

THE GOLDEN GALA 2008

Live Auction

We encourage you to bid on this sensational array of treasures from our generous donors: special behind-the-scenes adventures, gourmet dining experiences with fine wines, travel and vacation escapes in the wine country and beyond, and a sports extravaganza.

Our featured one-of-a-kind auction lots were carefully crafted for the Oakland Museum of California's adventuresome and discerning supporters. Many lots offer you the opportunity to team up with friends to share the experiences you'll be bidding on. Enjoy the evening! Afterwards, we urge you to patronize the many organizations and donors who have shown such generous support to the museum and our education programs. The evening would not be possible without their generosity.

AUCTION INFORMATION

Each guest is assigned a bidder number upon check-in at the registration table.

Bidders are to remain seated during the live auction. To enter a bid, the bidder will raise his or her bid number toward the auctioneer. A bid is registered only when formally recognized and called by the auctioneer.

The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the purchaser, and such acknowledgement shall be legal and binding. With the word "SOLD" from the auctioneer, title to the auction item will pass to the highest bidder.

The auctioneer has the right to reject any bid, to advance the bidding at his absolute discretion, and, in the event of a dispute between bidders, the auctioneer shall have the sole and final discretion either to determine the successful bidder, or to re-offer and resell the auction lot in dispute. Should there be any dispute after the sale, the auctioneer's record of final sale shall be conclusive.

The successful winning bidder shall identify him/herself by his/her bid number and will immediately receive a claim form from an auction assistant to sign.

PAYMENT AND RECEIPT OF ITEMS

All sales are final, and no exchanges or refunds are allowed. Dates for services, vacations, parties, etc., are to be arranged by mutual convenience between the donor and the purchaser. Time periods designated for the use of homes, restaurants, special events, gift certificates, services, hotels and tours are not subject to change. It has been our intent to describe accurately all items with the information provided to us by our generous contributors. Some restrictions and blackout periods may apply. We reserve the right to withdraw any item prior to sale.

Payment for winning bids must be made in full on the night of the event by check, VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. No sales tax will be charged.

All auction items must be claimed by the winning bidder on the night of the event at the registration table at the entrance to the museum, unless size or quantity prevents their removal. (In this case, arrangements should be made with Camille Guimaraes in the museum's Development Office at 510-238-7425. Upon notification, all auction items must be picked up by June 30, 2008.)

Payments for auction items are tax deductible only as allowed by law. IRS Revenue Ruling #67-246 states that no deduction for an auction purchase is allowed except to the extent that the taxpayer can show that payment exceeded fair market value (as listed in this catalog) of an item received or a service rendered. Fair market values have been provided by the contributors of the items.



Napa Valley Getaway

VALUE: \$3,250

Last December Robert Parker wrote, “My vote as the most underrated Cabernet Sauvignon in Napa Valley is undeniably Mary and Bill Seavey’s from the dry-farmed hillside vineyards of Conn Valley.” The Seaveys will open their winery and home for a day at the vineyard. Your private visit includes a tour of the vineyards and winery, a wine tasting and luncheon. Each guest will take home a bottle of Seavey wine to enjoy in the future. Then you will spend two nights at one of Napa Valley’s luxurious inns, the River Terrace Inn, with a full breakfast and access to their fitness room and outdoor swimming pool. A unique combination of outstanding wines and an exhibition of vivid, powerful, and thought-provoking modern art will be yours to experience for a day with a VIP tour, tasting and luncheon at The Hess Collection Winery in Napa.

- Seavey Vineyard tour, wine tasting and luncheon for six
- One bottle of Seavey wine for each guest to take home
- Two-night stay in two rooms at River Terrace Inn, Napa
- The Hess Collection Winery tour, wine tasting and luncheon for eight
- Napa-Sonoma Wine Country Map and Guide

RESTRICTIONS: Based on mutually agreeable dates; Seavey Vineyard visit is for six people in July, August, or September 2008 and expires September 30, 2008. Hotel gift certificate and The Hess Collection Winery tour, tasting and luncheon for eight gift certificate expire May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Mary and Bill Seavey, Seavey Vineyard * River Terrace Inn, Napa * The Hess Collection Winery * Robin and Rich Edwards



An Exclusive Visit to the Home of *Toy Story*, *Finding Nemo* and *Ratatouille*

VALUE: \$2,000

Have you and your family wondered how contemporary movies such as *Toy Story*, *Monsters, Inc.*, *Finding Nemo*, *the Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, and *WALL•E* get “filmed”? Get a private, behind-the-scenes tour of Academy Award-winning Pixar Animation Studios (a closed studio that does not offer public tours) in Emeryville, CA. Created expressly for the Oakland Museum of California, this auction lot will take you behind the scenes for a private tour of the Pixar gallery. Chat with a Pixar animator and enjoy a delicious lunch (prepared by *Ratatouille*?) with your hosts from Pixar in their acclaimed on-site café.

- Private tour of the Pixar exhibition gallery at Pixar Animation Studios
- Lunch in the Pixar café for 8 people

RESTRICTIONS: Based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Pixar Animation Studios, Emeryville



3 Inside Capitol Hill & Washington, DC Getaway

VALUE: \$2,000

One lucky family attending the Gala will win our Washington, D.C. trip of a lifetime. Your home base for two nights in the nation's capitol will be the historic and exquisite Willard Washington Hotel, located adjacent to the White House. We've arranged for an insider tour of the Capitol with the Office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee. We will make special arrangements, based on your family's interests, for your family to have personal visits with additional leading California legislators. You will also have the opportunity for private, behind-the-scenes tours of some popular Washington museums. And to discover what the contemporary art scene looks like, you'll be introduced to some of the top gallery owners of D.C.'s hot 14th Street art district, who will guide you through their current shows.

- Two nights accommodation (one room) at the Willard InterContinental Hotel
- Insider tour of the Capitol
- Personal visits with leading California legislator(s)
- Private, behind-the-scenes tours of some popular Washington museums
- Personal introduction to galleries in the Capitol's 14th Street art district

RESTRICTIONS: Based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Willard InterContinental Hotel * Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. * Oakland Museum of California Foundation * Sarah Finlay and Patrick Murcia



4 Be a Glass Artist for a Day

VALUE: \$2,500

You and your friends or family will have the unique opportunity to learn how to make glass jewelry from two of the Bay Area's leading glass artists: Mary White and Janet Hiebert. Working together in an experience created exclusively for the museum, you will meet in a glass studio at The Crucible, Oakland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Your instruction and hands-on creations will include glass fusing, sandblasting, small-scale glass casting, and some glory-hole work. All guests will be able to keep the art they create during the program. A delicious box lunch will be provided mid-day from Rick and Ann's, one of Berkeley's finest restaurant caterers.

- Private glass jewelry class for ten with glass artists Mary White and Janet Hiebert at The Crucible in Oakland
- Box lunches for ten from Ann's Catering (Ann of Rick and Ann's restaurant)

RESTRICTIONS: Experience limited to 10 people; based on a mutually agreeable date that must be arranged more than one week in advance; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Mary White * Janet Hiebert * The Crucible, Oakland * Ann's Catering, Berkeley



Piedmont Exclusive Dinner

VALUE: \$2,000

A special evening of sumptuous dining in three elegant Piedmont homes has been created for you and your guests by Trustees and friends of the Oakland Museum of California. You'll begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a first course at a home with spectacular gardens and an unbelievable vista of Lake Merritt, Oakland, the Bay and San Francisco. The entrée, accompanied by fine wines, will be served at a second home nearby which boasts of turn-of-the-century design and a phenomenal terraced garden perfect for entertaining. Your party then moves on to an exquisite Mediterranean home in Piedmont where you'll enjoy dessert and conversation over after-dinner drinks. Our hosts will be joining you as you dine in one-of-a-kind settings and enjoy this unique moveable feast created to celebrate the *Birth of the Cool*.

- Exclusive dinner at three homes (progressive dining) for 8 guests, joined by your hosts

RESTRICTIONS: Dinner for eight guests (not including the hosts); based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Gloria and Dr. Ron Gruber * Basil and Shirley Christopoulos * Dale and Stephen Block



Parking for One Year in Oakland

VALUE: \$1,800

Frequent travelers and downtown Oakland workers this lot is for you! Douglas Parking invites you to be their guest for one year when you need parking at Oakland International Airport or downtown Oakland. Yes, that's up to 365 nights of parking, and it's not a typo! Fly often or drive downtown and leave the parking to them.

- One year parking at a Douglas Parking Company lot at the Oakland International Airport or a Douglas Parking lot in downtown Oakland; winning bidder chooses one venue for the year.

RESTRICTIONS: Parking good for one-year, through May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Douglas Parking LLC, Oakland



Aloha! Escape to Paradise on Waikiki

VALUE: \$6,000

Take a barefoot stroll down Waikiki Beach every day during your weeklong stay in paradise at a private two-bedroom condominium located in Waikiki (Honolulu, Oahu, HI). Included in your escape is a private, VIP behind-the-scenes tour at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu that houses an extensive collection of Hawaiian artifacts and Kamehameha royal family heirlooms. Additionally, you will be taken on a exclusive private tour of Moku o Lo`e, known as "Coconut Island," offshore from Honolulu and home of the world's only laboratory on a coral island. Before your trip, you'll be able to learn more about Moku o Lo`e with two copies of a book about the island, signed by the author, the museum's Senior Curator of History Dr. P. Christiaan Klieger. Yes, you'll also get to just relax. Could a vacation get any better?

- One week stay at a two-bedroom condominium in Waikiki (Honolulu, Oahu, HI)
- VIP behind-the-scenes tour at the Bishop Museum
- Exclusive, private tour of Moku o Lo`e, known as "Coconut Island"
- Two copies, signed by the author, of the book, *Moku o Lo`e*

RESTRICTIONS: Based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Matson Navigation Company * Dr. P. Christiaan Klieger * Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI * University of Hawaii (owner of Moku o Lo`e) * Robin and Rich Edwards



Join KGO ABC News Anchor Dan Ashley on the Channel 7 Broadcast Set

VALUE: \$3,000

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you and your family or friends to take a personal, behind-the-scenes studio tour with KGO ABC News Anchor Dan Ashley, then sit and watch a live news broadcast on the set. Afterwards, enjoy a dinner of fabulous Italian cuisine at Perbacco restaurant on California Street in San Francisco. No need to rush home, as you'll be spending two nights at the premier Ritz-Carlton Hotel in San Francisco. You'll have plenty of time to explore from your luxurious "pad" in the "City."

- A personal, behind-the-scenes tour of San Francisco's KGO TV Channel 7 ABC studio
- Watch a live news broadcast on the set in the KGO TV studio as Dan Ashley anchors the broadcast.
- Dinner for six at Perbacco restaurant, San Francisco
- Two nights accommodation at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, San Francisco (one room)

RESTRICTIONS: KGO TV tour limited to six people; based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Dan Ashley, ABC-7 News, San Francisco * Perbacco Restaurant, San Francisco * Ritz-Carlton Hotel, San Francisco



Sonoma Valley Getaway

VALUE: \$5,000

Indulge yourself and friends for two nights in the heart of the Sonoma Valley wine country at the Hotel Healdsburg. You'll be inviting additional guests to join you on a private tour of Nancy and Steve Oliver's one-of-a-kind outdoor sculpture garden and working artists' residency. You and your hotel guests will also enjoy the award-winning cuisine of chef Charlie Palmer at the Dry Creek Kitchen restaurant, located on the ground floor of Hotel Healdsburg.

- Two rooms for two nights at Hotel Healdsburg, Healdsburg
- Private tour of Oliver Ranch sculpture garden
- Dinner for four at Charlie Palmer's Dry Creek Kitchen, Healdsburg
- Napa-Sonoma Wine Country Map and Guide

RESTRICTIONS: Based on mutually agreeable dates. Hotel Healdsburg rooms available Sunday through Thursday. Oliver Ranch tour is for 10 people (no food/no restrooms/not wheelchair accessible). Dry Creek Kitchen dinner is for four people. Expires December 31, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Hotel Healdsburg, Healdsburg * Nancy and Steven H. Oliver * Charlie Palmer's Dry Creek Kitchen, Healdsburg * Robin and Rich Edwards



Host an Exclusive Private Party on F.D.R.'s Presidential Yacht

VALUE: \$6,250

Invite up to three dozen of your friends to join you for a fabulous private luncheon party aboard Franklin Delano Roosevelt's private presidential yacht, USS Potomac, as you cruise San Francisco Bay for three hours, departing from Jack London Square in Oakland. A delicious luncheon aboard FDR's "floating White House" will be especially prepared for you by Bistro Liaison of Berkeley. The 165-foot yacht, a National Historic Landmark and a vibrant part of the East Bay Waterfront, was meticulously restored by the Potomac Association and began cruising the Bay in 1995. While you're cruising, the museum's Associate Curator of Aquatic Biology Christopher Richard will discuss the ecology of the Bay with your guests. A truly "presidential" experience!

- Three-hour private charter of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's private presidential yacht, USS Potomac
- Catered luncheon for 36 people (onboard USS Potomac)
- San Francisco Bay expert Christopher Richard on board to discuss the Bay's ecology

RESTRICTIONS: Cruise limited to 36 people; based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Potomac Association, Oakland * Virginia Furth * Bistro Liaison, Berkeley * Christopher Richard



Paddle-Raise for OMCA Education Programs VALUE: PRICELESS!

The entire community wins when every Golden Gala 2008 attendee has the opportunity to bid on this auction lot! Tonight's gala proceeds, including all donations in this "paddle raise," will support the award-winning education programs that are an integral part of the museum's work in the Bay Area. The Oakland Museum of California works closely with the California State Department of Education (curriculum materials on early California history have been adopted for multiple grades in the state) and local school districts.

- Your donation to the Oakland Museum of California's education programs
- Giving the gift of exploration of the art, history, environment, and stories of the people of California to over 75,000 schoolchildren, teachers, and families throughout the Bay Area.

RESTRICTIONS: None! Please be generous and raise your paddle in support of the Oakland Museum of California's education programs.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: You!



A Day at the Port of Oakland and a Night at Jack London Square VALUE \$2,500

Spend a full day experiencing, up close and personal, the sights, sounds, and activities at the Port of Oakland, the nation's fifth busiest international seaport. Tour waterside aboard a working harbor vessel, then visit a busy working terminal and rise high above the entire operation from the top of one of the Port's "giant" gantry cranes. You'll also tour the USS Potomac Presidential Yacht and have lunch at one of Jack London Square's fine restaurants. Then spend the night at Jack London Square's premier inn, the Waterfront Plaza Hotel, after enjoying dinner at Joie de Vivre's new seafood restaurant at the hotel in Jack London Square.

- Oakland Harbor tour with a pilot aboard a working harbor vessel
- Tour of the Port of Oakland and a ride on the Port's "giant" gantry crane
- Luncheon for five at a Jack London Square restaurant
- One night's accommodation (one room) at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel
- Dinner for two at the new seafood restaurant at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel

RESTRICTIONS: Port of Oakland tour for a group of up to five people; some restrictions may be necessary based on weather, health, and children under 12; based on a mutually agreeable date to be determined by the participating parties; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: The Port of Oakland * Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Oakland * Joie de Vivre Hospitality, Inc.



Sumptuous Seven Days at Lake Tahoe

VALUE \$6,000

Perfect for a weeklong escape for the entire family, or a vacation with friends, this luxurious three-bedroom condominium at Squaw Village provides access to skiing in the winter and a full range of outdoor adventures in the spring, summer, and fall. Relax on the beaches or go for an excursion on Lake Tahoe. You won't have to travel far for great eats, as PlumpJack Café, Six Peak's Grille, Mamasake Sushi, and other fine restaurants are located outside your condominium in Squaw Valley.

- One week at a three-bedroom condominium at Squaw Village in Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe

RESTRICTIONS: Based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: M. Quinn Delaney and Wayne D. Jordan



Oakland Professional Sports Extravaganza

VALUE: \$3,000

Sports fans, this lot is for you! Invite seventeen of your friends to join you at an Oakland Athletics home game in an 18-seat Luxury Suite at the Oakland Coliseum. Before the game, we've arranged an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see pre-game batting practice from on the field. Then, during football season, attend an Oakland Raiders home game in two seats in a Raiders' Luxury Suite.

- An 18-seat Luxury Suite for an Oakland A's home game at the Oakland Coliseum
- A VIP Oakland Coliseum stadium tour and viewing of pre-game batting practice from on the field
- Two Luxury Suite tickets for a 2008 regular season Oakland Raiders football game

RESTRICTIONS: Based on mutually agreeable dates to be determined by the participating parties. Oakland A's Luxury Suite certificate can be redeemed for A's home games throughout the 2008 regular season, except Opening Night, the Giants series, Yankees series, Boston series, St. Louis series, Interleague games and Firework Nights; tickets will be given based upon availability; no food included; expires August 31, 2008. Oakland Raiders Luxury Suite tickets subject to availability during the 2008 season; includes food and beverage.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Oakland Athletics Baseball Company * Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. * Steven Douglas and Melissa Heller * Douglas Parking LLC



Dinner Party in Your Home Prepared by Grace Street Catering

VALUE: \$2,200

Invite your friends over for a gourmet dinner party and sit back and relax as acclaimed chefs from Grace Street Catering prepare a custom meal in your home. This is the catering team under executive chef Erin McKinney that created tonight's spectacular Golden Gala dinner here in the museum gardens. Your very own three-star dining experience at home will be accompanied by a case of fine wines from Napa Valley's prestigious Duckhorn Vineyards. Hosting this fabulous party is as easy as raising your paddle and becoming the winning bidder!

- Gourmet catered dinner for 10 in your home
- One mixed case of Duckhorn Vineyards Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc and Goldeneye Pinot Noir

RESTRICTIONS: Based on a mutually agreeable date; expires May 17, 2009.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: Erin McKinney and Grace Street Catering, Alameda * Daryl and John Lillie