

CNS Mayfair: Silent Auction

OUTINGS, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

1. TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Red Sox fans, you won't want to miss this truly amazing way to experience a Sox game at Fenway. You're bidding on FOUR box seats to a home game starting at 7:10 p.m. against the Oakland A's on Wednesday, June 2.

Seats are in the State Street Pavilion Club behind home plate. With spectacular views of the field and the Boston city skyline, the State Street Pavilion Club, located behind home plate and extending down both baselines, provides a high-end club experience in a relaxed, casual atmosphere—business casual dress, please. Read more about this amazing Fenway experience at <http://tinyurl.com/soxbox>.

Donor: Craig & Karen Eaton Retail value: \$700

2. A PLAYDATE FOR GROWNUPS

If you haven't visited Stonington's own Saltwater Farms Vineyard, now's your chance for a private experience there. Saltwater Farm Vineyard is set on more than 100 panoramic acres, 15 of which are planted with six varieties of grapes, and bordered by tidal marshes.

The centerpiece of the bucolic property, which has a small private airport dating to the late 1930s, is a World War II vintage hangar. The hangar, opening onto terraces and the vineyard, has been preserved and converted into a winery. The building showcases a vaulted roof, silvery milled aluminum exterior and the original interior wood sheathing.

Michael and Merrily Connery, proprietors, are offering a tour and tasting for two at Saltwater Farms Vineyard. And to make the day complete, pick up a picnic lunch for two on the way there, a gift from Theresa's Culinary Creations in Stonington.

**Donor: Michael & Merrily Connery, Saltwater Farms Vineyard
Theresa Silva, Theresa's Culinary Creations
Retail value: \$250**

3. ALL ABOARD!

The Essex Steam Train and Riverboat ride is a fun-filled trip for adults and children of all ages! Be swept away by the hiss of steam, the blast of the whistle and the clickety-clack of the tracks. Then board the riverboat for a glorious tour of the Connecticut River. You'll find forests and streams, beautiful vistas and nostalgic towns, and gorgeous views. You are bidding on tickets for two adults and two children to enjoy both the train and riverboat ride.

Donor: Valley Railroad Co. Retail value: \$86

4. OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD!

Enjoy four tickets to see a live performance of *The Wizard of Oz* on Saturday, July 17 at New London's Garde Arts Center, but that's not all. Holders of these special tickets will have the unique chance to meet with some members of the cast and may even get a backstage tour!

Donor: Garde Arts Center Retail value: \$80

5. MY, WHAT BIG EYES YOU HAVE

Enjoy four tickets to see a live performance of *Little Red Riding Hood* on Saturday, July 24 at New London's Garde Arts Center, but that's not all. Holders of these special tickets will have the unique chance to meet with some members of the cast and may even get a backstage tour!

Donor: Garde Arts Center Retail value: \$80

6. PATRIOTS TICKETS & TAILGATE PARTY

Spend a summer evening in Foxboro rooting for the Patriots at this preseason contest against 2010 Superbowl Champions New Orleans Saints. You'll be up close and personal with this pair of seats, just 16 rows back on the 45-yard line. And, the winning bidder is invited to tailgate with the McIntosh family, and word is they DON'T KID AROUND when it comes to a good tailgate and a football game. Game time is 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2010.

Donor: William McIntosh, III Retail value: \$350

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7. MORE PATRIOTS TICKETS & TAILGATE

Bid on these two tickets for the Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills. Seats are through a connection with an ex-Patriot player, so while we don't know specifics, we know they're excellent and highly desirable seats! And, the winning bidder is invited to tailgate with the McIntosh family, and word is they DON'T KID AROUND. Game time is 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2010.

Donor: William McIntosh, III Retail value: \$350

8. KEEPIN' IT REALIST

Find your inner culture this summer with passes, books and extras from these fabulous local museums! Four passes to Florence Griswold Museum and a *Portfolio of Reproductions from the Museum Collection* and four passes to Mystic Seaport, the Museum of America and the Sea along with a reproduction deck prism from the whaleship *Charles W. Morgan* and several volumes from the Museum's collection.

Donor: Florence Griswold Museum and Mystic Seaport Retail value: \$250

FOOD & DRINK

9. GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Let's see, it's almost summer, you have the opportunity to have a private wine tasting for 7-10 people, do you need another Reisling to bid on this amazing wine experience? Choose your date, time and location for a tasting of summer wines. Your group will sample three summer whites, two reds and one rose. Cheers!

Donor: John Algeri Retail value: \$225

10. HEY CUPCAKE

Celebrate a special event or birthday with 24 birthday themed cupcakes of your choice. Now you have more time than ever to attend to your painstakingly crafty party décor—start hot gluing!

Donor: First Bite Bakery Retail value: \$50

11. AÇAI & MONA VIE

MonaVie's refreshing açai blends are products with a purpose. From powerful antioxidant support to joint and heart health, each formula delivers key nutrients to help you maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. Support your body's needs with this delicious sampler of MonaVie's supplements & energy drinks.

Donor: Karen Cochran Retail value \$100

12. BAKIN' & EGGS

No, you aren't dreaming. Just one little bid could make you the very happy recipient of brunch for you and your guests, delivered to your door at the time of your choosing. Invite your friends, get the coffee going and the rest will come! Enjoy a decadent, home-prepared gourmet meal of Mimosas, caramelized onion frittata, free-range pork and apple sausages, sour cream coffee cake, fresh fruit and thick slices of fresh bread toasted with butter and jam. Just name the day!

Donor: Liz Fauerbach Retail value: PRICELESS

13. WHAT A CATCH!

This collection of five cookbooks highlights the delights of cooking seafood and the glorious tastes of New England regional coastal cuisines. Yum!

Donor: Anna Sawin Retail value: \$95

14. LOOK MA, NO CHICKEN FINGERS

Enjoy a decidedly grown up experience for a dinner or Sunday brunch at the elegant Stonecroft Country Inn on Pumpkin Hill Road in Ledyard with this \$25 gift certificate. But what to do with the children?

A CNS mom has kindly offered her expert services to partner with this delectable dining experience—you go out for dinner, and she will baby sit your children. Really.

But wait, there's more. Start your evening off with a glass of fine wine, to set the tone for your lovely meal to come. This package comes with a bottle of Beringer Napa Valley Chardonnay, valued at \$20. Enjoy.

Donor: Stonecroft Country Inn Retail value: \$25

Donor: Anonymous Retail value: \$20

Donor: Lauren Yaworsky Retail value: PRICELESS

15. IN A JAM

Bid today for six lovely jars of jam to be delivered locally mid-summer. Enjoy homemade strawberry and raspberry preserves, three jars of each, made using local, fresh fruit at the peak of ripeness. Guaranteed to make the BEST PB&J (or sunbutter and J, for CNS school lunches, of course!) Can ship in U.S. for an additional \$8.

Donor: Christine Cabral Retail value: \$36

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16. COFFEE TIME!

Ding, Dong! It's a Calvary Nursery School Day, the bell has rung... and now it's time for a parent coffee break! The Yellow House in Stonington has kindly donated a "Calvary Nursery School Drop-Off Breakfast" for up to six small coffees and six cinnamon rolls. Gather your friends and make a bid, or bid on your own and host a coffee party for five friends.

Donor: Yellow House Coffee & Tea Room
Retail value: \$25

17. MAY I PROPOSE A TOAST?

We should start by toasting the donor of this amazing collection of liquor and fixings, enough to keep your bar well stocked for summer entertaining! Enjoy complete margarita makings, including margarita glasses, sour & margarita mix, and Don Julio Tequila. The collection also includes Absolute Ruby Red, Bacardi Big Apple and Tanqueray No. 10.

Donor: Krista Myers **Retail value: \$150**

18. JUST ADD MILK

Enjoy this fresh batch of divine, melt-in-your-mouth homemade Oreos to take home today, AND a gift certificate for a future batch to be delivered locally in the next 12 months. Use it to satisfy a future bake sale obligation, as a hostess gift, have it shipped to a loved one (Add \$5 for shipping in the US) or just for your own enjoyment, paired with a glass of milk, of course. If the bid goes over \$25, the recipe will be included!

Donor: Anna Sawin **Retail value: PRICELESS**

19. TWO GUYS, A BAG OF OATS & A DREAM

You've never had granola this good. The Providence Granola Project began after a late night, a few beers and a couple of good friends asking a question: what might help newly-arrived international refugees start rebuilding their lives in Providence? The answer: artisanal granola, of course. Using mostly organic ingredients, PGP granola is locally made with the help of refugees from Burundi, Myanmar and Iraq. You're bidding on three months of granola, a 15-ounce bag, delivered to your door each month.
<http://providencegranola.blogspot.com>.

Donor: The Providence Granola Project
Retail value: \$66

FUN FOR KIDS

20. BAREFOOT BOOKS!

Barefoot Books (www.barefootbooks.com) creates carefully crafted award-winning children's books, children's CDs and children's gifts that spark imagination, exploration, and creativity.

Enjoy this amazing collection, including the beloved *Mrs. Moon w/cd*, *Listen Listen*, *Bear on a Bike*, *Whole World w/cd*, *Seahorse*, *I Took the Moon for a Walk*, *Animal Boogie w/cd*, *Animal Boogie activity book*, *The Giant Turnip w/cd*, *What's This* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Donor: Kimberly McIntosh **Retail value: \$150**

21. SPROUTS CAMP: TERRA FIRMA FARM

You are bidding on one session (four half days) of Summer Sprouts Camp at Terra Firma Farm in Stonington. This camp is designed for 3, 4, & 5 year old farmers. Children will be involved in animal care activities, meeting the new farm arrivals, nature walks, and wildlife observation. These day camps are offered to teach responsibility and kindness for the farm, each other and our environment. Each day offers an excellent hands-on opportunity for exploration and growth. Note: This camp runs M-Th from 9 -noon.

Sprouts 1: June 21 – June 24

Sprouts 2: July 5 – July 8

Sprouts 3: July 19 – July 22

Sprouts 4: August 2- August 5

Sprouts 5: August 16 – August 19

Donor: Brie & Ethan Grimes, Terra Firma Farm
Retail value: \$150

22. SPANISH OR MANDARIN CHINESE CLASS

You are bidding on an eight-week session of language class for your young learner, held once a week. Choose from Mandarin Chinese or Spanish. See web site for session information.

Donor: Interactive Language Learning Solutions
Retail value: \$120

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23. JUNIOR EXPLORERS: MYSTIC SEAPORT

A wonderful introduction to summer day camp for ages 4 & 5! You are bidding on one session of Junior Explorers camp (five half days). This high-energy, fast paced program features hands-on activities all over Mystic Seaport. Tour exhibits and ships, play unique games and delve into fantastic craft projects. Travel the universe on Star Day, explore the ocean deep and the Mystic River on Sea Critter Day, discover the secret lives of sailors aboard ships on Jack Tar day and many more surprises! (Call to book your spot soon!)

Choose a morning or afternoon session:

June 21-25 or June 28-July 2

M-F 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (drop-off starts at 8:30 a.m.)

M-F 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (drop-off starts at 12:30 p.m.)

Extended care is available for all Mystic Seaport day camps for an additional fee.

Donor: Mystic Seaport Retail value: \$175

24. ALL FOR KIDS!

This super-charged crate full of fun is packed with interesting and useful items, sweet treats, toys, books, games, music, resources, services and goodies, all just for kids. This is one that will make kids go gaga! Something for kids of all ages.

Donor: Hair Unique II in Mystic, Mystical Toys, Kimberly McIntosh, Anna Sawin and Lauren Yaworsky. Retail value: \$185

25. HOUSE PARTY

Your own bouncy house! Here comes Rocket, ready to land in your backyard. Mission Control has never been closer with Little Einsteins Rocket Inflatable Bouncer, for kids ages 3-6. Your children can bounce and play for hours on this fully enclosed Rocket Ship jumper.

This "Little Einsteins Rocket Bouncer" comes with a 7 x 9 foot bounce area and a three-foot slide. The inside height has five feet of clearance, so this unit is perfect for little ones. Actual bouncy house to be delivered locally by arrangement with Cindy Flack.

Donor: The Flack Family Retail value: \$400
www.playhousebouncers.com

ONE-OF-A-KIND ITEMS

26. BODY ART

This gorgeous set of handcrafted silver jewelry is created from an all-sterling chain and findings, beads, freshwater pearls and sparkling Swarovski crystal. This paired starfish earring set and long necklace set were designed and handmade by CNS parent Alison Cameron.

Donor: Alison Cameron Retail value: \$150

27. STORY TIME & COOKIES WITH MISS ALEXA

A special evening for up to six children with Stonington library staff and CNS mom Alexa Pearson. Get your jammies on! An hour before bedtime Miss Alexa will arrive at your home with a special snack and books to share. After homemade cookies, Miss Alexa will read stories specially selected for your young children from the wonderful collection at Stonington Library. A delightful and memorable way to end a day!

Donor: Alexa Pearson
Retail value: Priceless

28. SMILE!

Enjoy the experience of a seaside family portrait session with photographer Maggie Conley. You'll receive a family session and a 20 x 20 print.

Donor: Maggie Conley Photography
Retail value: \$275

29. EASEL DOES IT

This work of art is functional, too—an outdoor/indoor chair and table set, handpainted in a leaf design by artist Robert Ratigan especially for the Calvary Nursery School Mayfair Auction.

Donated by Kimberly & William McIntosh
Painted by Robert Ratigan.
Retail value: \$500

30. MESSAGE ON A BOTTLE

Serve wine with your own custom-designed wine labels at your next party or special event or just for your own personal vintage, if you're the grape-stomping type.

Item includes a personal consult with Lucinda Wesson of Chocolate Creative Design to collaborate on the perfect design for you, plus twelve printed labels ready for attaching to your wine bottles. The digital file for use on future vintages will also be provided.

Donor: Chocolate Creative Design
Retail value: \$300

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LIFE'S LITTLE LUXURIES

31. MMMMMMMM...A LITTLE TO THE LEFT

Hard working moms and dads, isn't it time to treat yourself or someone you love to a massage? It's your choice: pregnancy, Swedish or deep-tissue massage by licensed massage therapist Mary Louise King, aunt of an incoming CNS student. Mary Louise works out of Massage Therapy Company at 6 Beach Street in Westerly, RI.

Donor: Mary Louise King Retail value: \$80

32. ZIP IT!

Enjoy this stylish mini-zipper pouch from Thirty-One Gifts, plus a \$25 gift certificate towards a custom embroidered bag of your own choosing. Catalog included.

Donor: Cyd Porter Retail value: \$35

33. LATHER, RINSE AND REPEAT

Try the refreshing Arbonne FC5 Shower Set for a fresh new outlook on your hair and body. Smarten up your shower with three products to help keep skin and hair hydrated and radiant. Enjoy Nourishing Daily Shampoo and Conditioner, plus Invigorating Body Cleanser

Donor: Crista Taylor Retail value: \$57

34. PORE FAVOR

Oh look. It's a gift certificate for "The Essential Facial" at Rob Rivers Salon & Spa. Says here, "Relax and be refreshed with our one-hour deep cleansing facial that will renew and awaken a newer looking you." And, it's for a good cause. I definitely want to support the school, so I'm just going to write my name on this bid line righhhhhht there. PERFECT.

**Donor: Rob Rivers Salon & Spa
Retail value: \$80**

35. HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

For some, a day in the garden is as luxurious and rejuvenating as a day at the spa. Nurture your garden and soul with this lovely gift basket of garden items from Stonington Gardens, including a \$25 gift card to Stonington Gardens.

Donor: Jim Nieuwenhuis Retail value: \$50

36. AAAHHHHHHH!

Relax and pamper yourself at Antonio Design Group. Choose from many salon services, including haircuts, color, styling, cosmetic applications and waxing. Feel and look great any day or for a special night out!

Donor: Antonio Mastroianni Retail value: \$110

37. HOW REFRESHING

Refresh your tired self with a little renewal to bring out a younger-looking, fresher you. You are bidding on a series of

six chemical peels, administered by an experienced nurse, and to keep you looking renewed, an assortment of Neova products (cleanser, balancing toner and eye treatment).

**Donor: Saybrook Dermatology
Retail value: \$480**

38. TURN UP THE STYLE

Wear this Mocha Disk necklace from Stella & Dot, and turn up the volume on your sense of style. Flattering on all skin tones, the warm shades of brown mother of pearl mix with delicate 14 karat gold-plated wire wrapping. The necklace is 35" in length and has a hook closure.

Donor: Kristen Ullrich Retail value: \$80

39. MOMMY'S TIME OUT

Indulge in a time out just for you or someone you know who can really use one. No whining! Ok, maybe just a little wine, if it is this crisp bottle of Casillero del Diablo Chile Sauvignon Blanc.

Other goodies in this survival kit basket include a gift certificate towards salon services at New London's Treehugger Organic Salon, a gift certificate for cupcakes from Lis' Bakery in Mystic, a pound of Ashlawn Coffee and some divine chocolate. Absolutely no sharing necessary.

**Donors: Anonymous, Gina at Treehugger Salon,
Lis Bakery, Anna Sawin Retail value: \$75**