

# SILENT AUCTION

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*Closes at 8:55p.m.*

## **1 Drench Yourself in the Magic and Sunshine of Provence for Seven Wonderful Days!**

Immerse yourself in the totally enchanting sun filled landscapes of southern France that inspired the Post-impressionists. Explore beautiful Provence and the Côte d'Azur with a charming Provençal vacation house as your home for a week! Originally an 18th-century farmhouse, the house is located in a peaceful valley on the edge of Grasse, the capital of the world's perfume industry, and is only 10 miles inland from the famous beaches at Cannes. Sip an aperitif by the swimming pool while you enjoy the luxurious garden with views of the surrounding cliffs and hills. *(Four adults maximum. Summer cabin for two children old enough to sleep alone. Limited availability in July and August.)*

**Value: \$5,000**

Courtesy of Elizabeth & Jan Lodal

## **2 Cocktail Party at Historic Montevideo Farm**

Bring your party of 20 friends for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on a Saturday or Sunday evening, hosted by Ann and Knight Kiplinger at their historic farm in Seneca, MD, just a half hour outside of Washington. You'll have your choice of season and venue – in mild weather, on the terrace around the pool, or in the cooler months, in the formal rooms of this 1830 Federal period home, full of interesting history, antiques, and art.

**Value: \$2,000**

Courtesy of Ann & Knight Kiplinger

### **3 Enjoy this Gorgeous Aspen Home for Four Days and Three Nights!**

Imagine yourself in this gorgeous Aspen home for four days and three nights. Four world class ski mountains, the Aspen Music Festival, Food & Wine, Aspen Ideas, fall leaves, spring fishing — there's something for everyone year round within minutes of this completely renovated and professionally decorated 5,000+ square foot home featured in the latest issue of Colorado Homes and Lifestyles Magazine. The magnificent 1,000 square foot master bedroom suite is complemented by five bedrooms on two additional levels. With an additional master suite on the lower level, it's a suitable arrangement for two families to share — up to 11 people total.

**Value: \$7,500**

*Courtesy of Anonymous*

### **4 Revel in a Beautiful Private Resort Overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains**

Escape for a week to Restless Farm! Just a 90-minute drive from Washington, it feels like a world away. This 260-acre farm, with spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, has an 1830's historic house, a modern pool house, a tennis court, swimming pool, hot tub, and horse barns. Consider this a private resort for you and up to nine guests (children welcome). The main house has three large bedrooms, including a magnificent master suite and the two-bedroom pool house has a large, glass-walled living room that opens to the pool. Both houses have fully equipped kitchens. This promises to be a week that you and your friends will never forget!

*(Ten persons maximum. Limited availability on holidays.)*

**Value: \$5,000**

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### **5 Slip Away to the Serenity, Beauty and Fun of this Vermont Lake House**

Escape to the serenity of Vermont! You will be delighted to stay for a week in this idyllic lake house in Vermont's green hills. With four bedrooms and three baths, a substantial living area complete with a modern kitchen and all amenities, the house also features a living room with a fireplace and a wraparound porch. The lake is right at your door, with a dock, float, canoe, and kayak. This spacious lake house is located just minutes off of Interstate 91, and is ideal for a family or for three couples.

**Value: \$2,800**

Courtesy of Thayer & Kevin Baine

### **6 Five Day Getaway to Sea Colony Resort, Bethany Beach**

Treat yourself to a five day/four night getaway in your own beach-front apartment at Sea Colony Resort, the premier family beach and tennis community in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Enjoy your morning cup of coffee or evening glass of wine sitting on the balcony looking out over the ocean. Check out the building's indoor pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, and gyms. Located just a five minute walk to downtown Bethany!

*(Sleeps up to 6 people, excluded periods: July 1 – July 5 and Labor Day weekend)*

**Value: \$2,000**

Courtesy of Tom Augustin

### **7 Private Catered Dinner**

Enjoy a private dinner in your home for up to 20 guests catered by tonight's caterer:

Warriors Catering.

**Value: \$2,000**

Courtesy of Warriors Catering

## **8 Dine on Delicious Lebanese Cuisine at its Finest**

Former TWC Board member Tom Hier invites you and up to seven friends to his beautifully restored “Arts & Crafts” home in Northwest Washington, D.C. for a multi-course, home-cooked Lebanese dinner. Chef Hier will deliver a meal you’ll never forget.

**Value: \$400**

Courtesy of Thomas Hier & William Myhre

## **9 Brazilian Dinner for Eight**

Dine on a Brazilian feast for eight people in David Klaus’s home: the traditional Brazilian feijoada (black beans, meats, rice, toasted manioc flour, plantains, collard greens, spicy onions, oranges) complete with aperitives (caipirinhas), Brazilian beer, dessert (Romeo e Julieta: guava paste and white cheese), and freshly ground Brazilian coffee.

**Value: \$480**

Courtesy of David A. Klaus

## **10 Celebrate with a Mouth-Watering Gourmet Dinner Party for Eight**

Enjoy an unforgettable dinner party for eight in the home of TWC Alto II and Chef Joan Lewis and her sommelier husband, Robbie Hopkins. Start by selecting your preferred cuisine: French, American, Italian, or fusion. Joan and Robbie will pair your choices with marvelous wines from their 2,000- bottle cellar. This year’s menu will be fabulous for you and your seven guests!

**Value: \$900**

Courtesy of Joan Lewis & Robbie Hopkins

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### 11 Trio of Sauternes

Enjoy three great dessert wines from Sauternes: 2001 Chateau Guiraud, 2005 Chateau Rieussec, and Chateau La Clotte-Cazalis.

**Value: \$270**

Courtesy of Margot Hennings

### 12 Case of Catena Malbec 2012

According to *Wine Enthusiast* — “This is quintessential Argentine Malbec. Aromas of roasted black fruits and smoke transition to a toasty, oaky palate with a spectrum of flavors ranging from herbal to jammy berry. In between are notes of tobacco, spice and molasses.” (91 points)

**Value: \$240**

Courtesy of Ann & David Cook

### 13 Magnum of Ramey Cabernet 2010

This is a fabulously balanced, full-bodied wine. Robert Parker rates it 94 /100 and calls Ramey one of the top wineries in the US.

**Value: \$125**

Courtesy of Joan Lewis & Robbie Hopkins

### 14 Two Cases of Argentine Catena Zapata Malbec

A blend of Catena Zapata’s historic Malbec vineyards, Adrianna and Nicasia, this wine is made from a meticulous vine selection within the best, historic rows of these family estate vineyards.

**Value: \$410**

Courtesy of Embassy of Argentina in Washington

## 15 Two Bottles of Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet 2005

The 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a dark garnet color and a rich, complex nose of boysenberry, truffles, sandalwood and allspice. This wine will continue to improve until 2031, given proper cellaring.

**Value: \$250**

Courtesy of Suzanne Thomassen-Krauss & Rusty Krauss

## 16 Bottle of Homemade Limoncello

Enjoy this homemade bottle of limoncello, a traditional Italian lemon liqueur known for its refreshing sweet and tangy flavor.

**Value: \$50**

Courtesy of Joseph Castor

## 17 Half Case of Argentinian Malbecs

These six Malbecs are stunning examples of Argentina's flagship variety.

**Value: \$500**

Courtesy of Susan & Boris Hayduchok, Andrea & Timothy Ireland, Joan Lewis & Robbie Hopkins, and Tamara & Jeffrey Munk

## 18 Two Bottles of Castello di Monsanto 2001 Nemo "Super Tuscan"

Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*: "The 2001 Nemo, the house Cabernet Sauvignon, adds pepper and sweet herbs to its black currant and blackberry aromas." (91 points)

**Value: \$120**

Courtesy of Deborah Boudreau & Michael Schwartz

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### **19** Washington National Opera's Cinderella

Take in a night at the opera with this pair of tickets to the Washington National Opera's production of *Cinderella*, running May 9-21, 2015. Rossini's retelling of the Cinderella story adds a few twists in a whimsical production featuring two mezzo-sopranos alternating in the title role. (*tickets not valid on opening night*)

**Value: \$400**

Courtesy of Washington National Opera

### **20** Charles Williams Evening of Song

Enjoy an evening of unforgettable entertainment! Charles Williams, TWC Board member and versatile singer extraordinaire, will provide thirty minutes of music for your elegant soirée. Charles made his Metropolitan Opera debut as Sportin' Life in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, and has performed throughout the world. He is also an acclaimed teacher, giving vocal workshops and master classes in both the U.S. and Europe. Charles will delight you and your guests with a program celebrating one-hundred years of Robert Johnson and Blues to Broadway. Must have well-tuned piano.

**Value: \$1,500**

Courtesy of Charles & Ruth Williams

## 21 Experience the Thrill of a Lifetime: Conduct at the Kennedy Center!

Your conducting fantasies come true! Here's your chance to wield the baton and conduct the 200-voice Washington Chorus in an orchestra rehearsal and for one of the chorus' *Candlelight Christmas* concerts at the Kennedy Center. Music Director Julian Wachner will provide a private mini-conducting lesson beforehand!

**Value: Priceless**

Courtesy of The Washington Chorus

## 22 Boston Weekend

Spend the weekend in Boston just a cobblestone's throw away from the best of historic Boston with one night at the trendy Onyx Hotel. In the evening, enjoy a concert of America's oldest continuously performing arts organization – the Handel and Haydn Society. Two A-level tickets to your choice of one concert in the 2015-2016 Subscription Season. Package also includes a CD of Handel's *Messiah*.

**Value: \$510**

Courtesy of Handel & Haydn Society and Onyx Hotel

## 23 National Symphony Orchestra Two Season Subscriptions

What could be better than a night out at the Kennedy Center to hear the National Symphony? Why, many nights out, of course! Here's your opportunity to enjoy an entire season's worth of exciting, inspiring, and moving performances. These are Level 2 Orchestra tickets for Thursday nights throughout the 2015-2016 season, blue, green, and red series. (*Please note: these tickets are for Thursday nights ONLY and there will be no exchanges.*)

**Value: \$2,400**

Courtesy of National Symphony Orchestra

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### **24 The Argentine Experience**

Experience Argentina with seven of your friends! Includes wine tasting with a variety of wines with explanation of their main characteristics and provinces, a private tour of the Embassy, and a one hour tango lesson.

**Value: \$1,000**

Courtesy of Embassy of Argentina in Washington

### **25 Del Campo Gift Certificate**

The lifestyle and food culture celebrated on an estancia, a large South American vineyard estate, is the inspiration for Victor Albisu's flagship restaurant in the Chinatown neighborhood of Washington, D.C. The airy space is home to a meat-driven, wine-centric menu that is a product of Albisu's Latin American roots and travels throughout Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay.

**Value: \$400**

Courtesy of Carol & Donald Borut, Andrea & Timothy Ireland, Tamara & Jeff Munk, and Ruth & Charles Williams

### **26 The Grill Room Gift Certificate**

Tucked up along the historic C&O Canal, The Grill Room specializes in hand-cut, bone-in, artisan meats, bracingly fresh seafood, and table side preparations. Framed with a wall of floor to ceiling windows and fluid geometric lines, the ambiance is one of relaxed refinement. Specialty dinner items include their signature Seafood Tower featuring lobster, a selection of oysters, Chesapeake crab and prawns.

**Value: \$200**

Courtesy of Thayer & Kevin Baine

## 27 Rural Society Chef's Tasting

Enjoy an exquisite chef's tasting for two, complete with wine pairings, at the contemporary Argentine steakhouse from nationally renowned master of Latin cuisine, Iron Chef Jose Garces. The menu and primarily South American wine list, combined with warm hospitality and welcoming décor, transport you far from the bustle of the District to the sweeping cattle ranches and grill-fired kitchens of Argentina.

**Value: \$320**

Courtesy of Rural Society

## 28 Rasika Gift Certificate

Named among the top 20 restaurants across America in 2014, Rasika showcases Tawa (Griddle), Sigri (open Barbeque), Tandoori, and regional dishes. Rasika offers small plates, a modern lounge, and a temperature controlled wine cellar.

**Value: \$200**

Courtesy of Andrea & Timothy Ireland

## 29 Dinner for Two at New Heights Restaurant

Enjoy a prix fixe three-course dinner with wine pairing at New Heights, in Woodley Park, which consistently features innovative New American cuisine. Seasonal menus highlighting the freshest of each season entice locals, presidents, dignitaries and travelers to return time after time.

**Value: \$134**

Courtesy of New Heights Restaurant

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### **30 Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse Gift Certificate**

Experience this authentic Brazilian steakhouse! Choose from the 16 cuts of delectable fire roasted meats that are brought to your table, sliced, and served by gaucho chefs. Or, visit the salad bar and enjoy over 30 items including fresh cut vegetables, imported cheeses, cured meats, and Brazilian side dishes.

**Value: \$300**

Courtesy of Andrea & Timothy Ireland

### **31 Washington Wizards vs Indiana Pacers: Four Floor Seats**

Be in the middle of the action with four floor seats to the Wizards vs Pacers game at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Includes parking pass.

**Value: \$1,170**

Courtesy of Anonymous

### **32 Washington Nationals vs The Florida Marlins: Four Tickets**

Four club seats behind home plate to the Nationals vs Marlins game at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Tickets are located in PNC section 124, Roe H, Seats 1-4. Includes unlimited food, draft beer and house wine, plus a parking pass in section Red B.

**Value: \$800**

Courtesy of King & Spalding, LLP

### **33 Washington Nationals: Four Tickets**

Four tickets in the first row of the third base side to see the Washington Nationals.

Date options to be determined in early April.

**Value: \$265**

Courtesy of Carol & Donald Borut

### **34 Series of Three Singing Lessons**

A series of three singing lessons with TWC Chorus Master Geoffrey Silver. Prepare your scores for an upcoming chorus performance or work towards an audition or solo by developing your technique, posture, breathing, and confidence. Suitable gift for the advanced or intermediate singer, beginner, or enthusiast.

**Value: \$300**

Courtesy of Geoffrey Silver

### **35 An Original Architectural Sketch of Your Home**

Cherish an original architectural sketch of your home. Architect and artist, Steve Cook, will work with you to select an appropriate view and emphasis. The finished artwork will be yours to frame and/or use for printing cards.

**Value: \$600**

Courtesy of Steve & Margaret Cook

### **36 Two-Night Stay at Hotel Marlowe – Boston, MA**

Located in Cambridge just across the Charles River from downtown Boston, spend two nights at Hotel Marlowe enjoying all that Cambridge and Boston have to offer! *(Subject to availability, blackout dates apply.)*

**Value: \$600**

Courtesy of Hotel Marlowe

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### **37 One Night Weekend Stay at The Willard InterContinental Hotel**

Spend a luxurious weekend at the fabulous Willard InterContinental Hotel in the heart of Washington, D.C. Known as the “Grand Dame of American Hotels,” the Willard has long been a major force in the social and political life of Washington. You and a guest will enjoy deluxe accommodations for one night.

**Value: \$380**

Courtesy of Willard InterContinental Hotel

### **38 Two-Night Stay at Eventi – New York City**

Enjoy two nights in sky-rise luxury at Eventi, a high-end Kimpton boutique hotel in the heart of Chelsea. *(Subject to availability, blackout dates apply.)*

**Value: \$800**

Courtesy of Eventi Hotel

### **39 Two-Night Stay at 70 park hotel – New York City**

Spend two nights on Midtown’s most famed tree-lined street. 70 park avenue hotel is a classic getaway with lively style and warm hospitality. *(Subject to availability, blackout dates apply.)*

**Value: \$750**

Courtesy of 70 park avenue hotel

