



HOLMES CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER ANNUAL GALA

# Auction Listing



**NOVEMBER 5, 2022**

**HITCHCOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Artwork

## 1 VW BUS MOSAIC

This groovy 11" x 13" Mosaic will hang proudly in any space! Created by Lori Reilly of Cape May Rainbow Mosaics.

**Donor:** Lori Reilly/Cape May Rainbow Mosaics

**Value:** \$300

**Starting Bid/Incremental Bid:** \$75 / \$25



## 2 APPLE TREE IN WINTER

Created and donated by Judith Secco a limited-edition, 18" x 22" photograph, framed with a flat black wooden frame. Judith, a native of Connecticut's Northwest corner, has been an avid self-taught photographer all of her life. She began with an in-home darkroom focusing mainly on black and white images and later realized a passion for digital photography. Developing her own technique by using textures and layers, she gives her images a unique quality, enhancing nature's beauty with an artist's eye and neutral background, bringing nature to life. To view more images: [judithsecco.com](http://judithsecco.com)

**Donor:** Judith Secco

**Value:** \$300

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$75 / \$25



## 3 WINTER FROST ON CANVAS

This frost macro was taken early one cold winter morning out of Claudia's upstairs window just past sunrise. This photograph is printed on Lustre Paper. This is a Fine Art Print. A soft Satin Laminate was applied on top of the paper, and the resulting product was then wrapped on Gatorboard. For a striking effect, a spacer was applied (Float Mounting Block) to the back of the ThinWrap, which allows the image to be hung and appear to float from the wall. To view more images by Claudia, visit her website at: [claudia-kuhn.pixels.com](http://claudia-kuhn.pixels.com)

**Donor:** Claudia Kuhn

**Value:** \$175

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$50 / \$15



## 4 MOONRISE OVER MANHATTAN

Created by Neil Allen, matted & framed 16" x 20", Photo 9.5" x 14.5"

Moonrise Over Manhattan was created by Neil Allen on August 5, 1917 and is #1 of 20. The location of the scene is lower Fifth Avenue with a portion of the tower of First Church/New York at the lower left. Originally purchased at the Salmagundi Club Fall Auction in 2019.

**Donor:** John & Eloise Morehouse

**Value:** \$400

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$100 / \$25



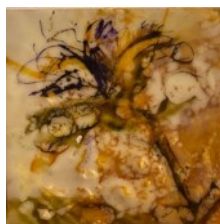
## 5 MIXED MEDIA ENCAUSTIC ABSTRACT

5"- 6" square, created by Tory Chisholm, an Alumni of Holmes Camp. Tory is a talented and innovative painter. The technique used here is Encaustic painting, also known as hot wax painting. It is a form of painting that involves a heated wax medium to which colored pigments are added.

**Donor:** Tory Chisholm

**Value:** \$50

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$20 / \$10



## 6 CELESTIAL LIGHT #6

Created by Maureen L. White, this piece is 12"x12"x 2".

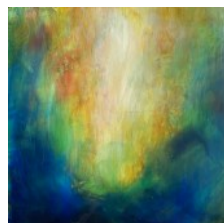
Maureen is an artist and former art teacher who retired in Montana after teaching in a Christian school near NYC for over 30 years.

Of her art, she says, "As I begin any piece of art, I find my heart filled with a chorus of emotions that light my path in the creative process. It starts with gratitude, followed by joyful excitement, hope, amusement, and serenity. Then comes the challenge of harnessing that chorus into a cohesive piece of art whose goal is to touch another human heart with gratitude and joyful hope along their life's journey. My art is flat, uninteresting, and lifeless without these precious emotions"

**Donor:** Maureen White

**Value:** \$180

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$40 / \$15



## **7 NEW YORK CITY PHOTOGRAPH BY REV. DAVID COCKCROFT**

Signed 17" x 13" Photograph by Reverend David Cockcroft. The late David Cockcroft was a pastor of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and enjoyed photography in his spare time.

**Donor:** Holly McCalmont

**Value:** \$Priceless

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$50 / \$15



## **8 ONE-OF-A-KIND OBLONG SCARF BLUE & BLACK DUAL-SIDED GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Created by Master Artist Joel Sokolov. This unique 68" x 6.5" Microfiber scarf is printed with Joel's original nature inspired artwork. Born and raised in New York City, Sokolov identified as an artist at an early age. A 1973 graduate of Laguardia High School of Music and Art in NYC, he graduated in 1977 from the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts.

**Donor:** Joel Sokolov

**Value:** \$200

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$60 / \$20



## **9 ONE-OF-A-KIND DUAL-SIDED OBLONG SCARF TONES OF BLUE GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Created by Master Artist Joel Sokolov, this unique 67" x 10" silk blend scarf is printed with a stretched collage version of recent paintings. Born and raised in New York City, Sokolov identified as an artist at an early age. A 1973 graduate of Laguardia High School of Music and Art in NYC, he graduated in 1977 from the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts.

**Donor:** Joel Sokolov

**Value:** \$200

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$60 / \$20



## **10 UNIQUE REVERSIBLE OBLONG SCARF BLUE & WHITE GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Created by Master Artist Joel Sokolov, this 69" x 11" Microfiber one-of-a-kind scarf is printed with Joel Sokolov's original artwork inspired by Nature. In this rendition, the images come from drawings of Hawaiian plants that were later exhibited at the Kentler International Drawing Space in Brooklyn, and



at the Honolulu Museum of Art. Born and raised in New York City, Sokolov identified as an artist at an early age. A 1973 graduate of Laguardia High School of Music and Art in NYC, he graduated in 1977 from the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts.

**Donor:** Joel Sokolov

**Value:** \$200

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$60 / \$20

## 11 DECORATIVE PAINTED PADDLE

Three foot decorative paddle designed and painted by Holmes Alumni, Alice Pulliam

**Donor:** Alice Pulliam

**Value:** \$Priceless

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$50 / \$15



# Unique Experiences

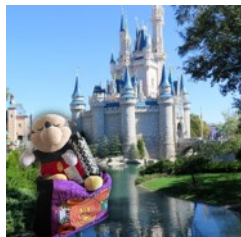
## 12 THE MAGIC KINGDOM AWAITS!

Make your dreams come true! You just have to dream big (and bid big!) **A day pass for TWO at Disneyland or Disneyworld.** Includes 2 Park Hopper passes and some Disney swag! **Expires 12/15/23**

**Donor:** Ken McGuire

**Value:** \$340

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$100 / \$25



## 13 BRING HOME THE BEAUTY OF CENTRAL PARK

Basket includes large Central Park Umbrella, Central Park Trees and Landscapes book, map and postcards, cards and T-shirt (size M).

Central Park is the fifth-largest park in New York City, covering 843 acres and is the most visited urban park in the United States, with an estimated 42 million visitors annually, and is the most filmed location in the world.



The park design was created in 1857 by landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux and the present day design was completed in 1876. Among its many attractions are Wollman Rink, Central Park Carousel, and the Central Park Zoo; Recreational activities include carriage-horse and

bicycle tours, bicycling, sports facilities including tennis, and concerts and events such as Shakespeare in the Park every summer. Central Park is traversed by a system of roads and walkways and is served by public transportation.

**Donor:** Jane and Malcolm Ritter

**Value:** \$75

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$35 / \$15

## 14 COOKING CLASS & HOLMES OVERNIGHT STAY FOR 2 SATURDAY, 2/18—SUNDAY 2/19, 2023

**PACKAGE INCLUDES INGREDIENTS FOR A DINNER PREPARED BY YOUR CLASS, HOLMES APRONS, OVERNIGHT STAY, AND SUNDAY BREAKFAST;**

**This package will sell 4 times (bid as a couple or with your bestie!) Rooms will be double occupancy in Vinik Hilltop. Class will have up to 8 participants.**

Learn prep and cooking techniques with noted chef, Culinary Institute of America Instructor and Holmes Camp Alumni, Mark Ainsworth!

Arrive at 1pm. Mark will take you through the afternoon prep and cooking plan. Then, put on your Holmes apron (yours to take home as part of the experience) and learn a variety of cooking methods while preparing your multi-course meal.



Enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery of Holmes. Your package includes an overnight stay and a Sunday morning breakfast before departure.

Mark Ainsworth began his culinary adventures at Holmes Camp as a teenage camp cook before graduating from the CIA and embarking on a cooking career that took him around the world including the 3-Michelen star Le Bernardin in NYC.

**Donor:** Mark Ainsworth & Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

**Value:** \$2,400 (\$600 per couple)

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$250 / \$50 **TOP 4 BIDS WIN!**

## 15 SAIL PORT JEFFERSON WITH TED MASTERS

**FOR 1-2 PEOPLE; 21 FT SAILBOAT**

The individual or couple who wins this will accompany Holmes Camp alumni Ted Masters, an enthusiastic sailor, on an afternoon or evening cruise in 2023 aboard a



21-foot 1966 Islander sailboat located in Port Jefferson Harbor.

The Islander (a masthead, sloop rigged, monohull) is an early fiberglass constructed boat designed and built by Joseph McGlasson from 1965 to 1969. McGlasson built popular wooden boats in the mid-1950s and it is said that the planking seams that can be seen on the Islander's hull is a signature feature carried over from the mold used to construct the fiberglass version of this boat.

The lucky bidder(s) will not only get an incredible hands-on sailing experience, but Ted will provide either a light picnic lunch (afternoon sail) or a wine and cheese basket (evening sail) to keep you nourished in body, mind and spirit.

**Donor:** Ted Masters and Carol Castillo

**Value:** \$Priceless

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$100 / \$25

## 16 GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD GUIDED TOUR

**6 HOUR TOUR WITH JOHN ECK, RETIRED HISTORY PROFESSOR;**

**1-5 PARTICIPANTS**

The Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) was a turning point in the Civil War. This Union victory ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North and within 2 years the War would come to an end.



Join John in a guided walk into this profound American moment. Become acquainted with the battlefield leaders, learn about the trials of ordinary soldiers, and gain an in-depth understanding of that quintessential Lincoln moment... the Gettysburg Address. The hallowed Gettysburg battlefield is a fascinating place in terms of topography, national memory, heroism and pathos.

Tour will take place from about 10 am – 4 pm with a break for lunch. There will be approximately 2 miles of walking but John will tailor the tour in advance taking into account the interests and physical needs of the participants (and there will be an advance reading assignment!)

Just as the battle marked a turning point in the Civil War, so did a visit to the battlefield at age 10 mark one for John. From that moment on he read everything he could on the battle and then the war. Of particular interest in recent years has been the life and significance of Abraham Lincoln in our history. Taken together the events at Gettysburg and the pivotal role of Lincoln in the crisis of that moment are a remarkable story to be told. John's passion



for history has always been rooted in place. He continues to visit the sites and terrain of the past as a foundation for historical understanding. Ultimately, it was that day on the Gettysburg Battlefield that was the springboard for a career in teaching and a lifelong passion for history.

John recently retired from a forty-year teaching career where he taught at the middle-school, high school and community college level. His teaching journey included the Peace Corps in Chad, the UN School in NYC a therapeutic boarding school in Montana and many other places in between.

**Donor:** John Eck

**Value:** \$Priceless

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$125/ \$25

## Services

### 17 CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TREE?

#### 5 hours of professional genealogy services

Are you looking to start building your family tree? Curious about the lives of your ancestors? Do you have DNA results that you need help understanding? Let Michelle Dowd Torosian help you put your research goals into action.



Michelle is a professional genealogist and founder of Torosian Genealogy, LLC. Her extensive research experience and sharp analytical skills enable her to work with clients undertaking historical research, solving the mysteries lurking in the branches of their family trees, identifying unknown ancestors and recovering forgotten stories. A former CPA with Deloitte and graduate of Rutgers University, Michelle is a certificate holder from Boston University's Genealogical Research program and the ProGen Study Group.

**Donor:** Torosian Genealogy

**Value:** \$375

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$125 / \$25

### 18 90 MINUTE JIKIDEN REIKI HEALING SESSIONS AND ENERGY CONSULTATION

Enjoy a 90 minute Jikiden Reiki healing session and energy consultation with Anne

Bentzen, a Shihankaka teacher with the Jikiden Reiki Institute of Kyote, Japan at the Balancing4Life studio in Pleasantville, NY.



PLUS receive a custom Bach Flower essence blend formulated to address



your personal needs for eliminating old negative behavioral patterns that limit your success, personal happiness and inner Harmony

Energy healing is complementary to all traditional medicine protocols. There are no contraindications for the use of Reiki. It is safe for all ages. The Bach Flower blend is alcohol-free.

**Donor:** Anne Bentzen/Balancing4Life

**Value:** \$300

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$60 / \$20

## 19 FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH ON CANVAS WITH HOTEL STAY

World-renowned Photographic Portrait Artist, Stephen Taylor, whose portraits are displayed in the most elegant homes globally, will create a 14-inch textured canvas fine art piece portrait of your family, in his studio in Bernardsville, NJ. Each portrait is a work of art, an investment in your family history.



Escape into the stunning New Jersey Somerset Hills countryside, home to many equestrian farms and events, where you'll discover The Bernards Inn (awarded 4 diamond rating) nestled in the quaint hamlet of Bernardsville. Step back in time to a bygone era of understated elegance, supreme luxury, and unparalleled privacy 30 minutes from Manhattan and 90 minutes from Center City Philadelphia.

Rooms have 2 full beds or 1 king and up to 2 cots can fit. Must be used in conjunction with the photo session only.

**Donor:** Stephen Taylor Portraits

**Value:** \$3,000

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$250 / \$50

## 20 SENIOR COUPLE PHOTOGRAPH ON CANVAS WITH HOTEL STAY

14" Textured Canvas; Package includes Overnight Stay at The Bernards Inn, Bernardsville, NJ for a couple.

World-renowned Photographic Portrait Artist, Stephen Taylor, whose portraits are displayed in the most elegant homes globally, will create a 14-inch textured canvas fine art piece portrait of you and your spouse / significant



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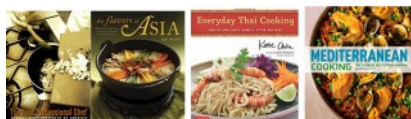
**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$250 / \$50

## At Home Entertainment

### 21 A QUARTET OF CIA COOKBOOKS

The New Professional Chef... The Flavors of Asia by Mai Pham... Everyday Thai Cooking by Katie Chin... Mediterranean Cooking by Lynne Gigliotti

Even if you can't attend the celebrated Culinary Institute of America on the banks of the Hudson River in Hyde Park, New York, this is your chance to take advantage of the cookbooks they use.... from basic techniques to cuisine from the Mediterranean to Thailand to all of Asia.



**Donor:** Mark Ainsworth

**Value:** \$100

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$25 / \$15

### 22 CHAMPAGNE DUO

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut and Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut Yellow Label Champagne brut is the signature of Veuve Clicquot's quality and style. Dominated by Pinot Noir, it offers a perfect balance of structure and finesse. Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut is a melting pot of aromas and flavors – a wonderfully rounded, generous champagne whose joie de vivre makes every moment more special.



**Donor:** Mark Hostetter and Alex Habib

**Value:** \$90

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$45 / \$15

## 23 SILVER OAK WINE DUO

A Decade in the Making: 2012 Silver Oak Napa Cabernet Sauvignon and 2012 Silver Oak Alexander Cabernet Sauvignon

**Donor:** Mark Hostetter and Alex Habib

**Value:** \$300

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$100 / \$25



## 24 2018 ZD 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE

**Napa Cabernet Sauvignon**

ZD's senior winemaker writes: "The wine has a deep, complex aroma of ripe dark berries, cassis, plum, and baking spices, with hints of toasty vanilla, clove, and cola. This Cabernet Sauvignon is drinking beautifully right now (2018) and will continue to develop complexity for many years to come."

ZD Wines has produced Cabernet Sauvignon every year in the Napa Valley since 1975.

**Donor:** Mark Hostetter and Alex Habib

**Value:** \$70

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$35 / \$15



## 25 TIME FOR MOVIE NIGHT!!

Who doesn't love a movie night? And to make it even more fun, indulge in this basket full of movie night treats: cozy blanket and fuzzy socks, snacks, wines, no spill beverage cups, gift cards for dinner and renting a movie or movie tickets.

**Donor:** Emily Ford Sytsma

**Value:** \$250

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$65 / \$15



## 26 "SHADOW BOX" GRAPHIC QUILT

56"x 68" quilt created by the COMFORT QUILTERS OF NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS GUILD. This modern style graphic quilt will conger up images of a moonlit summer garden as you snuggle under it on dark and chilly winter evenings. Machine washable and dryable, it was made by the talented members of the Comfort Quilters of Northern Star Quilters Guild. They create and donate hundreds of quilts annually.

**Donor:** Comfort Quilters of Northern Star Quilters Guild/  
Fifth Tuesday Quilters

**Value:** \$450

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$135 / \$25



## 27 FAMILY GAME NIGHT

5 Family Friendly Games to liven up the cold fall nights!!  
Trivial Pursuit Family Edition; All of Us; Herd Mentality;  
I Should Have Known That; and Right, Left, Center

**Donor:** Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

**Value:** \$80

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$25 / \$10



# Memories of Holmes

## 28 HOLMES MERCH AND MORE BASKET #1

Holmes Merch including travel coffee mugs, "Vintage" T-Shirt, sticker, and coffee.

**Donor:** Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

**Value:** \$75

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$20 / \$10

## 29 HOLMES MERCH AND MORE BASKET #2

Holmes Merch including travel coffee mugs, "Vintage" T-Shirt, sticker, and coffee.

**Donor:** Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

**Value:** \$75

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$20 / \$10

## 30 HOLMES PLACEMATS

**SET OF 4 -17" x 11" – Laminated**

**Photographed by Malcolm Ritter**

Malcolm's inspiration: "As a New York City apartment dweller and avid photographer, I look forward to taking pictures at Holmes. Hiking in the woods or watching the early morning mist rise from Denton Lake, I'm transported to a world that seems far away from the city, and my pictures let me bring parts of it back."

**Donor:** Malcolm Ritter

**Value:** \$45

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$15 / \$10



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**Donor:** Malcolm Ritter

**Value:** \$45

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$15 / \$10



### 32 PHOTO ENCAUSTIC OF LAKESIDE

**7" x 10" Created by Tory Chisholm**

An Alumni of Holmes Camp, Tory is a talented and innovative painter. The technique used here is Encaustic painting, also known as hot wax painting. It is a form of painting that involves a heated wax medium to which colored pigments are added.

**Donor:** Tory Chisholm

**Value:** \$75

**Starting Bid / Incremental Bid:** \$25 / \$10





## Visit the Camp Store!

Holmes 2022 T-Shirt.....\$20

Fred Frost CD.....\$20

Beanie.....\$15

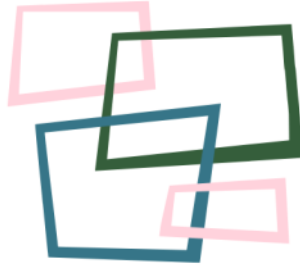
Baseball Cap.....\$15

Logo Pin.....\$8

Logo Pin.....2 for \$15

Note Pad.....\$5

Holmes Magnet.....\$5



## Auction Rules & Conditions

- Bidding at the event begins at 5:30, Saturday, November 5, 2022.
- There are set minimum and incremental bids listed for each item. Bidders are expected to use the incremental bids or a greater amount when bidding.
- All Items are sold 'as is.'
- All bids are accepted on the good faith of payment at the end of the evening.
- If you will not be present at the end of the evening, or have a bidding question, please contact Grace Buck at 845.878.6383 ext 1.
- There will be a 30 minute and a 10 minute warning of the close of the auction. Once bid sheets are pulled, the auction is considered closed.
- Carefully read item descriptions for any restrictions, black out dates or expirations dates.
- According to NYS Law Alcoholic beverages won during the silent auction, may not be opened or consumed on the event premises
- Out of respect for our generous item donors, there will be no exchanges or returns of auction items.
- Any arrangements or scheduling for items must be made by December 31, 2022, unless noted otherwise.
- All arrangements for weekend travel, tickets or hospitalities are at the convenience of the donor. Restrictions may apply.
- In the event of a dispute, the event committee has sole and final discretion to determine the winning bidder.
- Payment by Cash, Credit Card, Venmo or Check made out to PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION, INC are accepted.
- Per federal tax law, the portion of your winning auction bid exceeding the fair market value of the item is the only tax deductible part of your contribution to the camp. Please consult your tax advisor with questions.





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