



Michigan Nature Association

Protecting Michigan's Natural Heritage Since 1952

Silent Auction to Benefit Environmental Education

Item Catalog

2019 Annual Fall Recognition Dinner

Friday, November 15, 2019

East Lansing, Michigan

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This evening's Silent Auction features a variety of Michigan experiences to give as gifts or to treat yourself or your family. You'll find fun and exciting ways to sample the state's natural and cultural wonders on a day trip, a weekend getaway or as part of a longer vacation. Read carefully—we've tucked in a few private guided hikes to both lesser known and well-loved MNA sanctuaries in a couple of packages. So if you seek a pleasant peninsula in the coming year, look no further!

The auction will benefit MNA's Environmental Education Fund. This fund provides opportunities for students and families in Michigan to explore nature, including our field trip grant program for teachers. Thank you for helping us educate the next generation of conservation leaders, and thank you to all our auction item donors for their generous contributions! A special thanks to MNA Stewards for generously donating their time to serve as sanctuary guides.



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Thank You to our Silent Auction Sponsors:

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Auction Agreement

Placing a Bid and Auction Rules

All silent auction items and services listed in this program have designated bid sheets. To bid on an item, write your personal silent auction identification number and the bid amount on the corresponding bid sheet. All persons who bid agree to pay the full amount of their successful bid(s).

Starting bids and minimum raises for items in the auction are indicated on the bid sheets. The amount of your bid must be equal to or exceed the amount of the starting bid.

The minimum amount a bid can successfully be raised is stated on the bid sheet. Only bids that are equal to or exceed the minimum raise amount will be accepted. The highest bid will win the item or service, but the winning bid must be equal to or exceed the starting bid. Bid sheets will be collected by Michigan Nature Association staff at the close of the auction.

The silent auction will close at a designated time following the end of the Annual Fall Recognition Dinner program. All bids must be placed before the close of the silent auction. The closing judge will make the final determination of the successful bid on any silent auction item.

All auction items must be paid in full prior to pick up. Items may be paid for by personal check, cash, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to "Michigan Nature Association".

Please check out at the registration table to claim your items. Winners must be present. Winning bidders must make pickup/delivery arrangements with the Michigan Nature Association for items that are too large to transport immediately.

Payment

Please remember that this is a charity auction. All sales are final. There will be no exchanges, transfers or refunds, except where expressly specified. There will be no extension of expiration dates. Refunds are not available for any unused portion(s). All items are sold "as is."

Item Usage

Unless otherwise indicated, all certificates for items and services must be redeemed within one year of November 15, 2019, or in accordance with any other specified expiration dates. Please make initial contact with any private donors within 30 days of tonight's event. Where indicated, tours are subject to donor schedules and winning bidders will need to arrange dates and times with donors.

No refunds will be allowed on travel packages for canceled tickets and/or accommodations.

If upgrades or changes are made by the purchaser to the conditions described in packages, the purchaser is responsible for any resulting increased costs.

Certificates are non-negotiable for cash, credit or payment for other services.

Item Removal

All items should be removed from the Kellogg Center the night of the auction. If you are unable to move your item, please make arrangements with MNA staff. If items purchased need to be shipped to a bidder's address, MNA will make arrangements for shipping.

Liability

MNA has attempted to describe and catalog items correctly, but all items are sold "as is". MNA makes no warranties or representations regarding any

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items and is not responsible for the correctness of descriptions, authenticity, authorship or condition of any items. No oral or written statements at the sale or elsewhere shall be deemed to be such a warranty, representation or assumption of liability.

All activities, events or experiences sold at the auction are undertaken at the sole risk of the purchaser or any person to whom the purchaser may sell, give or assign such rights. It is a condition of any such sale that MNA shall not be liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any person or property that may arise out of or in connection with any such activity, event or experience.

The auction item value listed is an estimate of fair market value or a value stated by the donor. Items have not been appraised unless so noted. Values assigned to auction items are estimates only and are not warranted for any purpose. Restaurant certificates may not include alcohol, tax, or gratuities unless specified.

Unless otherwise specified, all auction gift certificates must be used within one year of the date of the auction or the date indicated on the item or service.

Each person bidding assumes all risks and hazards related to the auction and items or services obtained at the auction.

IRS Reminder

The amount you pay above the fair market value estimate is normally tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Please remember that the IRS has detailed rules concerning fundraisers, raffles and contributions. Bidder is solely responsible for consulting with bidder's tax professional to determine the deductibility, if any, of any payments made.

Upper Peninsula Escapes

Keweenaw Adventure

Celebrate the Keweenaw with a spectacular land and water adventure. (Tour dates according to 2020 vendor and Steward schedules, winning bidder will arrange dates and times.)

- ◇ Lake Superior Sea Kayak tour with Keweenaw Adventure Company
- ◇ Guided tour of a Keweenaw Peninsula Nature Sanctuary of your choice
- ◇ Two night stay in a one-bedroom cabin at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge

Donated by: Keweenaw Adventure Company, Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and Nancy and Bill Leonard

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Marquette – Munising Explorer

Enjoy one of the most spectacular lakeside views in the state, and get up close and personal with Great Lakes shipwrecks. (Holiday Inn Express gift certificate can be applied to an overnight stay. Winning bidder will arrange dates and times with vendors.)

- ◇ Gift certificate to Holiday Inn Express Lakeview, Munising
- ◇ Two adult tickets on a Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tour

Donated by: Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tour, Holiday Inn Express Munising-Lakeview

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Guided Photo Adventure

Learn photographic basics, or improve your techniques on a guided mini-photo adventure in northern Chippewa County, exploring rich coastlines, marshes, and one of the oldest life-saving stations on the Lake Superior shoreline. (Winning bidder responsible for own transportation, and will arrange dates with Lauren)

- ◇ One-day/night guided photo adventure with instruction
- ◇ Private tour and overnight stay at Vermilion Point Lifesaving Station

Donated by: Little Traverse Conservancy, Ben Musielak, and Lauren Ross

Northern Michigan Splendor

Mackinac Escape

Take the ferry to Mackinac Island and enjoy a carriage ride for two. (Ferry ride subject to ferry schedule.)

- ◇ Gift certificate for two round trip tickets on any scheduled Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry Departure from Mackinaw City or St. Ignace
- ◇ Gift certificate for 1hr. 45 min. narrated, scenic and historic carriage tour for two

Donated by: Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, Star Line Ferry

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Week-Long Getaway in Northern Michigan

This is it—one week in a 3-bedroom cottage on Mullet Lake in Northern Michigan! Join Bois Blanc Nature Sanctuary Steward Mike White for a guided tour of this secluded sanctuary which protects habitat for the Hine's emerald dragonfly! (Winning bidder will make arrangements with cottage owner and nature sanctuary Steward, ferry ride subject to ferry schedule.)

- ◇ Weeklong stay in a 3-bedroom cottage on Mullet Lake
- ◇ Two round-trip tickets on the Bois Blanc Island Ferry
- ◇ Guided tour of MNA's Bois Blanc Nature Sanctuary

Donated by: Ruth Vail, Plaunt Transportation, and Mike White

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Mid-Michigan Magic

Fun with Fungi

Seek out notable mushrooms of the season on an educational foray with MNA Steward Sister Marie Kopin, for up to four people. (A central Michigan location and other details of the excursion will be arranged directly with Sister Marie—you may visit an MNA sanctuary depending on conditions)

- ◇ Educational mushroom tour with North American Mycological Association award winner, Sister Marie Kopin

Donated by: Sister Marie Kopin

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Newaygo Praire Guided Hike

Join Sarah Pregitzer and Randy Butters, MNA Newaygo area Stewards and 2018 Volunteers of the Year, on a guided hike through Coolbough Natural Areas. (Winning bidder will arrange sanctuary visit with Stewards)

- ◇ Guided walk and visit to Newaygo area nature sanctuaries

Donated by: Sarah Pregitzer and Randy Butters

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Midland Meander

There is much to see and do in Midland! Visit a botanical garden, then experience an MNA Nature Sanctuary with a Sanctuary Steward (Gardens subject to regular hours, winning bidder will make arrangements directly with sanctuary Steward.)

- ◇ Gift certificate for two adults and two children for one day at Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest
- ◇ Guided tour of Bullock Creek Nature Sanctuary with Steward Larry Brown

Donated by: Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest, and Larry Brown

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Bird Banding at Burke Lake Station near Lansing

Get a unique, hands-on science experience with this package, then after a full day of learning, fill up on a gourmet meal at The State Room! (Winning bidder will arrange tour directly with Burke Lake Banding Station.)

- ◇ Four passes to Impression 5 Science Center
- ◇ General Merchandise Gift Card for use at Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center Spartan Spirit Shop or State Room Restaurant
- ◇ Burke Lake Banding Station research experience for six

Donated by: Burke Lake Bird Banding Station, Impression 5 Science Center, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

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Southwest Michigan Wanders

Allegan County Adventure:

Join Wade Memorial Nature Sanctuary Stewards for a guided tour at this Saugatuck gem, which sits atop a high bluff overlooking wetlands that lead to the shore of Silver Lake. Then enjoy the royal treatment at Fenn Valley Vineyards. (Winning bidder will arrange sanctuary visit directly with Stewards)

- ◇ Guided tour of Wade Memorial Nature Sanctuary
- ◇ Gift certificate for private wine tasting for up to 10 people at Fenn Valley Vineyard

Donated by: Fenn Valley Vineyards, Robb Johnston, and MNA Stewards

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Kalamazoo Fun

Explore Kalamazoo's natural features in style with this package which includes a unique tour of the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary with MNA Trustee and Sanctuary employee Kara Haas.

- ◇ Guided tour of W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary for four
- ◇ 50/50/50 Gift Certificate to the Henderson Castle
- ◇ Two additional passes to the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary
- ◇ Erbelli's Gourmet Pizzeria gift card
- ◇ Guided prairie fen sanctuary tour with MNA Steward Dan Burton

(The Henderson Castle B&B voucher can be applied to an overnight stay, spa services, or restaurant; winning bidder will arrange tour of the Bird Sanctuary with Kara Haas.)

Donated by: Erbelli's Gourmet Pizzeria, Henderson Castle Bed and Breakfast, Kara Haas/Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

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Southeast Michigan Expeditions

Family Fun Educational Adventure Package:

Experience Southeast Michigan like never before with this scientific experience package which includes:

- ◇ Four admission tickets to the Crankbrook Institute of Science
- ◇ Family 4-pack admission to the DNR Outdoor Adventure Center
- ◇ Family Fun Passbook to Oakland County Parks
- ◇ Admission to the SeaLife Michigan Aquarium

Donated by: DNR Outdoor Adventure Center, Oakland County Parks, Sea Life Aquarium, and Cranbrook Institute of Science

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Prairie Restoration Lab Tour

Gain first-hand knowledge on how research conducted at MNA Nature Sanctuaries is informing the science of prairie restoration. (Winning bidder will make arrangements with Dr. Emily Grman. Note—wear closed toe shoes and long pants in the lab.)

- ◇ Playmakers Gift Card
- ◇ Guided tour for four of the lab and greenhouse of Dr. Emily Grman

Donated by: Emily Grman, and Playmakers

Additional Offerings

Michigan Nature-Inspired Tempered Glass Cutting Board

Complete your kitchen collection with this one-of-a-kind glass cutting board, inspired by and made in Michigan.

Donated by: Thomas Reverman/5th Season MI

NPR Michigan Radio Tote Bag

Show your love for public radio with this awesome goodie-bag from NPR & Michigan Radio.

- ◇ *Public Radio Nerd T-Shirt*
- ◇ *NPR Socks*
- ◇ *Michigan Radio Winter Hat*
- ◇ *Public Radio Nerd mug & glass water bottle*
- ◇ *Michigan Radio notepads*

Donated by: Michigan Radio

Set of Autographed books by Author Dave Dempsey

Cozy up next to the fire this winter with what are sure to become your new favorite book(s)! Award-winning author Dave Dempsey has helped shape conservation and Great Lakes policy for 30 years.

- ◇ *The Heart of the Lakes*
- ◇ *Ruin & Recovery: Michigan's Rise as a Conservation Leader*
- ◇ *The Waters of Michigan*

Donated by: Dave Dempsey

Set of Autographed Children's Books

Introduce your children to conservation with these illustrated children's books by author and MNA Regional Stewardship Organizer, Robb Johnston.

- ◇ *Craves*
- ◇ *Lelani and the Plastic Kingdom*
- ◇ *The Woodcutters and the Most Beautiful Tree*

Donated by: Robb Johnston

Set of 'Under the Radar' Books

Plan your next great Michigan adventure, or discover a hidden Michigan gem with this set of books based on the PBS television series:

- ◇ *Under the Radar: The First 50*
- ◇ *Under the Radar: The Next 50*

Donated by: Under the Radar Michigan

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