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# **FABULOUS FUUSN SERVICES AUCTION**

## **2026 ON-LINE AUCTION CATALOG**

## **V2) Home Concert with Outrageous Fortune**

*Donated by Rod Thomas and Chris Welles*

A concert in your home (or outside) with Covid precautions as needed with "OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE"! Want to make a special event a night to remember? Have a house party with live jug band music! Chris Welles, Rod Thomas and Dan Dick will perform vintage acoustic folk, blues and swing, with three-part vocals, guitar, harmonicas, jug, washboard and bass, at your home for a house full of friends. One 60-minute or two 45-minute sets.

*Minimum bid: \$350*

## **V3) An Hour of Live Solo Guitar with Bob MacWilliams**

*Donated by Bob MacWilliams*

You may have heard Bob play at FUUSN services. Now you have the opportunity to host a concert of Bob's music in your own home! Bob has been performing on acoustic guitar, piano, and voice for many years. He will bring a mix of mostly original songs and instrumentals along with a few other personal and crowd favorites. The intimate setting of a house concert offers a great opportunity to experience Bob's unique writing and performance style.

*Minimum bid: \$150*

*Concert must be used within one year of auction*

## **V4) Lois Shapiro Piano Concert (14 seats left)**

*Donated by Lois Shapiro and Hosted by Laurel Farnsworth at her home*

**Title: "Birds of a Feather: Mozart and Brahms"**

Back by popular demand, Lois and her string-playing colleagues are cooking up another delicious musical "repast" for 2026. She and the other members of her Eleuthera Piano Trio---will be joined by the wonderful local violist, Elaine Leisinger-- on Sunday, November 22nd at 2pm, at Laurel's house for another special afternoon of luminous and much beloved piano quartets: this time, Mozart E-flat Major, K.493, and Brahms A Major, Op.26!

For Brahms, Mozart's clarity and classical musical values were a beacon of inspiration, as he rejected the thick textures and Romantic "too-muchness" of other composers in late 19th century Vienna. They also share the versatility of the piano quartet texture--the intimacy of four solo instruments combining in different permutations, to ultimately create a symphonic richness.

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And, as Brahms expressed about both his own and Mozart's ambition: "the greatest joy is in creating something that speaks directly to the soul of another human being."

*Date: November 22 at 2pm at Laurel's home*

*Set bid: \$50.00 per person includes beverages and light snacks.*

**V9) Spring Flower Walk in Webster Woods (6 spots left)**

*Donated by Barbara Bates and Jeannie Chaisson*

Join Barbara Bates and Jeannie Chaisson as they point out Spring Flowers in Webster Woods. Approximately 1.5 miles, uneven ground. Following the walk, you will warm up with a cup of homemade soup and other awesome snacks & drinks. We should be able to see Lady Slippers, nodding bellwort, star flower, jack-in-the-pulpit, and skunk cabbage, plus mosses and lichens. Saturday May 2 at 10 AM to noon (rain date: Sunday May 3 at 2 PM to 4) No pets allowed.

*Set bid: \$20 per person*

**V12) Vegetarian Dinner (for up to 8 winning bidders at each dinner– at least TWICE!)**

*Donated by Jeannie Chaisson*

Jeannie will prepare one of her famous vegetarian meals from the equally famous Moosewood Cookbook. She can host up to 8 people and will do so twice (or more if there is interest!). How good is that?!

*Location: Chaisson/Persons home*

*Dates: TBA*

*Set bid: \$35 per person*

**V21) Wine Tasting Party (7 spots left)**

*Donated by Jay Flynn and Barbara Niles*

This event will feature 4 pairs of European red wines from Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal, respectively. Each pair will feature a style of wine at two different price points. Initially, you will not be told which is the more expensive. We hope to hear from participants what they think are the differences in quality and appeal, if any, between a given pair of wines. If there are, do they think the price difference is worth it? Wines will not be available for sale at the event, but you will be provided with the information you need to buy them elsewhere.

Those details aside, our main purpose is to be together and enjoy each other's company. Light snacks will be provided.

*Date: May 16, 2026 at 7pm in the FUUSN Parish Hall*

*Set bid: \$40 per person*

**V22) Tacos and Tequila (two spots left)**

*Donated by Andy and Lauren Dale*

A casual, lively, fun dinner hosted by the Dale Family for up to 12 adults. The menu will be "flexitarian" tacos (for vegans, vegetarians and meat eaters) and several tequila cocktails! It will be festive time to get to know community members better!

*Date: June 20, 2026*

*Set Bid: \$110 per person*

**V24) Scenic Boston Harbor Cruise with Lunch (two seats left)**

**Donated by Jenny Lerner and Brian Gill**

Join Jenny Lerner and Brian Gill for a Scenic Boston Harbor Cruise! Embark on a leisurely motorboat cruise around Boston Harbor, complete with a delicious lunch tailored to meet various dietary needs (your preferences will be collected closer to the cruise). This unique experience offers stunning views of Boston's iconic skyline, historic landmarks, and charming harbor islands, including Boston Light, the oldest continually operated lighthouse in the United States.

Enjoy the lively maritime activity—ranging from cargo ships to recreational vessels—and keep an eye out for local wildlife. You'll also have a front-row seat to Logan Airport's aircraft activity, blending natural beauty with the vibrancy of Boston's bustling waterfront.

The cruise will take place aboard a stable pontoon boat—a spacious and comfortable vessel (think "station wagon on water") that seats up to 10 passengers, plus Captain Brian and First Mate Jenny. While the boat is steady and well-suited for a relaxing trip, light splashing may occur, so dressing casually and considering a waterproof layer is recommended. Life jackets will be provided for all passengers. We're happy to take kids of any age if the parents can provide well-fitting and well-functioning life jackets for the kids.

We'll depart from Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport. Access to the dock involves a ramp; anyone requiring additional assistance is warmly welcomed. We look forward to sharing this delightful adventure with you!

*Date: June 6, 2026, (Rain date: TBD)*

*Set bid: \$160 per person*

### **S58) Gentle Conditioning-Pilates Group Class (7 spots left)**

*Donated by Helena Froehlich*

We invite you to enjoy a gentle conditioning class based on Pilates and Yoga. We will start with a Qi-Gong style warm-up to let the energy circulate through the body, and then we will continue on the mat with gentle movements and postures, strengthening and stretching your body with awareness and deep breathing.

At the beginning of class, please mention if you have any areas you need to be careful with, so we can provide modifications.

Helena Froehlich is a professional dancer. Since 2005 she directs FUUSN's CreationDance and is a faculty member of the Boston Ballet School. She teaches ballet, modern and Conditioning/Pilates. She worked in Europe and the USA. She studied many forms of Dance, Pilates, Tai Chi, Acupressure, and Yoga with the Isha Foundation, [Isha.Sadhguru.org](http://Isha.Sadhguru.org).

*Wear comfortable clothing; please bring a yoga mat, and a firm Pillow. If you do not have a yoga mat no worries there will be some available.*

*Date: Wednesday March 11th from 10:30am-11:30am, at Helena's house in Newtonville  
Set Bid: \$15 per person*

### **S64) Pizza and Tech with FUUSN computer whiz Kevin Osborn (7 spots left)**

*Hosted by Wendy Schwartz*

Are you puzzled by how computers work? Want to better understand what makes them tick so you can be a less frustrated, better informed user? Computer whiz Kevin Osborn – maker, inventor, COA mentor – and host Wendy Schwartz offer a fixed-price event aimed at de-mystifying the digital world. Topics may include hardware vs. software, programming, AI, the Cloud, etc., interspersed with Q & A. The session will n-o-t teach you how to program computers, nor how to fix your personal computer issues, but you should walk away with a better understanding of why and how those issues occur.

Exercise your mind, have fun, and gratify your tummy all in one!

*Fixed Bid - \$25 per person*

*Date: March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm in the FUUSN Alliance Room*

### **S73) Repair of Pleated Shades or Blinds with Broken Cord- John will fix up to an additional 3 shades**

*Donated by John Lisker*

Do you have broken cords on single and double honeycomb window shades, or on fan fold shades which use the same very thin cord? I can repair on site. Even if it is

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under warranty, I can save you the hassle of sending it away to be repaired. I would provide the cord. I do not offer spare parts, but have not found them to be necessary.

Available to schedule after March 15<sup>th</sup>

*Fixed bid: \$25 per shade.* Please indicate how many shades you are bidding on.