine list, rotating craft beers, and an attractive variety of handcrafted cocktails. The facility includes fourteen bowling lanes, six bocce courts, a bistro and wine cellar, outdoor patios and space for 20 to 600 people. *Value \$245 Donated by Pinstripes.*

Drape yourself in a beautiful vintage hand-embroidered dress coat from Afghanistan! Fully lined with exquisite embroidery on the back as well as the front! Size L *Value \$450 Donated by Margaret Rogers.*





Grace your home with a wool Rah Rah tribal handmade kilim rug! Kilim denotes a pileless textile of many uses produced by one of several flat weaving techniques made by interweaving the variously colored wefts and warps. These rugs have a common heritage and are woven in the geographical area that includes Central Asia. Although at times kilim rugs are included in the general genre of "oriental rugs", it is more accurate to consider kilims are in a class of their own. Dimensions 4' x 6'. *Value \$1,000 Donated by Gallery 50 Rugs.*

Build your leadership capacity with 3 hours of expert executive coaching by Sandra Gregory!

Sandra will provide individualized coaching to enhance your potential to meet your leadership goals. Executive coaching accelerates performance and creates a stronger leader through observations, actions, and results. She is a Georgetown U-trained executive leadership coach and experienced public and private sector executive. Valid during 2016 at times to be mutually agreed. Travel to the client's office for sessions must be within the National Capital Region or virtual via phone or Skype. *Value \$1,000 Donated by Gregory-Bradley & Associates, LLC*