



**HOLMES CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER
ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Auction Listing



**OCTOBER 14, 2023
AGAPE CENTER**

Buy It Now!

Holmes Commemorative Plate....\$50



100% of proceeds from plate sales will be used for upgrades and repairs to Holmes Camp facilities.

Show your Camp pride!

Bring home a Holmes Commemorative Plate to display.
Or purchase a set. These dinner plates are dishwasher safe and meet food service safety standards.

We are grateful to an anonymous donor who has underwritten the costs associated with the Holmes Commemorative Plates.

Holmes Forever

2 Holmes T-Shirt Quilt

Unique Handmade Quilt with Holmes T-Shirt Accents.

This truly is a one of a kind way to show off your HOLMES Pride! A colorful quilt highlighted with cut-outs of memorable Holmes T-shirt logos. It is a generous size measuring 48" x 67" and is machine washable/dryable. It was made by the talented members of the Fifth Tuesday

Quilters/Comfort Quilters of Northern Star Quilters Guild. They create and donate hundreds of quilts annually to charity and are pleased to include this one in the Silent Auction fund raiser for Holmes Camp & Retreat Center. The members of the Fifth Tuesday Quilters visit Holmes twice a year



for week-long quilting retreats.

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

Value: \$350

Starting Bid: \$100 / **Incremental Bid:** \$50

3 Vintage Holmes Mugs – Set of 4

Classic Holmes Logo Mugs by Great Bay Pottery.

Set of 4 ceramic 12 oz mugs. Your morning coffee or tea will taste even better in one of these classic mugs!

Donor: Holmes Camp & Retreat Center

Value: \$140

Starting Bid: \$40 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25



4 Cabin 16 Graffiti

Staff Cabin 16 Memento. This unique graffiti call-out is one of a few pieces of former staff graffiti that was salvaged before Staff Cabin 16 was torn down in 2023.

Donor: Holmes Camp & Retreat Center

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$50 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25



5 Original Robinson Hall Sign

Original sign from Robinson Hotel, Circa 1960's. Now the site of Robinson Pavilion.

Donor: Holmes Camp & Retreat Center

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$50 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25



6 Custom Holmes Sign

Bring a Customized Holmes Sign Home!

Keep a memory of Holmes' trademark directional

signs in your home or on your property with this

directional sign that can be customized to your family name or something short enough, i.e. 15 characters, to fit on a sign board.

Donor: Holmes Camp & Retreat Center

Value: \$65

Starting Bid: \$20 / **Incremental Bid:** \$15



Art

7 Lone Tree by Judith Secco

Limited-edition black & white photograph on Fine Art Paper, framed with a flat black wooden frame 15" x 26".



Judith Secco, a native of Connecticut's Northwest corner, has been an avid self-taught photographer all of her life. She began with an in-home dark-room 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.

Donor: Judith Secco Photography

Value: \$300

Starting Bid: \$90 / **Incremental Bid:** \$50

8 A Gala Gathering by Dennis Sirrine

Oil painting, approximately 12" x 15" (with frame.) This piece was sold to J. & E. Morehouse at the Salmagundi Fall Auction in 2019. The Salmagundi stickers on the back of the piece are generally considered to enhance its value.



Born in Michigan, Dennis Sirrine graduated in 1968 with honors in Fine Arts/Illustration from Kendall School of Design, Grand Rapids, MI and earned a B.F.A. in Painting at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design. He spent 3 years abroad studying the Old Masters, painted in Italy and France, and toured throughout India before returning to the States. Sirrine has served on the Board as Chairman of the Art Committee at the Salmagundi Art Club in New York City, and in Connecticut currently serves on the Exhibition Committee of Mystic Arts Center and the Board of Directors of Lyme Art Association. A resident of Mystic, Connecticut, Sirrine recently opened his own studio/gallery in the Velvet Mill building, 22 Bayview Avenue, Stonington, CT.

Donor: John and Eloise Morehouse

Value: \$350

Starting Bid: \$100 / **Incremental Bid:** \$50

9 "Hope/Love/Joy/Peace"

An Advent Stole by Katherine Pater

Linoprint - Fabric Ink on Broadcloth. A one-of-a kind clergy stole created by Katherine Pater, writer, artist and associate pastor at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church where her work focuses on the intersections of faith, gender, sexuality, politics and justice. Katherine has recently been creating a series of linoprints focusing on the rituals of faith. This linoprinted stole honors the four themes of the Advent season in a less-traditional order, honoring that many congregations now read the "Magnificat" text in the second week of Advent--recognizing Mary's song of justice as a call to the collective work of Divine Love.



Katherine would like to extend thanks to Grace Buck for her assistance as a seamstress for this piece.

Donor: Katherine Pater

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$50 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25

Home & Family

10 Family Photography Package with Overnight Stay

A Unique Family Portrait by Stephen Taylor - paired with a relaxing and elegant overnight boutique Inn experience in Bernardsville, NJ.

World-renowned photographer and portrait artist, Stephen Taylor of Bernardsville, NJ will create a 14-inch textured canvas fine art piece portrait of your family, in his studio. Taylor's portraits are displayed in the most elegant homes around the world. Each portrait is a work of art, an investment in your family history. www.stportrait.com

This one of a kind portrait experience includes a one night stay at The Four Diamond Bernards Inn. Escape into the stunning New Jersey Somerset Hills countryside where you'll discover The Bernards Inn nestled in the quaint hamlet of Bernardsville, NJ. Step back in time to a bygone era of understated elegance, supreme luxury, and unparalleled privacy.

An easy 30 minute drive from Manhattan and 90 minutes from Center

City Philadelphia.

Rooms have 2 full or 1 king bed, plus up to 2 cots can fit.

www.bernardsinn.com

The overnight at the Bernards Inn must be used in conjunction with the portrait session.

Donor: Stephen Taylor Portraits

Value: \$3,000

Starting Bid: \$250 / **Incremental Bid:** \$75

11 Fall Abundance (#1) - An Original All Natural Dried Floral Arrangement

Created by Mary Lou Pappas of Bedford Presbyterian Church

"I have been flowering by word of mouth for more than a decade. I have always been a freelancer, traveling to the wholesale market or flower farm for a specific job. Now most of my work continues to be Caramoor events and people related to Caramoor...still doing a school gala and selectively weddings!"

Donor: Mary Lou Pappas

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$40 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25

12 Fall Abundance (#2) - An Original All Natural Dried Floral Arrangement

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Donor: Mary Lou Pappas

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$40 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25

13 Pet Sitting

Your furry companion deserves a vacation too!

A 3 day weekend of pet sitting for one dog at home in Red Hook, NY. (Your pet will be picked up as long as you live within a 2 hour drive of Red Hook.) Your pet will be part of our family during the stay and will be the only pet in the house. Multiple walks each day to include one way of 2-3 miles. Winner supplies food. Liann and John supply love and care.



To be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time.

(Black out days - Christmas weekend 2023 and May 24-June 17, 2024)

Donor: Liann Ainsworth and John Eck

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$60 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25

Food & Wine

14 Dinner for 6 - 8 at Agape and Overnight in Vinik

A 3-course Dinner for 6-8 people in AGAPE (Charlotte's Room) prepared by CIA professor and chef Mark Ainsworth on February 24, 2024 or an alternate date may be available by mutual agreement of all parties, including AGAPE availability. Package includes overnight stay in Vinik Hilltop. (Up to 4 Rooms)

You're tired of entertaining your friends in restaurants but cooking at home takes more energy than you have after a long week at work. Let HOLMES provide the natural environment and let a true professional come to your rescue! A former Holmes camper and staff member, Mark Ainsworth began his cooking career during camp summers at Holmes, then trained at the Culinary Institute of America. After which he worked in restaurants around the world and is now a professor at CIA where he teaches predominantly professional chefs who come back to CIA for classes.

Menu to be determined in consultation with Mr. Ainsworth. You can even hang out in the kitchen as Mark cooks and get some cooking tips from this chef who has cooked all over the world.

Donor: Mark Ainsworth

Value: \$1,500

Starting Bid: \$450 / **Incremental Bid:** \$75

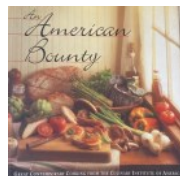
15 An American Bounty: Great Contemporary Cooking from the Culinary Institute of America

(1995, 198 pp) Written in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Culinary Institute of America, this master cookbook is a collection of recipes that reflect regional, traditional, and international influences with such selections as shrimp gumbo, chicken and dumplings, and Shaker lemon pie

Donor: Mark Ainsworth

Value: \$60

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



16 Hors d'Oeuvre at Home with The Culinary Institute of America

(2007, 216 pp) Featuring more than 150 stylish recipes and 40 full-color photos, this book provides all the guidance and know-how you need to cater your own parties and dazzle your guests. The CIA experts show you how to prepare an impressive selection of bite-sized creations for any gathering. From skewers and dips to desserts, they explain the various types of hors d'oeuvre and walk you step by step through the techniques you need to create each one.

Donor: Mark Ainsworth

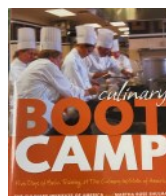
Value: \$60

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



17 Culinary Boot Camp: Five Days of Basic Training With the Culinary Institute of America

(2006, 242 pp) You always wanted to take the The Culinary Institute of America's popular week-long "Boot Camp" course but never could clear that action-packed schedule of yours. Now you can without leaving home! This book takes you through the 5 days of dynamic, hands-on instruction in cooking basics that help teach the non-professional cook to think like a chef, guided by entertaining narrative of Julia Child Award-winning cookbook author Martha Rose Shulman. Combining Shulman's compelling



storytelling with a wealth of invaluable culinary information, you'll take a "step up" in the kitchen with this vicarious adventure through basic training at one of America's finest professional cooking schools.

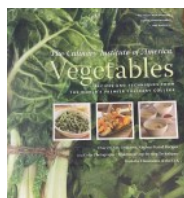
Donor: Mark Ainsworth

Value: \$60

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

18 **Vegetables: Recipes and Techniques from the World's Premier Culinary College**

(2007, 292 pp) Even the non vegetarian will find recipes to delight in this compilation of over 150 recipes for soups, appetizers, salads, entrees, and side dishes. Plus there's a chapter devoted to sauces and relishes made from vegetables or perfect to serve with vegetables. Accompanied by 75 full-color photos, you'll be eager to try vegetables that are new to you, or try a familiar vegetable in a new way.



Donor: Mark Ainsworth

Value: \$60

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

19 **Garde Manger: The Art and Craft of the Cold Kitchen**

(2008, 666 pp) Garde Manger is one of the most important courses culinary students take—and it's often the first kitchen station that a new chef will encounter. With over 540 recipes, including 100 created new for this edition, and more than 340 all-new photographs illustrating step-by-step techniques and finished dishes, this new edition of Garde Manger is an indispensable reference for culinary students and working chefs everywhere.



This definitive guide has been thoroughly revised to reflect the latest garde manger trends, techniques, and flavors, including new information on topics such as brining ratios, fermented sausages, micro greens, artisanal American cheeses, tapas menus, "action" buffet stations, and ice carving.

Donor: Mark Ainsworth

Value: \$90

Starting Bid: \$30 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25

20 Chocolate Lovers Basket

Attention Chocolate Lovers! A Chocolate Gift Basket sure to satisfy every cocoa craving. From artisanal chocolates handcrafted in the Hudson Valley and velvety truffles to an assortment of decadent cookies, cake and other chocolaty confections. Share with your family, give as a gift, or hide it away in your closet for easy access (you deserve it!)

Donor: Liann Ainsworth

Value: \$100

Starting Bid: \$35/ **Incremental Bid:** \$25

21 2012, 2013, 2014 Three-Bottle Vertical of Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

These wines in their “adolescence” have a gorgeous and rich ruby red color, dense and structured with interesting aromas of black cherry, cassis, coffee bean, vanilla and loose pipe tobacco. Entry is massive and wildly rich, smooth and creamy. There are baking spice and black pepper flavors throughout the mid-palate and while the structure is dense and tightly wound, there is excellent balance with no piece out of place. The finish is long and has fantastic length.

Donor: Mark Hostetter and Alex Habib

Value: \$675

Starting Bid: \$200 / **Incremental Bid:** \$75



22 Fire Fishing Poles

Set of 3 poles. A fool-proof way to perfectly roast over the campfire!

This fun fire pole ensures that you will not have to go looking for long sticks in the woods when you are just eager to roast a marshmallow or something more substantial like hotdogs or shrimp! Features a powder coat rod, stainless steel hook, and birch/maple handle for easy handling. With a quick flick of the wrist, just like setting the hook while fishing you can cook food evenly over your campfire.

Donor: Alice Pulliam

Value: \$90

Starting Bid: \$30 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25



Experiences

23 Professional Personal Coaching Services

(Up to 2 hours.) Holmes Alum, Dr. Ansley W. LaMar holds a doctorate in Social Psychology and is the founder and president of LaMar Educational Enterprises, LLC. He is a professor of Psychology and the former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at New Jersey University. An award winning public speaker, Dr. LaMar has presented workshops on topics as varied as becoming a positive leader, achieving authentic happiness, and communicating with your teenager. Dr. LaMar is also known for his series of lectures on child development, which includes such topics as Raising a Resilient Child, More Important than IQ: What Your Child Really Needs to Succeed in School and Being a Successful Single Parent.



As a coach, Dr. LaMar uses social psychological principles and concepts and authentic conversations to help clients develop and implement plans to meet and exceed their personal, professional and relationship goals. *Date and time by mutual agreement. The sessions (up to 2 hours total) can be conducted in person, by phone or by Zoom*

Donor: Dr. Ansley LaMar

Value: \$200

Starting Bid: \$60 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25

24 Afternoon or Evening Sail on Long Island Sound (for two people)

Set sail from Port Jefferson Harbor. Includes either a light picnic lunch or evening wine and cheese.

Join Holmes alumni Ted Masters and Carol Castillo on their boat in Poquott. (Port Jefferson harbor.) The individual or couple who wins this will accompany this enthusiastic sailor on an afternoon or evening cruise 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.

Your cruise must take place during the 2024 sailing season on a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Donor: Ted Masters and Carol Castillo

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$100 / **Incremental Bid:** \$50

25 Museum of Natural History Passes, Book & Map

A Day at the world famous American Museum of Natural History just across from NYC's equally fabulous Central Park. Four admission passes plus four passes to a ticketed exhibition PLUS a GUIDEBOOK and a MAP.

Skip the entrance lines and go directly to the exhibition of your choice -- if it's been a while this fabulous book will remind you of all this world and cinema famous museum (who could forget A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM and its popular sequels) has to offer - and if you haven't visited the new Gilder Center, here's your chance!

Donor: Jane and Malcolm Ritter

Value: \$115

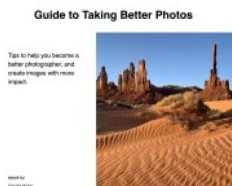
Starting Bid: \$35 / **Incremental Bid:** \$25



26 Improve Your Phone or Camera Photography in the Great Outdoors [4 individual winners are possible.]

A 2 hour session up at Holmes Camp followed by lunch in May 2024.

Join renown photographer Claudia Kuhn at Holmes Camp in mid-May 2024 for a 2 hour photoshoot around the picture-perfect areas of the camp



grounds. Your experience will include a 13 page ebook with basic guidelines and photo examples of how to improve the composition of your images as well as feedback on some of your images and any questions you might have on composition and editing. Lunch will be provided at the camp.

For more about Claudia, visit her here:

www.betterphoto.fun/gallery/bio.php?memberID=38746

If you are unable to come to the photoshoot in May, you may email 3-4 images to me for critique, and ask any questions you may have.

Donor: Claudia Kuhn

Value: \$125

Starting Bid: \$50 / **Incremental Bid:** \$20

27 Ski Lesson (Boston area)

Ski Lessons for up to 3 people with PSIA Certified Ski Instructor, Darby Ainsworth

Location: an Epic Pass Mountain near Boston, i.e. Crotched Mountain, Mount Sunapee

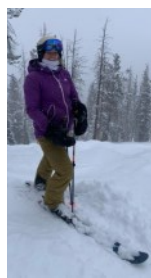
Time: a morning (3 hours) or afternoon (3 hours) on a MONDAY or a day based on Darby's work schedule.

Whether you're still happiest on the green trails or looking to break into the blues or even go to the next level, you won't find anyone better or more patient than Darby to hone your skills or get you to the next level. Cost of ski lift tickets and rental gear not included.

Donor: Darby Ainsworth

Value: \$1,300

Starting Bid: \$390 / **Incremental Bid:** \$75



28 An Afternoon Sail on Historic Narragansett Bay (for up to 3 people)

Boat will depart from Bristol, RI (Upper Narragansett Bay) and a light picnic lunch will be provided.

Join long-time sailor Sang Park for an afternoon of sailing on a 19 foot O'Day on the historic Narragansett Bay (close to an area colonized by Roger Williams after he and other English settlers fled the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636).

Sang's boat 'Serendipity' was revived from another summer camp



(Quinipet Camp and Retreat Center in Shelter island LI - www.quinipet.org.) after they discontinued their sailing program. This well-used boat needed a new home, so Ted Masters, Paul Verdesi and Mark Ainsworth all helped Sang give this boat a new life - another great example of the lasting bonds formed at Holmes!

For more on the rich history of this area, visit www.narragansetthistoricalsociety.com/a-brief-history

Arranged at a mutually agreeable date and time.

Donor: Sang Park

Value: Priceless

Starting Bid: \$150 / **Incremental Bid:** \$50



Auction Rules & Conditions

- Bidding, at the event begins at noon, Saturday, October 14, 2023.
- 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 event, 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, 2023, 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.

Visit the Camp Store!

Fundraiser - Holmes Plate.....\$50

100% of proceeds from plate sales will be used for upgrades and repairs to Holmes Camp facilities.

Holmes “Linoprint” Tee.....\$20

Long Sleeve Logo Tee.....\$23

Holmes Hoodie.....\$40

Holmes Ball Cap.....\$20

Logo Nalgene Water Bottle-32oz.....\$20

Logo Nalgene Water Bottle-16oz.....\$15

Holmes Notebook.....\$5

Lapel Pin.....\$5

And much more!



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