



# the Nature Foundation of Will County

## **Bringing Nature Home Native Plant Sale and Pre-Sale Event & Reception**

*Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, 2019*

*Sugar Creek Administration Center*

*17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet, IL 60433*

### **Auction & Raffle Prize Listing, Rules & Information**

#### **Silent Auction – Friday, May 17, 2019**

*The silent auction runs Friday, May 17, 2019 between the hours of 4 and 7pm at the Sugar Creek Administration Center, Joliet, IL during the Friday Night Pre-Sale Reception. The silent auction opens at 4pm and closes at 7pm with the specific auction items awarded to the highest bidder or to the individual that selects the “buy it now” option. Auction participant must possess a ticket to the Friday Night Pre-Sale Reception. Winner must be present to win. Payment is due prior to the end of the event. Winnings must be claimed that evening. Acceptable payments include cash, check and credit card.*

#### **Friday Night Silent Auction Prizes**

##### **A Week in Paradise ~ Indian Shores Beachfront Cottage - \$1,000 Value**

*Donated by Russ Weglarz & Laurie McPhillips-Weglarz*

Just step off your covered porch into the sand and feel the *ocean breeze* from this 1 bedroom old-Florida style beachfront cottage located directly on the Gulf of Mexico in Indian Shores! Features include all new furnishings, with a King-sized bed in the bedroom and an additional queen-sized sofa sleeper in the living room (SLEEPS 4), TOTALLY UPDATED and fully applianced kitchen, 42” LED TV in the living room and 32” LED TV in the bedroom, free WI-FI, coffee maker, toaster, dishwasher, blender, martini shaker, all glassware and more! Have your morning coffee overlooking the ocean or toast the gorgeous sunsets from your covered porch! Choose your dates – August 15 through December 24, 2019.

##### **Joliet Slammers Luxury Suite - \$500 Value**

*Donated by Joliet Slammers*

Get ready for a fun time with 20 of your closest friends and family! This prize is a home run and includes admission to the game for your group and exclusive access to a luxury suite. Food and beverage can be arranged for an additional cost. This prize must be used prior to the end of the 2019 season (9/6/19) and reservations must be made in advance.

##### **Cheers! – \$500 Value**

*Donated by the Board of Directors, The Nature Foundation of Will County*

According to essayist, Hugh Hood, “Nothing ever tasted better than a cold beer on a beautiful afternoon with nothing to look forward to than more of the same.” We couldn’t agree more. We know you will enjoy this amazing selection of craft beer and merchandise from many of our own Will County Breweries. Cheers to You and Yours!

**Autobahn Teen Driving Academy Gift Certificate - \$390.00 Value**

*Donated by Autobahn Country Club, 3795 CenterPoint Way, Joliet, IL 60436*

This is an intense one day program that teaches safe driving attitudes and advanced defensive driving skills, taught by professional racers and driving instructors. Your teen will learn the importance of having a safe driving attitude, the skills of how to handle a car, the importance of awareness and the potential results of distracted driving. Course enrollment is available throughout the season. Teen or young driver must have a valid driver's license to participate.

**Lift Your Spirits! – \$375 Value**

*Donated by the Board of Directors, The Nature Foundation of Will County*

Get your summer fun off to a great start with this amazing selection of spirits perfect for your next summer party or BBQ. Comes complete with a Vinobravo Deluxe 11-Piece Boston Cocktail Stainless Steel Drink Shaker Set, Recipe Book and a selection of fun accoutrements for the perfect cocktail. Caringly selected for you by our Board of Directors.

**Winner's Choice - Landscaping Services - \$250 Value**

*Donated by Lee Werner Excavating*

Have a large landscape project in mind but not sure where to start with your raw materials? Here's your solution! The Dirt Man will provide and deliver the winner's choice of 26,000 pounds of gravel (road grade mix) OR black dirt OR clay.

**Un-Wine-D – \$250 Value**

*Donated by the Board of Directors, The Nature Foundation of Will County*

Throw an amazing summer dinner party, sit back and relax with just a few close friends, or enjoy just by yourself as you appreciate this incredible selection of wines. Comes with a beautiful wine opener and a collection of wine glasses perfect for outdoor use.

**Go White Sox! - \$235 Value**

*Donated by The Law Offices of Donald Gould, Ltd.*

It's a home run with this evening with the White Sox! This prize includes 4 box seats to the Chicago White Sox VS Kansas City Royals game Tuesday, May 28 at 7:10pm, 4 passes to the Stadium Club and an official parking pass. Seats are located in Box 124, Row 19, Seats 5-8, along the 1<sup>st</sup> baseline.

**Mom's Perfect Picnic Getaway! \$200 Value**

*Donated by Bess Egelske & Jamie Donovan*

You deserve a little downtime! Get away for an afternoon with this collection of cozy comforts including a perfect picnic basket, a handmade lap quilt, a great book and magazine, a couple bottles of wine and some wine glasses perfect for outdoor use.

**May Apple in Bloom - \$160 Value**

*Donated by David Jagodzinski Photography*

Just imagine this beautiful photo of one of our spring woodland wildflowers, May Apple in Bloom gracing your home. Shot by nature and abstract photographer, David Jagodzinski, this art work will bring you joy for years to come.

**Corinthian Bells Wind Chimes - \$135 Value**

*Donated by Mark and Anita Schneidewind*

This beautiful wind chime resonates deeply throughout its surroundings. You'll enjoy its subtle bass undertones indoors and out. Proudly made in the USA, Corinthian Bells wind chimes combine excellence in design with incredible tones and resonance. The centrally suspended heavy-walled aluminum tubes along with the high-density striker give these chimes their outstanding tones and resonance. Overall length is 44 inches.

**Blossoming Art Glass - \$130 Value**

*Donated by Mike & Jamie Donovan*

The Kitras Art Glass Blossom Ball ornaments highlight our cultural belief that flowers are used to celebrate life's special moments. Flowers are given to commemorate friendship, appreciation, romance and sometimes just because! Celebrate these moments with two select pieces of Kitras Art Glass, flowers that never stops blooming and feature them in your home or in your garden with the Shepard's hook provided.

**Folk Art Window - \$100 Value**

*Handmade and Donated by Karen Fonte*

Catch the sunshine or moonlight with this unique, one-of-a-kind, repurposed art glass window made from nature-themed glass plates. This must-have item will be a perfect addition to your home.

**Brickstone Brewery Collection - \$100 Value**

*Donated by Ragan Pattison & Steve Collins, Wight & Company*

Beer-lovers rejoice! This prize includes a collection of merchandise from Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais. It also includes a \$20 gift card good for food & drink. Enjoy!

**August Hill Winery Basket - \$100 Basket**

*Donated by Kayla Pennington & James Flax*

Drink local with this delicious collection of wines from August Hill Winery in Utica, Illinois. Comes with very unique stainless steel wine cups and wine stoppers.

**Preserves of Will County - \$100 Value**

*Handmade & Donated by Phyllis Schulte*

Not only can you preserve nature, you can eat it too! You can't get these preserves anywhere else...seriously! Made with love by Phyllis Schulte, a Volunteer Steward, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, this collection of preserves is sure to make your mouth water!

## **Raffle – Friday, May 17, 2019**

The raffle runs Friday, May 17, 2019 between the hours of 4pm and 7:30 pm at the Sugar Creek Administration Center, Joliet, IL during the Friday Night Pre-Sale Reception. Each Friday Night Pre-Sale Reception ticket includes 1 complimentary raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets are available for sale; \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The raffle opens at 4pm and winning raffle tickets are selected for each raffle item at 7:30 pm. Participants get to select the raffle prizes they would like to win. Raffle tickets must have the participants name and phone number. There is no limit to the number of entries a participant can make for any of the items. Winner need not be present to win. Winner must claim their prize within 30 days.

### **Friday Night Raffle Prizes**

#### **Glorious Gift Cards: Home & Garden - \$250 Value**

*Donated by Home Depot, Blaines Farm & Fleet, and Representative Margo McDermed*

This collection of gift cards has your weekend project covered! Prize includes a \$100 gift card to Alsip Nursery, 2, \$50 gift cards to Blaines Farm & Fleet, and a \$50 coupon for Home Depot. (*Home Depot coupon expires 6-30-19 so get shopping!*)

#### **Glorious Gift Cards: Road Trip - \$250 Value**

*Donated by Exxon Mobil*

Vroom...vroom! This collection of gift cards included 5, \$50 Exxon Mobil gift cards. Can you say "Road Trip?"

#### **Glorious Gift Cards: Casual Dining - \$150 Value**

*Donated by Mark & Anita Schneidewind, Hayden's Crossing, Chili's & Taco Bell*

This collection of gift cards is for those that like a casual dining atmosphere, or just want to grab something on the run. Prize includes 2, \$25 gift cards to Heroes West in Joliet, a \$50 gift card for Hayden's Crossing in Wilmington, a \$25 gift card to Chili's, and a \$25 gift card to Taco Bell.

#### **Glorious Gift Cards: Fine Dining - \$125 Value**

*Donated by Mark & Anita Schneidewind*

This collection of gift cards is perfect for those that enjoy fine dining. Prize includes a \$75 certificate for Al's Steak House in Joliet, and a \$50 certificate for Syl's in Rockdale.

#### **Glorious Gift Cards: Shopping - \$60 Value**

*Donated by Kin-ko's Ace Hardware and Amazon*

Get what you need with this selection of gift cards. Prize includes a \$10 Ace gift card and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

#### **Rock the Woods! - \$100 Value**

*Donated by Cynthia Harn*

Join us on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Lower Rock Run Reserve for our Donor Appreciation Night. Enjoy 4 complimentary tickets to the VIP area while you are sporting this Picnic-Perfect Backpack. This all in one portable bag comes set with everything you need for a group of 4 including place settings, cutlery, salt and pepper shakers, wine glasses, and a picnic blanket. There is also an insulated side cooler bag perfect for that chilled bottle of wine.

**Flutterby Collection - \$100 Value**

*Donated by Phyllis Schulte*

Inspired by the National Park Quilt Exhibition, Volunteer Steward Phyllis Schulte created this unique, one-of-a-kind butterfly wall hanging. Also included is a butterfly throw and wood butterfly.

**Cardinals in Winter - \$ 100 Value**

*Donated by the Will County Farm Bureau*

This canvas print is perfect for any nature lover and captures the splendor of our winter birds.

**A Woodland Owl - \$30 Value**

*Donated by the Will County Farm Bureau*

Haunting and beautiful, just imagine this stunning woodland owl canvas print in your home or office!

**Harvesting the Rain- \$75 Value**

*Donated by The Conservation Foundation*

Rainwater is exactly what your garden and houseplants need and want! Start harvesting the rain and take advantage of this amazing resource.

**A Barrel of Rain - \$90 Value**

*Donated by the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District*

Collecting rain is easy with this complete kit including the barrel, a flex fit downspout kit, and rain gauge.

**Frida Kahlo Gift Bag - \$75 Value**

*Donated by Cynthia Harn & The Forest Preserve District of Will County*

Perfect for Frida fans, this prize includes a book of inspirational quotes and wise words from this legendary icon, the movie, "Frida," with 6 Academy Award nominations, a tote bag, 2 commemorative copies of Frida Kahlo's Garden exhibit from Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, as well as Artists Pencils, Oil Pastels and a Sketch book to fuel your inspiration.

**Bat House - \$75 Value**

*Donated by the Forest Preserve District of Will County*

Bats play a vital role in natural pest control. Just imagine fewer mosquitoes this summer when you put up this bat box. Houses should be elevated 12 to 20 feet in a sunny location where they will get 6-8 hours of sunlight.

**Sunflower Wind Spinner - \$35 Value**

*Donated by Ann Dralle*

The sunflower symbolizes longevity and luck. Bring beauty to your yard with this stunning wind spinner made with weather resistant finish and dual rotors that catch even the slightest breeze.

### **The Mystical Dragon - \$40 Value**

*Donated by The Kite Site*

This incredible three-dimensional Dragon kite displays an amazing degree of detail, from inflatable legs to the mane-like frill that trails down its spine. Although it sports a 6' wingspan, this impressive kite is a breeze to fly.

### **Disney Frozen - \$20 Value**

*Donated by The Kite Site*

This easy-to-fly, 57" kite is sure to delight any Frozen fan!

### **Sweet Bay Magnolia Tree - \$35 Value (2 winners will be selected)**

*Donated by Possibility Place Nursery*

A magnolia that stays somewhat green in winter here in Chicago? Crazy! It is true, though. We'd recommend that you plant it on sites that have a nice Eastern exposure or sunny protected cove in yards and gardens. The foliage is a glossy green with whitish undersides. The flowers are white and saucer-sized. They can be showy once the tree gets large enough to produce larger numbers of them, but you'll notice the scent with just a few. The bark is smooth and gray. It does not like compacted soils and tends to favor richer soils (nice black stuff).

### **American Plum Tree - \$25 Value (2 winners will be selected)**

*Donated by Possibility Place Nursery*

American Plum is a fast growing tree that will sucker freely to create thickets. Taxonomists claim that plum does not have thorns, but a thorn-tipped dwarf shoot. Although not numerous, these dwarf shoots do get your attention if you try to walk through a plum thicket!! Excellent snow-white spring blooms in April-May. Fall color is maroon-red. An excellent plant for naturalizing. The highly edible fruit has a sweet flesh and sour skin that makes for excellent preserve.