

FABULOUS FUUSN SERVICES AUCTION

2026 SILENT AUCTION CATALOG

Yummy Food

S50) Three Loaves of Hearty Homemade Bread

Donated by Bobbie Sproat

This is our favorite whole wheat loaf – from the Tassajara Bread Book, Zen Mountain Center in Monterey County, California. True 1970 vibe! The date will be agreed on and it is for all three loaves on the same day. This bread freezes well.

Wrap as airtight as you can, then put in a freezer bag – thus two wrappings to keep the loaves fresh. Valued at \$50

Minimum Bid: \$25

S51) Portuguese Vegetable Soup

Donated by Jud Leonard

Two quarts of fabulous, hearty Portuguese Vegetable Soup from the Bakery Lane cookbook, the only remaining vestige of a late-lamented Vermont cafe. The original contains sausage, but vegetarian or vegan are also possible. It freezes very well.

Minimum Bid: \$25

S52) Triple Chocolate Cheesecake, or 30 Miniature Truffle Brownies

Donated by Nancy Mattei

Choose between an award winning cake – the Triple Chocolate Cheesecake, serving 16-20 or 30 Miniature Truffle Brownies (bourbon optional) with a chocolate ganache, topped with a single almond or dark chocolate-covered espresso bean, that melt in your mouth.

Minimum Bid: \$35

S53) Pizza making party for 2 highest bidders

Donated by Paul Antonucci assisted by Deborah Robbins

We will come to your home and make pizza while you watch or participate, or will make it at my home for you to come and enjoy. We will discuss pizza toppings in advance - e.g. butternut squash, chèvre, sausage, eggplant, peppers, many others. We will also bring salad and bread and appetizers - your choice of roasted eggplant with garlic and herbs, hummus, charcuterie, olives, artichoke hearts.

Possibilities are dough making, sauce making, assembling, baking, serving.

DATE To be negotiated with Paul

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: up to 12 partyers at each party

Minimum Bid: \$75

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S54) Learn to Make Yummy Veggie Soup for Three Highest Bidders

Donated by Sandra Teare

We will make soup together for about two hours. Your choice: carrot, lentil, cauliflower, split pea

Minimum Bid: \$25

S55) Your choice of Baked Goods for the two highest bidders

Donated by Charlotte Osborn

Your choice of:

24 cookies or

12 muffins or cupcakes or

1 loaf quick bread (examples Banana or pumpkin) or

1 pie or 1 cake (square/rectangle 1 layer max, 9 inch round 3 layers max) or

1 pan brownies, blondies or cinnamon rolls

Minimum Bid: \$25

S56) Cookies for a Special Occasion

Donated by Connie Stubbs

Love homemade cookies but don't have time to make them? For yourself, your family, or your guests, bid on four dozen cookies delivered to your (local) door.

Connie will send you some of her favorite recipes, and you can choose the two you want. Reviews from last year were "Thumbs up!" (Mutually convenient date to be arranged.)

Minimum Bid: \$45

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For Your Body and Soul

S57) Two Wonderful, Gentle Japanese-style Acupuncture Treatments for the Two Highest Bidders

Donated by Martin Feldman

Martin has been practicing and teaching acupuncture for more than 40 years. His gentle Japanese 1 on 1 treatments have been effective for internal and musculoskeletal problems, as well as all sorts of pain and inflammation. His hands on skills were learned from studying with blind Japanese acupuncture masters. Martin loves what he does and is still amazed by how much it works. He is experienced helping people age 3 months to 98+ years. Recently he has been helping people with kidney and lung function, migraines and joint malfunction. Lately, stress reduction has become very important.

Go to Thejapaneseacupuncturecenter.com. Text or call 617-926-4076

New patients only. Must be used within one year

Estimated Value of 2 treatments: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$60

S58) Gentle Conditioning-Pilates Group Class (Maximum 8 attendees)

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.

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

Music

S59) 45 Minute Guitar Lessons (for up to 6 lessons, maximum of 2 lessons per bidder)

Donated by Chris Welles

Chris, guitarist and singer for Outrageous Fortune, offers you a lesson whether you are a beginner or intermediate guitar student. He can tailor the lesson to your musical goals and preferences for folk, acoustic blues, pop or jazz. It's fun! His students range in age from 9 to 60. Chris has a BA in music and is an alumnus of Berklee College of Music.

Value: \$80

Minimum bid: \$35 per lesson – bid price is for each individual lesson

Getting Your Act Together

S60) Two Hours of Home Decluttering for Two Highest Bidders

Donated by Emily Gelbert

Do you have closets, drawers, rooms, files or piles you'd like professional help getting under control? I would love to be that help.

Estimated Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$40

S61) Home Energy Consultation

Donated by Bob Persons

Thinking about making your home more comfortable, efficient, and eco-friendly? Retired Energy Engineer Bob Persons will come to your home to evaluate your situation. Whether it's solar, heat pumps, insulation/air-sealing, electrification, or electric vehicles, Bob can offer guidance and suggested paths forward.

Minimum Bid: \$150

S62) Cleaning Your Dryer Vent (for three highest bidders)

Donated by Tom Droz

Handyman Tom Droz will come to your house and clean your dryer vent from the dryer to where it exits from your house. This is a task that should be done regularly in every home, but often gets overlooked. If any parts are needed, that will be the winning bidder's responsibility for payments. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Minimum bid: \$75

Estimated Value: \$150

Other Superb Services and Items

S63) Transfer your Vinyl LPs to Digital

Donated by Norm Thibeault

Got Vinyl? Want it on CDs or in other digital form so you may play it on all your devices? Norm will transfer up to 4 albums or 45s to CD or flash drive in the format of your choice (mp3, mp4, WAV, AIFF, AAC, FLAC, etc.). If the source material sounds bad, he will clean things up a bit with audio restoration software (Izotope Software). He can also transfer audiocassettes and 78 RPM discs. Norm has over 25 years of experience in radio broadcasting and audio, including WBUR/Boston, CBS Radio/Boston, Soundtrack Recording Studio/Boston and Reelization Recording/Portsmouth. Norm is also narrator of several audiobooks on Audible, including *1001: A Dream of Nine Nights* and *Killing Gilda*, both by Yahya Gharagozlou. Search Audible <https://www.audible.com/>

Minimum bid: \$50

S64) Pizza and Tech with FUUSN computer whiz Kevin Osborn (max 12 winning bidders)

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!

Date: Saturday, March 21st at noon in the FUUSN Alliance room

Fixed Bid - \$25

S65) Rev. Debra's 2025 Books, Books, Books

Donated by Rev. Debra Haffner

Rev. Debra loves reading novels and non-fiction and her book shelves are full. Bid on this collection of more than 15 once gently read hardcovers and paperbacks, including *The Book of Alchemy*, *The Whalebone Theater*, and *The Dutch House*. They come in a charming picnic basket that you can use! Value +\$200

Minimum Bid \$80

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S66) \$150 in Jewelry repairs

Donated by Valerie Milller

Get those rings sized, chains fixed, beads restrung or convert those difficult clasps to easy magnetic clasps. Bring me your old and I will make them good as new! Including stringing, sizing, and other basic repairs. Please note Val does not work in platinum.

Minimum Bid: \$75

S67) Shine Two Pairs of Shoes or Boots

Donated by Emily Gelbert

Get two pairs of shoes or boots spit shined, including pick up and delivery, by Emily, who has 32 years of experience as a professional boot black.

Estimated Value: \$40

Minimum Bid: \$25

S68) Round Trip to Logan Airport (for two highest bidders)

Donated by Pat Rohan

A guaranteed quiet ride in a Kia with heated seats in the winter and cooled seats in the summer so you will always be comfortable. Pat will even tell you how much you will be missed until you return.

Estimated Value: \$90

Minimum Bid: \$40

S69) Round Trip to Logan Airport (for two highest bidders)

Donated by Connie and John Adkins

Connie and/or John will take you to the airport and pick you up when you return. They are offering this service to the two highest bidders.

Estimated Value: \$90

Minimum Bid: \$40

S70) \$100 Gift Certificate to Cabot's Ice Cream

Donated by Jeannie Chaisson and Bob Persons

Bring the family for a fun meal and a great dessert. Who doesn't love ice cream??

Minimum Bid: \$75

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S71) Two \$50 Gift Certificates to Penzeys Spice Shop (for the two highest bidders)

Donated by Judy Curby

Two \$50 gift cards to a spice store operated by folks who are openly against what is happening in today's Republican party. Shop online or in their Arlington store.

Minimum Bid: \$25 per gift card

S72) \$50 Gift Certificate to Weston Nurseries

Donated by Judy Curby

A nursery with locations in Hopkinton, Chelmsford, and Hingham.

Minimum Bid: \$25

S73) Repair of Pleated Shades or Blinds with Broken Cord

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 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 15th

Fixed bid: \$25 per shade. John is willing to repair up to 5 shades in total – please indicate number of shades you would like done (up to 5) on the bidding sheet.

S74) Fly fishing or Fly tying

Donated by: Chris Dame

Always wondered about the appeal of fly fishing? Or wanted to improve your skills? Chris Dame is offering an afternoon of tutoring, either fishing or tying flies. Chris is an experienced fisherman who has fished famous rivers all over the country and New Zealand. He's experienced enough to say "That's why they call it fishing, not catching." A table for tying flies is a permanent fixture in his home office. Even when the fish aren't biting - either because they're somewhere else or his flies are not what they want - he loves the zen experience of being on the water. All equipment will be provided.

(Mutually convenient date to be arranged.)

Minimum bid: \$50

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S75) Dog Sitting Service

Donated by Dan Stoll

Treat your pup to a cozy "home away from home" with an experienced, empty-nested dog dad! Your furry friend will enjoy personalized attention, daily walks, and plenty of belly rubs in a calm environment. I'm looking to host easygoing, house-trained guests who are spayed or neutered. Best suited for relaxed, healthy pups who don't have significant health concerns. Up to 3 nights. Dates to be determined

Minimum Bid: \$50 per night, up to 3 nights

Highest total bid wins

S76) Two hand thrown pottery bowls

Donated by Julia Wolfe

These will brighten your table and make everything taste delicious! Destined to be your new favorites. Made and donated by Julia Wolfe.

Minimum Bid: \$40