

## 2023 Service Auction Catalog

Welcome to the 2023 Service Auction. Please review the following pages. They contain information that is important to bidding and buying, as well as a complete listing of available items.

The Service Auction is the Church's most important fundraiser. As you bid, keep in mind that the donors of the services and items are giving generously of their time, effort, and personal resources to make these donations available. So be generous, be thankful, and ENJOY!

### WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR? (AND PRESSING QUESTIONS)

1. There is a raffle for everyone who's registered properly on Auctria before Service Auction starts. Once you're signed up and logged in, go purchase a free chance to win. That'll tell you you've done everything correctly plus give you a chance to start off with a win! Do it now!
2. We've added a section to the Silent Auction we're calling "Envelope offerings." They work just like the rest of the Silent Auction except that the items are not displayed but **sold only on the description**. They are numbered between 100 and 199. If you win one of these auctions, just go to the front where the box of envelopes is kept after the auction and claim your certificate (if it's an actual object, the envelope will give you instructions where to pick it up).
3. This year we've added Waitlists for parties that are full. More details below.
4. Parties without a location given are in The Woodlands. Parties that don't specifically note "Alcohol-free event" either serve alcoholic beverages or allow BYOB.
5. There were a number of complaints last year that things were too hurried, there was no time to socialize, etc. We heard you! This year we've spaced things out a bit to allow more time to chat, admire each other's costumes, and enjoy the fellowship of the event. That being said, **please make a real effort to be there on time**—at least before the official welcome.
6. Did you know that you can "STAR" items in Auctria? Both Sign-Ups and Silent Auction items? If you do that in advance, it's way easier to find parties and check on auctions. Try it!
7. Credit Card Fees add up! Last year we paid over \$1000 in credit card fees. If possible, please pay by check (or cash).
8. What should I wear? In person or on zoom, you're invited to costume up. Looking forward to seeing what attire YOU choose!



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Note: these times are updated and not those on the website)

5:30 p.m. – Doors open (Zoom chat & fellowship time)

6:00 p.m. – Welcoming remarks/announcements.

6:30 p.m. – Sign-ups open for both in-person and on-line

7:00 p.m. – Live Auction begins

Silent Auction closes at the start of the last section of Live Auction Items

## AUCTRIA (they/them)

Auctria is really cool, once you take the time to know them. Sort of like that oddball, lovable uncle you grew up with. Take a little time to get to know them and you'll love them too.

You **MUST** be registered to participate. Save yourself some hassle and do it before the event. Takes 5 minutes. You can skip the registering part where you enter your credit card information if you'll be paying by check (hopefully).

\*\*\*\*\*[Register here: auctria.events/Bloom](https://auctria.events/Bloom)

It works better if you have one bidder number per person for the sign-ups—you can “divide and conquer” and get it done quicker—but it is your choice whether you register as individuals or as a family.

While you're there registering, take a few minutes to become familiar with the website, particularly the dropdown menu function. You can use this feature to limit your search for Sign-up items when the Sign-ups open.

## SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups (Duh!), like everything else will be done on the Auctria site. There is a section for all sign-up parties, events, and offerings. You simply go to the Auction home page, use the dropdown menu to find your party, and sign up.

There are some really fun and different Sign-ups this year, as well as a lot of the old regulars. Parties are a great way for new members/friends to get to know people better and make deeper connections. We encourage you to take advantage of these great opportunities.

If you have questions about any party or offering, feel free to contact the donor to get more information (NW directory if you don't have their contact info—contact Jamie Thompson at [office@northwoodsuu.org](mailto:office@northwoodsuu.org) beforehand or ask in person at the event. If there are openings left on any events, they will be available to purchase after the service auction, often right up until the week of the party.

This year we've added a new feature, waitlists. Waitlists go live 30-60 minutes after sign-ups start (not sure yet). If a party is full, you can sign up for \$20 or half the listed cost, whichever is less. If someone can't attend, you're invited. If it stays full, you made a nice donation to NW.

## SILENT AUCTION

**The Silent Auction goes live soon** and you can start bidding—hopefully it already is, or will be very shortly.

Again, go to the Silent Auction Section on Auctria, drop down to the item you're interested in (you can use the "Show Me" drop down in the menu), and make a bid. **Star those items you want to check on frequently and see if you're still winning.**

There is also a "**Buy it Now**" option for Silent Auction offerings. You can just pay that price and it's yours! There are lots of bargains, so make liberal use of this feature—**you don't even have to wait until Saturday to own it.**

Bidding on Silent Auction items will be closed at the start of the last section of the Live Auction on Saturday night, sometimes around 8:30 (Auctria does this automatically, so there is no reprieve!). We will remind you at the end of the second section of the Live Auction, and you'll have the break in between to make your last bids. You can check on Auctria to see if you were the winner. If so, try to pick up your winnings before you leave or on Sunday morning.

## LIVE AUCTION

The Live Auction will be conducted both in person and on Zoom at the same time.

- If you're in the sanctuary, you can raise your number to indicate your bid.
- If you're on Zoom, put your bid in the chat. We'll have spotters watching eagerly for your bid; they'll shout it out in the sanctuary. **If nobody acknowledges your bid, wave or unmute briefly and call attention to your bid.**



Once the auctioneer calls "sold," the bidding is over, and the item or service is awarded. **The decision of the auctioneer is final.** If you are the winning bidder:

- In the sanctuary: display your bid number for the auctioneer
- In Zoom, make sure your name is announced correctly (i.e., the spotters identify you correctly). **IF YOU THINK YOU ARE THE WINNING BIDDER AND THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN, SAY SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY.**

In the event that there are two of the same items or services being offered, the second will be offered to the **second highest bidders at the final bid price** (you can negotiate).

The Auctria team will enter the winning bid in your Auctria account and you can pay for it at the end of the night when you check out. You probably want to keep a list so you can check to make sure it was done correctly.

## SHARE THE PADDLE

We are continuing the initiative we started in 2017 to make a permanent difference in upgrading our church's physical appearance and health by a special fundraising mechanism, Share the Paddle. Previous improvements include carpeting, tile, bathroom renovation, and replacing the front doors.

In 2023 we intend to use Share the Paddle donations to complete the renovation of the gazebo outside (it's been started but we don't have enough money to complete it). Additional monies will go to replace the 1950's vintage projector-and-screen in the sanctuary with two 86" digital screens for great resolution, improved visibility, and remove the unsightly infrastructure the current system requires.

All contributions for Paddle Donations are tax deductible and will show up on your end of year contribution statement. Everyone can "bid" any amount, and we all win!

## PURCHASING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

1. All Sign-ups and Silent Auction winning bids are recorded automatically on Auctria. Live Auction wins are added by our clerical team.
2. You can check out during or after the event in the office, where a team will process your payment. You can also check out on the Auctria site any time using a credit card, although we encourage checks or cash payments to avoid processing fees. You can also contact Jamie during the week to make payment arrangements.
3. **You will get a confirmation email with all of your purchases and Sign-ups immediately after your payment is processed.** If you haven't received the email, contact [office@northwoodsuu.org](mailto:office@northwoodsuu.org)

## DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes will be drawn throughout the night. **NOTE: In order to win a door prize, you must be present when your name is called.** And . . . there is a \$100 Gift Card as the closing door prize at the end of the night—incentive for you to stick around.

## CAVEATS

1. Donors of parties and events will make every effort to hold events on the advertised dates; however, unforeseen circumstances do arise and some events may need to be rescheduled. Furthermore, on "TBD" (to be determined) events, the host will make an effort to find a mutually "good" date. If you are unable to attend an event, you may arrange to have someone attend in your place. Remember that the Service Auction is about making a CONTRIBUTION to Northwoods; the events are the added BONUS.

2. Donors of Services, whether sold during Live or Silent auctions, are asked to make every effort to deliver their contribution in a timely manner. It is the Donor's responsibility to arrange fulfillment of the donation contract. Donors will be emailed a list of those who have purchased their goods or services. If you have not received your list within 2 weeks, please contact [office@northwoodsuu.org](mailto:office@northwoodsuu.org) for your copy.
3. All sales are final. Reselling your purchases is allowed and encouraged, but please contact the donor if you make changes. Services should be "consumed" before the next Service Auction unless you make special arrangements with the donor. Although it is the donor's responsibility to contact the buyer, each buyer will be provided with a record of purchases on a confirmation receipt. If necessary, buyers may contact donors to confirm arrangements for delivery of services.

## PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE

The Service Auction Committee would like to give thanks to all of the donors who have donated parties and events and agreed to provide goods and services during the next year. It is you most of all who makes this event a success.

## 2003 SERVICE AUCTION TEAM

Kate Rhoad - Service Auction Committee Chair, Facilities Coordinator, Table Coordinator support, Cracking the Whip

Celeste McDonell - Service Auction Committee Chair, Procurement

Procurement team: Hillary Valor

Jamie Thompson – Auctria Coordinator, Financial Coordinator, and so very much more

Phyllis Burchfiel – Basket Coordinator

Basket Team: Basket Artists - Sue Ridgeway, Judith Bartok, Carol Stromatt; Photographer - Krista Henkel-Selph; Description Writer: Terry Meyer

Molli McMills and Monica Foy - Sign-up Solicitor/Facilitator, Volunteer Coordinator

Rusty Rhoad: Catalog Coordinator, Video Editor

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Erin Hein - Decorations Coordinator

Decorations team: Leanna Fregia, Carol Stromatt, Caroline & Jack Hein

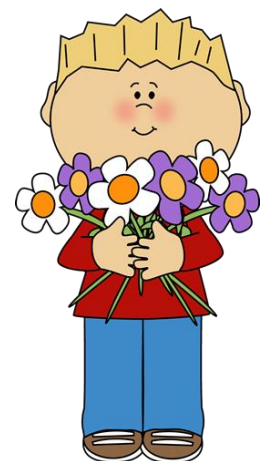
Amanda Thompson - Childcare Coordinator, Event Photographer

Kim Prevost, Rusty Braswell - Kick-off Event Coordinators

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Kathryn Donohue - Auctria Liaison, Auctria and Tech Support Lead

Tech Support Team: David Shontz, Krista Henkel-Selph, Cyndie Mahoney, Tabitha Donohue

Margaret Davis - Meeting Minutes/Archives

Leanna Fregia and Rachell Phillips - RE Classroom Projects Coordinator

Support Team: RE Teachers & Parents, Justin Phillips

Hillary Valor - Table and Kitchen Coordinator

Daphne Mair-Miley - Share the FUUND Coordinator

Shari Wood-Merriam - Special Events Coordinator

Team: Mary Branson, Judith Bartok

Richard Stromatt – Service Auction/Basket Room Buildout

## **NIGHT-OF SUPPORT TEAM**

Table/chair set up workers Terry Leyenberger, Chris Thibodeaux

Sanctuary Set Up support - Donny Cheek

Sound and Music/Zoom Producer – Jaunetta Cooper

Auctioneer assistants – Rusty Braswell, Kate Rhoad

Door greeters - Doni Langlois and Susan Powers

Candid photographer - Amanda Thompson

Kitchen Team – Chris Mair-Miley, Dustin Jones, Karl Mueller

Auctioneers-Susan Blackmore and Takis Bogdanos

Live Auction Spotters-Sara Moser and Chris Thibodeaux

Live Auction Recorders - Jennifer Walker and Susan Powers

Live Auction Entry into Auctria - Scott Witt, Alex Muir

MC-Mary Branson



## LOCAL BUSINESS DONORS

We do want to acknowledge the local businesses who generously contributed to our auction. Go support them!

Ace Hardware

Box It

Chiller Bee Frozen Yogurt

Cypress Trails

Darst Ranch Vineyards

Dick Locke

Elite Medical Skin & Laser Center

Four Seasons Hotel

Goud Teacakes

Herrera's Mexican Restaurant

Kay Jewelers

Kidventure Camp

Longhorn Steakhouse

Marifer Manns

Nails of America

Nice Winery

Nothing Bundt Cakes

NW Women's Book Club

Palace Nails Bar

PL Nails & Spa 4

ProCare

Rainforest Florist

Randalls

Red Phoenix Hunan Restaurant

Robichau's Jewelry

Sandra Dome

Starbucks Coffee Company

Stoic Sage Designs

Sweet T's Texas Boutique

The Candy House

The Cynthia Woods Pavilion

The Houston Museum of Natural Science

The Woodlands Children's Museum

Torres Jiu Jitsu

Trader Joe's

Travis Rhoad

WB Liquors

West Sandy Creek Winery

Woodlands Health Market

YMCA of the Woodlands



# Northwoods Service Auction 2023

# Calendar

Day	Date	No	Event
Sun	12-Nov	201	Mexican Brunch (vegan) - Saxton/Powell
Sat	2-Dec	202	Ornament Exchange (Holmes/Thompson)
Mon	18-Dec	203	Local Trivia Night - with Beer (DaSilva)
Thurs	21-Dec	204	Drop and Shop...or Chop...or Mop...or Flop! (Pierce)
Fri	22-Dec	205	Family Games or Calgon Take Me Away (Donohue)
Fri	22-Dec	206	Family Games (Donohue) - linked to party above
Sat	6-Jan	207	Jazz, Gin, etc Mystery Dinner Party (Prevost)
Sat am	13-Jan	208	Finding Your Voice Workshop (McMills)
Sat am	13-Jan	209	Finding Your Voice Workshop - Auditors (McMills)
Sat pm	13-Jan	210	Knit and Crochet with the Ewe Ewes (Dessy & Marshall)
Sat pm	13-Jan	211	Start to Finish Cookie Fun (Valor)
Sat	13-Jan	212	White Elephant (Wood/SA Committee)
Sun	14-Jan		Finding Your Voice 2nd session (McMills)
Sun	14-Jan	213	O. M. Goddess! Reverse Tie-Dye!!! (Blackmore)
Sun	14-Jan	214	Insperity Astronomical Observatory (Clevenson)
Sat am	20-Jan	215	D&D Lets start a campaign! (Valor)
Sat pm	20-Jan	216	Reverse Coloring Cards (Dessy)
Sat	27-Jan	217	Open Mike Night (Rhoad et al)
Sat	27-Jan	218	Open Mike Night Spectators (Rhoad et al)
Fri	2-Feb	219	Ullr is Back! (Bransonbergers)
Sat	3-Feb	220	Wine, Music and Munchies (McMills et al)
Sun	4-Feb	221	Sushi-Making Workshop (Dowell & Halleck)
Fri	9-Feb	222	Bedtime Stories for Grownups (Moore)
Sat	10-Feb	223	Fiesta Mexican Train & Buffet (Stromatt)
Sat	17-Feb	224	Mardi Gras Party (McDonells)
Sun	18-Feb	225	Table Top Games (Donohue)
Sat pm	24-Feb	226	Nailed It! Decorating Challenge (Pierce/Montgomery)
Sun	25-Feb	227	Take Care of Our Voice! Session 1 (Locke)
Sat pm	2-Mar	228	Toot Toot Mexican Train Party (Marshall)
Sat	2-Mar	229	Ladies Laughter Hour (McAlpin)
Sun	3-Mar		Take Care of Our Voice! Session 2 (Locke)
Sat	9-Mar		NORTHWOODS MUSICIANS MILLBEND
Sat pm	16-Mar	230	Take over an entire Theater! (Lindahl)
Sat pm	23-Mar	231	Glaze your own Heart Rattle!! (Langlois)
Sat pm	23-Mar	232	Children's Spring Party (Northum)
Sat pm	23-Mar	233	When all else fails.... just make Baklava (Bogdanos)
Sat pm	30-Mar	234	Jewelry and Accessory Swap (SAC)



Day	Date	No	Event
Sat am	6-Apr	235	Ceramic Chalice Making Party (Ridgway)
Sat	6-Apr	236	Deadly Disco Dance (DaSilva)
Sun	7-Apr	237	Early Earth Day Plant-Based Luncheon (Allen)
Sun	7-Apr	238	Whisky, Art, and Chocolate (Rhoad)
Fri	12-Apr	239	A Matter of Faxe Murder Mystery Party (Donohue)
Sat am	13-Apr	240	Pickleball for All! (Bransonbergers)
Sat am	13-Apr	241	Pickleball for All! - Observers (Bransonbergers)
Sat pm	13-Apr	242	4-Square Social (Valor)
Sun	14-Apr	243	Cardboard Engineering
Sat	20-Apr		ARTS IN ACTION
Sun	21-Apr	244	Insanely Easy Spray Paint Artistry (Newkirk)
Thur	25-Apr	245	Lake Woodlands Ride and Dinner (Dowell)
Sat am	27-Apr	246	Pride and Prejudice (Meyer)
Sat pm	27-Apr	247	It's a Slippery Soap! (SHein)
Sat	27-Apr	248	Fire Pit Party (Mahaney)
Sun	28-Apr		Whisky, Art, and Chocolate (rain date)
Sat pm	4-May	249	Creative Ice Cream Sundae (Stromatt)
Sat	4-May	250	Songs of our Lives (Rhoad/Norris)
Sun	5-May	251	Artist-Inspired Creation Party (Blackmore)
Fri	10-May	252	War w/the Evil Power Master (Prevost)
Sat pm	11-May	253	Stories of my Mother (McMills & Schinzing)
Sat	18-May	254	Tiny Art MYSTERY Project (Thompson)
Sat	25-May	255	Nailed It Hairstyle Edition (Donohue)
Sat	1-Jun	256	Let's Play Spades (Rhoads)
Sat	8-Jun	257	3rd Annual Pictionary Pool Party!! (Langlois-Smith)
Sat	15-Jun	258	Danube Dinner (Meyer/Bartok)
Fri	21-Jun	259	Pour Party: Paint & Pinot Party (Prevost)
Sat	22-Jun	260	Summer Bunco (Chancey)
Sat am	13-Jul	261	Christmas/Holiday Cookie Party in July (Valor)
Sat pm	27-Jul	262	Ugly Thrift Store Outfit Party (Thompson)
Sat	3-Aug	263	Shazam! (Donohue and Foy)
Sat pm	17-Aug	264	Everybody's Birthday Bash (Thompson & McMills)
Sat	17-Aug	265	Cards Against Humanity (Prevost)
Sat	7-Sep	266	Mojitos and Music (McMills/Rhoad et al)
Sun	8-Sep	267	NW's 1st Annual Chess Tournament (DaSilva)
Sat	21-Sep	268	Purposefully Wes Anderson (Foy/Rodriguez)
Sat pm	5-Oct	269	Children's Fall Party (Northum)
Sat	5-Oct	270	Winter Women's Bunco (Chancey)
Sat pm	12-Oct	271	Loteria! (Mair-Miley)

Day	Date	No	Event
Sat	19-Oct	272	All Ages Monster Mash (Prevost)
Sat	26-Oct	273	Soup and Songs (Langlois-Smith)
	TBD	274	Acrylic Pet Portrait (Meyer)
	n/a	275	Help for the Wrapping-Challenged (DaSilva)
	TBD	276	Long Term Food Storage (Dessy)
	TBD	277	Intro to Acrylic Painting Workshop (Meyer)
	TBD	278	Champion Chess Lessons (DaSilva)
	TBD	279	Museum of Natural Science Group Trip (Prevost)
	TBD	280	Movie Meet Up - Cinemark 17 (Saxton/Powell)



# Live Auction Catalog

## Item# Value Description

### 301 Early Sign-up

*Donated by your friendly and understanding Service Auction Committee*

Did you miss out on the parties you wanted? Does trying to sign up for those precious slots color your whole service auction experience? Do you hate Auction with a blooming passion? Well, here's a solution. If you win this item, you can sign up early next year (for you and ONE significant other) as soon as the catalog comes out. Ha! Legal cheating.

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### 302 Light up Your Garden Wooden Crate

*Donated by Various Northwoods Members*

A set of solar disc lights will light up your surroundings at night. You do the work during the day, armed with 3 sets of gardening gloves, fancy pots and decorative globes and much more. If you need a break, sit back and draw the inspiration from the BBC Planet Earth complete video series. \$275 worth of goodies.

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### 303 Darst Ranch Vineyards Overnight Stay

*Donated by Darst Ranch*

When you arrive at the Darst Ranch Vineyards (in Austin County, just over an hour from The Woodlands), there will be a wine tasting and a charcuterie board waiting for you. "Quaint" guest house on 36 acres of rolling pastures with stunning old oak trees and a picturesque pond. Accommodations for up to 3 couples. The perfect overnight getaway-from-it-all place. Good for 1 year. A \$300+ value.

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### 304 Houston Museum of Natural Science - Ticket Package

*Donated by Houston Museum of Natural Science*

6 tickets each to the Permanent Exhibit Hall, the Cockrell Butterfly center, and the Burke Baker Planetarium. No expiration, can be used any time or day. The package sells for \$276.

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### 305 One Week Dog Sitting

*Donated by Molli McMills and Willie B*

Doggy TLC for 1 week at our house (December 2023 not available) (See additional photo.)

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### 306 Choose Your Own Sermon Adventure!

*Donated by Rev Sarah Prickett*

Burning question or beloved topic? You pick the topic (or ask the question) and Rev. Sarah will write the sermon. No topic is off the table, so whether you want to stump the minister or shock the congregation--either will be quite the challenge. Are you up to it?

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**Item# Value Description****307 Happy Garden 4 a Happy Gardener Consultation**

*Donated by Sharla Hein*

I have always loved to garden. Years ago, I completed a Master Gardener course in Houston and then ran a garden center for a few years before finding it necessary to return to my "real job". I'm a "benign neglect" and organic gardener. I love talking with people about what they want to experience in their sacred home space. I love perennials and annuals that:

- bring color in different seasons,
- attract pollinators including hummingbirds and butterflies,
- provide foods for us and/or our fellow creatures (let me just say now veggies can be a challenge in most of Houston....so many creatures love them)
- can season some soups, meats, or teas,
- just add a nice pop of color/scent when you need it

I'm offering up to 10 hours of consulting and a personalized suggestion guide to get you started on your happy space. Dates will begin sometime after holidays (late January - early February, to inspire you for spring plant sales. And yes, every yard is its own microcosm, so some things may not work for you, but sun or shade, there is always a chance to delight yourself.

We'll begin by walking your space, together and think about soil, air, water, light, and temperature exposure. If you like, we'll walk mine as well. I have (probably) somewhere between 250 and 300 different species of plants in my own yard. I don't actually know, because it really is too many for me to count, and I add and subtract annually. (Ask my kids - haha!) After we talk together, I'll provide a plant suggestion guide (see sample "plant ideas for xxx garden bed" below) to help you think about ideas when you walk garden centers in spring or talk with your landscaper.

I look forward to working with you to begin or enhance your Happy Garden!

(See additional photos.)

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**308 Blooming Bench with Blooming Planter Boxes**

*Donated by Children of Northwoods Children (Leanna Fregia)*

This beautiful blooming bench with attached blooming planters has been decorated with the delicate hand prints of our own RE children. This item measures 7' long, 21" tall and 21" wide. (See additional photo.)

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**309 Two Hours of Play at the Top Golf Swing Suite, Four Seasons Hotel Houston**

*Donated by Four Seasons Hotel*

Two hours of play for up to 8 guests. Games feature virtual golf, but also include baseball pitching (you face a team of top all-time hitters), zombie dodgeball, and more. Comes with a \$100 food and beverage credit in Bayou and Bottle. Good for 1 year. Donated by Four Seasons Hotel. A \$400+ value.

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**310 Heart Shaped Mother of Pearl Necklace**

*Donated by Robichau's Jewelry*

Heart Shaped Mother of Pearl 1.46 MOP 0.07 Diamond Necklace/Gold Chain. A \$900 value. (See additional photos.)

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**Item# Value Description**

**311 Vacation at a Wyndham Resort in 2024**

*Donated by Meg and Bob Scamman*

Get away to a vacation condo resort at a Club Wyndham destination. Choose from resorts offering beach, mountain, golf, or theater & museum themes. Club Wyndham has over 250 resort locations across North America (see link). We are offering 450,000 Club Wyndham points (non-Presidential Reserve) for a vacation that we will book for you. Condo suite size (1, 2 or 3 Bedroom), and dates available vary per resort. How about a week in Hawaii, Orlando, San Francisco, Nashville, New Orleans, Steamboat Springs – Colorado, Branson – Missouri or Midtown Manhattan? Many other options to choose from. Some resorts have Guest Reservation Blackout Dates during peak use times. Transportation, meals, and activities not included.  
<https://clubwyndham.wyndhamdestinations.com/us/en>.

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**312 Everything's Coming up Roses**

*Donated by Krista Henkel-Selph and WB Liquors*

A bottle of small batch Four Roses Bourbon is just the beginning. This basket has all the equipment you need to tend bar with flair: 4 tasting glasses, 4 rock glasses, a bar mat kit, a Lewis ice bag and mallet and all the professional grade tools of the bartender's trade you want. Or take it easy with a bottle of George Dickel 8 year Bourbon and a bottle of J.P. Wiser's Whiskey Cocktail. Just add ice. Nearly \$400 worth of good merchandise.

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**313 Ride! Really Ride! Trail Ride Gift Certificate**

*Donated by Cypress Trails Ranch LLC*

Go on an Adventure Trail Ride, a Lunch/Picnic Ride, or take a lesson at Cypress Trails Ranch. Whether you are an experienced rider or a complete novice you will enjoy riding one of our fabulous horses. Ride along Cypress and Spring Creeks on beautiful forested trails with expert guides. A \$300 certificate for any of their rides or services. (See additional photos.)

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**314 Outdoor Movie Projector and Screen**

*Donated by Kasia Montgomery*

Be the star of your neighborhood! With this LCD video projector and inflatable screen, you can show movies as big as all outdoors. And since this IS Texas Outdoors, we've included a pair of attractive metal Dynatrap bug zappers. We've thrown in a classy metal "cinema" sign and a DVD (or whatever) storage box decorated like a director's clapboard. All added up, over \$650 in value. (See additional photo.)

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**315 Comprehensive Financial Plan**

*Donated by Travis Rhoad*

One (1) complete financial plan analysis with one follow-up meeting at the time increment of your choosing. This review will be done with Travis Rhoad, a licensed investment advisor, Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder, and tax planner through the Trippon Group of Companies located in Houston, TX. Remote meetings ok. A \$2500 value.

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**316 2-night stay at Sandy West Sandy Creek Winery**

*Donated by Sandy West Creek Winery*

Come and enjoy a 2-night stay in a beautiful cabin for up to 4 people. Great wines, weekend music on the patio, great walks to see the animals which include a camel, zebbronkies, and painted ponies. Northwest of Lake Conroe, less than an hour's drive from The Woodlands. Good for 1 year. A \$650 value.

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**Item# Value Description**

**317 Folk Choir Basket for Music Lovers**

*Donated by The Northwoods Folk Choir*

The Basket offers LOTS of ways to enjoy music. Try out a new instrument: Vangoa ukulele with case and accessories, an American Slide Whistle, Na Yamaha recorder and rain stick. Heck, put on your ukulele tee shirt and become a one-person band! Listen to one of 15 jazz and blues CDs with Creative Pebble v1 speakers or read Jann Wenner's memoir about Rolling Stone. Plus a \$25 GC for Arbor Music and lots of other ways to show our love of music. (We've added a bottle of Absolut Pepper Flavored Vodka in case you suck at the ukulele). More than \$350 worth of good stuff. (See additional photo.)

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**318 Family Stories? Write 'em down**

*Donated by Dorothy Kennedy*

What unusual, funny, or just plain interesting experiences have you or your family had in life so far? Wouldn't you enjoy having some of those stories written down to enjoy from time to time? Let experienced memoirist Dorothy Kennedy interview you and produce a chapter for you.

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**319 Sacred Stitches**

*Donated by Rev Sarah Prickett*

Rev. Sarah will crochet, just for you, a lap blanket, baby blanket, or shawl in the color(s) of your choosing. She can offer several options to choose from (and a Pinterest board full of ideas) but she's open to suggestions as well (within reason; she's no Beth Marshall!) Picture includes several examples of previous work; your item will be made to order. NOTE: Because Rev. Sarah has three dogs and a house full of fur, and she will definitely need to wash the blanket (twice) before she gives it to you; your item will be crocheted using acrylic yarn.(See additional photo.)

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**321 Luxury week in Rocky Mountain Paradise- Breckenridge Colorado**

*Donated by Mary Branson and Terry Leyenberger*

Want to escape from the Texas heat next 4th of July? Come to the little mountain town of Breckenridge CO, for a fun, small town celebration. Stay in our luxurious 3 king bed, 3 bath condo with the full gourmet kitchen. Relax and enjoy cool mountain breezes, the best hiking trails in town right outside your door, and soak in the outdoor hot tub. Walk to town for restaurants, pickleball or world class Escape Rooms! From Sat June 29-July 6. Normal summer week rental \$2100. (See additional photos.)

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**322 Mountain Adventure Awaits at Our Cozy Retreat**

*Donated by Mary Branson and Terry Leyenberger*

One week at our Rocky Mountain condo in Breckenridge Colorado. You'll be able to sleep 6 in the 3 king bedrooms, with 3 bathrooms and a complete gourmet kitchen. Hiking trails are right outside your door. Sit on the balcony and relax on the swing, soak in the outdoor hot tub, or walk to town and enjoy restaurants, shops and Sunday farmer's market. Play pickleball! There are multiple adventures awaiting! The condo is available from Aug 31- Sept 14 for your choice of weeks. Labor Day weekend is a great time to go- there's an art show in town. Rents for \$2100/week. (See additional photo.)

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**323 Nice Winery Private Wine Class**

*Donated by Nice Winery*

Seated private wine class for 10-16 people at their Winery in Houston. Wine, stemware, and light snacks provided as part of the class. Nice is an up-and-coming hot spot in the Houston cuisine scene with a number of award-winning wines. A \$1200 value.

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**Item# Value Description****324 MarinJa Butterfly Shawl**

*Donated by Beth Marshall*

Choose your color combo for a butterfly shawl. Shawls or samples should be available before the Auction. Knit of fine-weight acrylic (no sheep were shorn for this project), threaded through with metallic. Shawl delivery (if not yet created) not sooner than 3 months after the Auction. Think of the possibilities! Interstellar and Luna (blues); Red Giant and Star System (reds); Light Year and Outer Space (purples); Hemisphere and Blaze Star (yellows and reds). I will make one of each combo, but only two total will be available for the Service Auction. (See additional photo.)

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**325 Tranquility Spa Basket**

*Donated by Various Northwoods Members and Nails of America*

Everything you need to create a special place to relax and pamper yourself. An Ambient Nature Sound Machine, an aromatherapy mist diffuser and an LED Beauty Mask. Plus ceramic delights for the eyes and assorted beauty products and a \$34 gift certificate to Nails of America and a bottle of wine. A \$400 value.

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**326 One Week at Kidventure Houston Day Camp**

*Donated by Michael McDonell*

What a fabulous adventure for your child! One week Kidventure day camp--adventures and activities galore. This donation has been hotly-contested by parents every year. Valued at \$340.

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**327 Dog Sitting and Portrait**

*Donated by Ann McAlpin*

Professional (well, sort of) photo sitting with your beloved canine pet pal(s), resulting in 3-5 frameable portraits representing the best of your pooch(s). And . . . you get all the out-takes you want! This will take place in March 2024.

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**328 What is that Picture on Your Wall?**

*Donated by Hallie Moore*

Will your family be aware of the "treasures, art, and almost art" on your walls when you are gone? Hallie Moore will bring her trusty laptop to your house and help you list those treasures (and as time permits, the stories that go with them). The list/file can be added to by you later.

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**329 Oscar Schmidt 21-chord Autoharp**

*Donated by Carol Stromatt*

This is a really cool instrument. The autoharp has over 100 years of history and is a true piece of Americana. It is a staple in country, folk and bluegrass music and was featured in the movie Walk the Line. Easy to learn--you can be making real music in no time. This model features Sunburst maple top wood and a high-gloss finish. A \$400 value. (See additional photo.)

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**330 Premier Condo in Breckenridge**

*Donated by Ron and Linda Gunden*

Enjoy a week in our 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado. Mountain views from the balcony and both bedrooms. Park your car and walk to shops and restaurants in the heart of town; food trucks downstairs in the plaza! Brand new swimming pool, hot tubs, sauna and work out room. Take in the natural beauty all around; hike, or rent a bike or an exciting e-bike! Availability anytime in May before the 29th, and any time in October 2024. A \$1500 value. (See additional photo.)

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**Item# Value Description**

**331 Weekend stay on Lake Livingston**

*Donated by Erin and Evan Hein*

Pack your bags and grab some friends - it's lake time! Come enjoy 3 days and 2 nights at a relaxing waterfront home in Livingston. Watch the sun set from your enormous private wrap-around porch with panoramic lake views. Enjoy excellent on-property fishing, take a splash in the water, or bring your boat and take advantage of a convenient nearby boat launch. The home has 2 bedrooms (each with a queen bed, and each with French doors leading to the wrap around balcony) and has a bunk bed nook in the living room to sleep 2 more for a total of 6 guests. (See additional photos.)

Come enjoy a breezy, shady slice of peace by the lake!

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**332 Peace Pole: Harmony in Bloom: Planting Peace, Growing Unity**

*Donated by Coming of Age and Youth Groups of Northwoods (Jamie Thompson and Judith Bartok)*

A Peace Pole is a symbol of hopes and dreams - plant a dream of peace and unity in your garden with a Bloom! peace pole. Created by the youth and teens of the congregation, this unique masterpiece is not just a work of art; it's a symbol of harmony, peace, and unity sown by the next generation of Unitarian Universalists. It is topped with a solar light to serve as a beacon of hope for all who seek justice, compassion and dignity.

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**333 "Name that Tune" Service**

*Donated by Rev Sarah Prickett*

Choose Your Own Sermon Adventure . . . with a twist. Rev. Sarah will craft a Sunday worship service using a song of your choosing as inspiration. You pick the song, Rev. Sarah writes the sermon!

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# Silent Auction Catalog

## *Silent Auction & Baskets*

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### **Item# Value Description**

#### **1 Red, White & Bubbly Basket**

This basket has something for every wine drinker, so you will be ready to serve any wine-drinking guest or your own mood. Three bottles of wine, one champagne. A set of 4 wine glasses and a green vase and tea towel to add some style. Valued at \$130.

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#### **2 Dream Basket for the Adventurous Cook**

Spice up your pantry and your mealtimes with this bounty of high-quality unusual ingredients: Nucci Black Squid Pasta and Dipping Blend, Organic Madagascar Vanilla, Penzeys Grill & Broil Mix, BBQ and Tikka Masala sauces, Garlic Jelly and so much more! Plus a beautiful ceramic olive oil cruet made by our own Doni Langlois. A \$180 value.

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#### **4 Christmas Basket with Flair and a \$50 gift card to Box-It, gift-wrapping service**

No cartoonish Santas in this basket! Set your table with an elegant beaded table runner. There's a plush pillow from Pottery Barn, a pair of decorative ceramic loaf pans, a lasting "bow" for Christmas card display and 2 ornaments with wood burned designs. Plus a set of men's Christmas pajamas. \$300 worth of goodies.

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#### **5 Basket for the Bourbon Connoisseur**

Start with a bottle of Gentleman Jack Whiskey. A very special "double mellowed" whiskey from Jack Daniels. It's a large bottle, but it won't last forever. But the basket also features a very special lasting decoration: a polished piece of oak from the barrel it was aged in, signed by the master cooper. A great way to upgrade your bar --- along with an ice sphere mold, Japanese Jigger, Hawthorne Strainer, a bar spoon and atomizer. Donated by Krista Henkel-Selph. \$120 value.

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#### **7 Stylish Travel Companion + \$25 Gift Card**

This classy zippered makeup bag is stuffed with goods for at home and on the go: a neck pillow for travel, an air diffuser and a jewelry holder. Also included, stunning cubic zirconia studs and a collection of 4 Estee Lauder fragrances. Use your \$25 gift card to PL Nails and get ready to make your entrance! Valued at \$230.

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#### **8 Sunflower Spa Basket**

Get ready for some "me time!" A basket full of products to delight the senses and soothe both the body and spirit. Massage, exfoliate, mousse, moisturize and relax with an aromatherapy eye pillow or vanilla scented candle and soaps. Plus some fun ceramics. Estimated value \$170.

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#### **9 Tea & Honey Basket**

Will it be mint or Earl Grey tea in your charming brown teapot? Will you sweeten with honey sticks or Bjorn honey from the ceramic honey pot? Also included: a journal, and eco-friendly kitchen cloth and \$25 in coins from Chiller Bee Yogurt. \$150 value.

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**Item# Value Description****10 Tea Time Basket with Paper Blooms**

You've got choices! Ice tea or hot, jasmine or oolong--6 varieties of tea. Enjoy them in one of the 4 Pfaltzgraff mugs. Or go out and use \$25 worth of Chiller Bee Yogurt tokens. Valued at \$160.

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**11 Sunflower Garden Basket + \$34 gift card for Nails of America**

This giant solar sunflower will bloom for years and the pair of vintage style LED lights will brighten your garden at night. Don your gloves and plant the seeds, or just enjoy a variety of items and garden motifs. The gift card for Nails of America will help restore the damage from digging in the dirt! \$160 worth of good stuff.

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**12 Let's Play Pickleball!**

Curious about the sport that is taking over the nation? This basket will get you started with two paddles and balls and a how-to book. Already a fan? Share your enthusiasm by wearing a themed tee, hat and socks. Estimated value \$115.

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**13 A Basket of Treats for your Feet + \$30 Gift Card**

Kick off your shoes and dip your feet in for a soak and massage enhanced with Dr. Teal's products. Listen to the sound of your tranquility fountain and admire the handmade pottery that comes with it. Or use the \$30 gift card to Palace Nail Bar and get professional help. Valued at \$175.

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**15 A Set of Gear for the Videographers**

You've got this in the basket! A HandiCam, stand, lights and a charger. Go out and capture memories or film you fantasy. \$150 value.

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**16 Cuterie Gift Card & Wine Basket**

A \$25 gift card from restaurant Cuterie. But no need to rush to use it immediately--you've already got 2 bottles of wine to enjoy with Marcona almonds or crackers. A \$70 value.

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**17 Beer Bucket Basket**

This metal bucket comes filled with 8 bottles and 3 cans of assorted beers, plus a set of 4 beer mugs and a retro clock to show when it's time for beer. All you need is ice! A \$45 value.

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**18 Basket of Fancy Kitchen Gear**

Imagine your favorite cookbook resting against this attractive black metal stand! This basket has something for every stage of cooking and dining: utensils, trays, table linens, 2 jars of special marmalade and even a book on the art of conversation. Valued at \$170.

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**19 Home Exercise Fitness Basket**

You will never get bored with your work-out with 13 exercise DVDs, a Spin Gym and instruction video and a book about exercising in the pool to choose from. There's also a fascia blaster (!), a sound machine for better sleep and more--all stored in a sturdy tote you can take to the gym. \$250 worth of heath merch.

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**20 For Jigsaw Wizard**

This Basket is for serious puzzlers. Two 1000-piece, two 500 and two 300-piece- ALL BEAUTIES. A \$75 value.

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**21 Basket Just for Men**

Highlights include: A Briggs and Riley dopp kit and sport bag for travel, a tool roll for DIYers, a Luke Bryan poker set for fun. Or you can just sit around in your NFL Texans jersey with your remote couch caddy and chill. \$340 worth of man stuff.

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**22 Basket For Bearded Men**

Especially if your name is Bob! Products for beard care and teeth whitening and a Jack Daniels towel. For fun: "I'm Bob" mug. A WWII aircraft jigsaw and the Disparity Trap Game. Total value \$115.

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**23 The Organized Desk**

Transform your desk from mess to showcase. This basket will inspire you to keep your desk tidy: with a 3-piece desk set and photo album all hand-crafted by Paddy Gordon and a whimsical cell-phone holder. A Day Timer and Echo Dot will make it easier to keep track of your busy life. Valued at over \$250.

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**24 Travel Beauty Bag and Stand-up Mirror**

Inside this travel bag is a variety of bags and samples of perfumes and make up. To go alongside the mirror, there's a jewelry tray and ornamentals to beautify your beauty space. Valued at \$165.

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**25 Kids Roller Blades**

Dikashi Kids Roller Blades; Size 2-4.5; Black, Blue, Red. Estimated value \$60.

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**26 Teen's Pink Makeup Kit**

Makeup and nail products galore in a sturdy case for jewelry or whatever. Plus some fun extras and a plate with words of wisdom from Dr. Seuss: Why just FIT in when you were born to stand out? Estimated value \$200.

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**28 Toys for Boys-- and the Whole Family + \$25 Gift Card**

Boys love cars and this basket has 2 sets of 5 (Matchbox and Hot Wheels). There's also an Electricity and Magnetic Combination Kit for scientific exploration, a Zuru X Shot Stealth Soaker for outdoor fun, and a set of 10 classic family games for rainy days. Or use the \$25 gift card to the Children's Museum for a fun outing. \$120 value.

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**29 Little Kids Basket of Fun**

Capes, cars, books and bubbles, this basket has all sorts of things to keep little hands busy. Plus a \$25 gift card for Village Books for quiet times. A \$130 value.

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**30 Down Home Texas Basket**

Cast Iron Texas Cornbread pan, a small antique wooden box with 2 drawers, 2 Northpoint "vintage" LED lanterns, a small Texas box, 4 themed coasters and a dishtowel, a Texas map bottle cap collection board, 2 bottles of white wine and a "Home Sweet Home" wall hanging. Estimated value \$200.

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**31 Trader Joe's Basket**

A Sturdy Shopping Bag Filled with Snacks and Treats. Valued at \$40.

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<b>Item#</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>32</b>		<b>Randall's Basket</b> \$200 of Wine & Tasty Treats from Randalls: Cheese, Jam, Crackers & More
<b>33</b>		<b>Bordeaux/Sonoma Basket</b> Two fine wines--a French red and a California chardonnay, 2 glasses and 2 bottles stoppers. Enjoy in a room scented with essential oils (diffuser included). Valued at \$135.
<b>34</b>		<b>Strawberry Pineapple Sour Ale!</b> Strawberry Pineapple Sour Ale! Sound intriguing? It comes with 3 wine goblets, a ceramic heart, a candle holder (and candle) with a matching plate. What's not to like? An \$80 value.
<b>35</b>		<b>Beaulieu Wine and Chocolate</b> This special red from the Beaulieu Vineyard Maestro Collection will taste even better in one of these attractive goblets--or decant into the small carafe. Enjoy with Lindt Truffles. An \$85 value.
<b>36</b>		<b>Fun for Kids Basket</b> Something to entertain active and quiet kids. A children's tent and a tunnel. A backpack and water bottle, a folding chair (age 1-5 years), a hero puzzle, 2 cloth books and a light-up bubble wand. Estimated value \$90.
<b>38</b>		<b>For Lovers of Wine, Ale, and Puzzles</b> Keep this vintage Paso Robles wine safe until you're ready to drink it, or pass along the wine bottle puzzle with a gift bottle to someone else. You will definitely keep the 3 wine goblets and mosaic candle holder. A \$115 Value.
<b>39</b>		<b>Mixed Metal, Wood and Gemstone Jewelry</b> Four Striking, Mixed Metal, Wood and Gemstone designs by Stoic Sage Designs. 3 pairs earrings and 1 necklace. Valued at \$170.
<b>40</b>		<b>Cocktail Party in a Basket</b> A bottle of Old Forester Bourbon with 6 shot glasses. Or use the shot measure to mix with El Guapo Cocktail Mixer or Chila Cinnamon Cream Mixer. Plus a bottle of wine for something to please everyone. A \$95 value.
<b>41</b>		<b>Vera Bradley Backpack</b> Soft and Fashionable. Comes with an umbrella and insulated beverage cup. Estimated at \$165.
<b>42</b>		<b>For Coffee Drinkers: Basket with Something Extra</b> Discover something different with this collection of coffee syrups to try at home, plus a set of 4 coffee samples. You've got a pair of full-sized mugs and espresso cups. And don't forget the snacks! A \$100 value.

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**43 Basket of Witchcraft and Magic**

Whether you are experienced in casting spells or just need more magic in your life. . . This basket has the tools you need, beautiful ceramics to delight the eye and scents to set the mood. An enchanting fairy night light will project an image of fairy magic across your child's room. A \$300 value.

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**44 Magic and Mystery Basket of Delights**

Something for Harry Potter fans of any age. A game, books, stickers and so much more for younger folks, a pottery vase, beautiful wands and a necklace for moms. Valued at \$180.

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**45 Casio LK-135 Keyboard & Stand**

Learn to play or start composing. This Casio LK-135 keyboard has programs to aid in learning to play, to play familiar tunes and to provide a variety of sounds to back up singing and arranging. A great choice for beginner/intermediate musicians. Valued at \$120.

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**46 Fitness Bag of Goodies**

This attractive carry-on bag is stuffed with hand weights, a resistance band for strength, a Bosu half-ball for balance, yoga mat and video, an Aqua Jogger and a system just for arms! A \$400 value.

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**47 Classical Motif Gold Framed Mirror**

Make a statement in your entryway or dining room. This stunning classical Roman themed wood frame will add elegance to any room. The mirror will add the illusion of space. 26" x 32" Estimated at \$75.

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**48 Oval Glass framed mirror**

This stunning glass-framed mirror would be a stylish addition to your entryway, bath or bedroom. We're calling it art deco, but it would fit in with the most modern of home decors. Estimated value \$80.

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**50 Here's to Your Health**

Donated by the Health Market of the Woodlands . . . You will find essential oils, informative books and a variety of products to promote wellness. Valued at \$115.

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**51 Black Cat Wine Basket**

Wine enthusiasts, you've got choices! Five different varieties of Gato Negro wine, 4 glasses to drink from, a cute plush mascot to decorate your table. Plus a wine opener for future needs. A \$90 value.

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**52 Tea Tray with Honey**

You've got what it takes to make toast or muffins, to drink coffee on the go or serve ice tea at home. Also included, a 108x54" tablecloth and a baking pan with 4 cups. Estimated value \$100.

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**53 Couples Therapy Basket**

Relax together in your plush terry robes and share the bottle of wine. You'll have to take turns with the foot massage machine, but it's all good. Estimated value \$350.

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**Item# Value Description****54 High-flying Basket for Model Makers**

Models of 2 planes and the space shuttle will provide hours of fun and add to your collection. If you need a break from model making, there's also a wild and crazy puzzle and an attractive checkerboard and a \$25 gift card for Village Books. Total value: \$200.

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**56 Wrap Yourself in Cashmere**

Lightweight, soft and warm, this reversible stole is perfect for drafty restaurants and theaters. One side is navy blue with bright pink flowers. Flip it over and the colors are reversed. Much more satisfying than the \$100 estimated value.

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**57 Pet Basket + Gift certificate for Pet Portrait by Shirley Locke**

If you've got a dog and a cat, you need this basket! If you're either a "cat person" or "dog person" consider joining up with another bidder to share the loot. This basket (suitable for a pet bed when you put in the comfy throw) is filled with treats and toys for cats and dogs and fun things (puzzle, mug and socks) for their humans as well. The gift certificate from member Shirley Locke will provide you a watercolor portrait (8x10 or 5x7) of your pet based on a photo you provide. Forget the \$235 estimated value--it's priceless!

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**58 Breakfast or Tea Time Basket + \$25 Gift Card**

You've got what it takes to make toast, muffins or mini bundts, to drink coffee on the go or serve ice tea at home. Then settle down with a book from Village Books (\$25 gift card). Also included, a 108x54" tablecloth, a pumpkin salt and pepper set and a pretty oven mitt. A \$235 value.

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**59 Scentsy Basket**

Surround yourself with delightful aromas. Choose from 7 varieties of Scentsy candle wax to use in the decorative glass pumpkin warmer. There are also special scented products to clean your dishes and counters. Valued at \$110.

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**60 Starbucks without the Wait**

Two pounds of special Starbucks coffee to brew at home. Serve them at home in the pair of espresso cups or on the go in one of the beverage bottles. Plus lidded to-go cups--all in a fun metal caddy. Estimated value \$115.

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**62 Guitar**

Sango Model S - 10 Guitar. A Spanish style guitar with nylon strings and a wider neck than other guitars. Estimated value \$125.

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**63 Kids Play and Learn Basket + \$25 Gift Card**

Three educational games (Map Mania, Cashflow and Allowance) that provide fun while teaching important skills. Plus a Spiderman floor puzzle, a classic book and a Disney Princess. And, of course, snacks! Or use the \$25 gift card to the Children's Museum for a fun outing. Total value \$180.

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**64 Eco-Friendly Picnic Basket**

You can reuse the picnic basket for years. It has a hard, flat lid for easy stacking. Inside, a set of 50 (each) Eco Soul compostable and biodegradable tableware: large and small plates, forks, knives and spoons. Valued at \$75.

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**Item# Value Description****65 Basket for the Aspiring Artist**

This handy supply kit contains artistic inspiration and the materials you need to act on it. Two inspirational books: The Artist's Way and Concerning the Spiritual in Art, and Express Yourself DIY cards will spur your creativity. Then get out the canvases, acrylic paints (with sealable palette) and brushes and have fun! There are even 9 colors of glitter! And for the fabric artist, a quilt kit. All told, \$140 value.

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**67 Modern Painting with Gold & Turquoise**

Make a statement in your entryway or dining room. This stunning classical Roman themed wood frame will add elegance to any room. The mirror will add the illusion of space. A \$60 value.

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**68 Margarita Basket**

Everything you need for a Margarita party: pitcher, glasses, a 1.75 bottle of Cuervo Traditional Plata Tequila and Cuervo Margarita Mix. There's even special salt! Value at \$80. Enjoy!

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**69 Irish Whiskey Basket**

Two bottles of Irish whiskey to serve neat, on ice or in Irish Coffee. Plus 6 glasses and a hand-made emerald-clad doll--another reminder of the Emerald Isle. A \$175 value.

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**70 Get Ready to Tailgate!**

Start with 2 Texas's folding chairs. Add a couple of Yeti cooler cups and a 1.75 bottle of 1800 Silver Tequila--packed in a large metal ice bucket. All you need is food, friends and football. Estimated value \$165.

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**72 Indoor/Outdoor Fun -- with Snacks**

Stay inside, fill your 4 wine glasses and work on this gorgeous jigsaw puzzle. Or, hang out on the patio or campground lighted with vintage style kerosene lanterns. Snacks and coffee included. Estimated value \$75.

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**73 Opal & white sapphire earrings**

Opal & white sapphire earrings set in sterling silver, valued at \$100.

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**74 Two Framed Photos of Butterflies Enjoying a Blooming Zinnia**

Nature photographer and Northwoods friend Dick Locke took these amazing shots in his backyard in Conroe. Each 5x7 photo is framed and matted 8x10. They will bring a spark of color and a sense of the outdoors to your home or office. Butterflies are an Eastern Giant Swallowtail and an Eastern Gulf Fritillary Butterfly. A \$120 value.

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**75 Waterford Footed Crystal Bowl**

This heavy genuine Waterford Crystal bowl is large enough to use as a small punch bowl or serving dish. Empty or filled with Christmas balls or shells, it's a thing of beauty. Estimated value \$100, but of course it originally went for a lot more than that.

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**Item# Value Description****76 Everything Members Love Basket + \$25 gift card to Village Books**

The Membership Committee donated this assortment of things to love. To keep: a ceramic heart and a low-maintenance succulent in a colorful teacup planter made by a Ukrainian woman to support the people of her country. To savor: chocolate, pretzels, an assortment of tea and a large bottle of Borgata Classic chocolate liqueur. To buy: something to read from Village Books. Valued at \$135.

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**77 Rotorazor Saw**

Versatile, portable, and lightweight, this small circular saw makes precision cuts in wood, tile, drywall, aluminum, plastic and more. Great for DIY projects. Comes with extra saw blades. Valued at \$195.

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**78 Cuddly Cape**

You'll feel warm and cozy in this striped knit cape with faux-fur collar and sleeves. It comes with a generous-sized green tote and "stone" earrings and necklace in shades of green. Estimated at \$115.

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**79 Get Ready for Fall**

Any-sized super-soft and faux-furry collared coat vest. To go with it, a pair of medium-sized stretchy gloves, a 3-piece jewelry set with multi-colored glass stones and a small shoulder tote made of all recycled materials. Estimated value \$113.

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**80 Can-can Outfit**

You can definitely make an entrance in this flirty beaded dress with its own petticoat. Size 4, with sheer top and back and black applique over hot pink. Paired with a pair of purses: see-through tote and large matching clutch, plus silver toned earrings and flashy necklace. This costume was worn by The Merry Widow in a production of the light opera Oklahoma. Estimated at \$200.

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**81 Get Your Diva On**

Speaking of making an entrance...this heavily beaded caftan is worthy of opera royalty like Turandot. To wear underneath, a light-weight red camisole and pants with a matching turban. And since you can never have enough pearls, a necklace and earrings. Estimated value \$150.

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**82 Fun Fur Vest**

This muted-green short vest will add fun, style and warmth to a little black dress or your favorite jeans. It comes with a brightly colored jewelry set and (why not?) 2 purses: a rose-shaped large coin purse and a shoulder bag with a heart motif. Valued at \$195.

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**83 Rose Colored Leather Jacket**

Dark pink Coldwater Creek lined suede jacket is size L/XL. It's paired with a roomy beige tote and triangular earrings and beaded necklace with a Santa Fe vibe. Valued at \$140.

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**84 Hand painted note cards**

10 Watercolor, hand painted note cards by Shirley Locke. A \$60 value.

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**Item# Value Description**

**100 The Mystery Box**

Curated by The Ingredient Guru herself, this box will be filled with an assortment of items. The value of the box is guaranteed to be at least \$150. Last year's was worth far more than that and there was a fierce battle for the box!! You may not know what you're going to get (that's the mystery part), but it's definitely going to be worth every penny. Bid big for this intriguing offer! Donated by Mira Dessy.

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**101 Rainforest Flowers - \$100 gift certificate**

Donated by our own Karen Williams. Good for a flower arrangement, plant, and/or delivery fees.

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**102 The Music Box Theater - 2 general admission tickets**

Good for 2 tickets to any MBT Original Cabaret show. Enjoy a variety of songs you know from across the decades interspersed with incomparable comic sensibility. A \$76 value.

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**103 Two Tickets for Houston Show Choir "Hollywood Holiday" show on Dec 14 at 7pm, Dunham Theater**

This ain't your typical Christmas show! Think about what you like to do during the holidays---such as curl up at home and watch movies! And those movies aren't all about Christmas, are they? Think "Die Hard", "Rent", "Bridget Jones' Diary", "Love Actually", "Ghostbusters 2", and "Pitch Perfect 2"--and all the iconic musical numbers from those movies. Of course, we do like our traditional holiday movies and their tunes, too--so join Houston Show Choir as we travel the holiday road to Hollywood! We promise you a trip to remember, complete with a group of special surprise guest performers. Good seats, too—Center Orchestra. Donated by Katie & Jeff Norris. Katie is a member of Houston Show Choir and would love to see you there! Value \$130.

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**104 Tickets for a Houston Grand Opera Dress Rehearsal: Parsifal by Wagner, January 16 or 17**

Get a pair of good seats to see a Houston Grand Opera dress rehearsal at the Wortham theater. Dress rehearsals take place on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and are complete, uninterrupted performances. Here's how it works: about 3 weeks before the opera opens, subscriber Terry Meyer gets an email from the opera inviting her to reserve tickets to the dress rehearsal. A few days after she replies, they send her a confirmation email and she will have a definite date. She will then direct the opera folks to send tickets directly to her guests (that's you if you win the auction). These are good tickets and the dress rehearsal is like a regular performance. Note: Parsifal is over 4 hours long, so the rehearsal will probably start around 6 (instead of normal 7 or 7:30).

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**105 Tickets for a Houston Grand Opera Dress Rehearsal: Madame Butterfly by Puccini, January 23 or 24**

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<b>106</b>		<p><b>Tickets for a Houston Grand Opera Dress Rehearsal: Don Giovanni by Mozart, April 16 or 17</b></p> <p>Get a pair of good seats to see a Houston Grand Opera dress rehearsal at the Wortham theater. Dress rehearsals take place on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and are complete, uninterrupted performances. Here's how it works: about 3 weeks before the opera opens, subscriber Terry Meyer gets an email from the opera inviting her to reserve tickets to the dress rehearsal. A few days after she replies, they send her a confirmation email and she will have a definite date. She will then direct the opera folks to send tickets directly to her guests (that's you if you win the auction). These are good tickets and the dress rehearsal is like a regular performance.</p>
<b>107</b>		<p><b>Tickets for a Houston Grand Opera Dress Rehearsal: The Sound of Music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, April 23 or 24</b></p> <p>Get a pair of good seats to see a Houston Grand Opera dress rehearsal at the Wortham theater. Dress rehearsals take place on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and are complete, uninterrupted performances. Here's how it works: about 3 weeks before the opera opens, subscriber Terry Meyer gets an email from the opera inviting her to reserve tickets to the dress rehearsal. A few days after she replies, they send her a confirmation email and she will have a definite date. She will then direct the opera folks to send tickets directly to her guests (that's you if you win the auction). These are good tickets and the dress rehearsal is like a regular performance.</p>
<b>108</b>		<p><b>Houston Symphony at the Pavilion</b></p> <p>4 tickets for orchestra level for 1 Houston Symphony performing arts event at the Cynthia Woods for their 2024 Performing Arts Season. Tickets available after May 1, 2024. A \$100 value.</p>
<b>109</b>		<p><b>Learn Keyboard with Kenny G</b></p> <p>If you always wanted to play a piano or keyboard instrument, or just want to get good again in your performances, this class is for you! I will come to your house (or my apartment in Alden Bridge if preferred) for four one-hour lessons customized to your goals and technical level. You'll have a blast! Note: Must be completed by January--I'm moving to Austin. Donated by Ken Garrick</p>
<b>110</b>		<p><b>Village Books - \$100 gift card</b></p> <p>Community-focused book store. Events include book signings, kid's activities, and even a reading by the NW Essay group.</p>
<b>111</b>		<p><b>Village Books - \$50 gift card</b></p> <p>Community-focused book store. Events include book signings, kid's activities, and even a reading by the NW Essay group. NOTE: There are 2 of these available.</p>
<b>112</b>		<p><b>American Oak - Westland - Single Malt Whiskey</b></p> <p>Who knew they made single malt whiskey this good in Seattle? Valued at \$80.</p>
<b>113</b>		<p><b>Brenda DyGraf FitRider 25-112</b></p> <p>The FitRider is designed to engage the entire body with each movement. You'll love toning your arms, chest, back, butt, and core while also experiencing a great cardiovascular workout. The large, cruiser-style seat, adjustable foam handlebars and anti-slip pedals provide extended comfort. Estimated value \$125.</p>

<b>Item#</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>114</b>		<b>Total Gym Elite Plus Exercise Machine</b>  Total Gym Elite Plus delivers a total body workout in just 10-20 minutes. Work all major muscle groups simultaneously. Cardio, strength training and stretching – over 60 exercises on one machine. Features 8 calibrated levels to accommodate beginners to advanced fitness enthusiasts. Estimated value \$200.
<b>115</b>		<b>Bowflex Uppercut Home Exercise Stand</b>  Exercise aid to harness the power of over 30 exercises with unlimited variations presses, pikes, flys and dives. Provides control and stability, enabling up to 4 times as many reps. Estimated value \$110.
<b>116</b>		<b>3 Month Membership at the YMCA</b>  Good for a 3-month family membership at any of the Woodlands YMCA locations. Includes all their facilities, classes, etc. And a T-shirt (M). Value: \$300.
<b>117</b>		<b>Unicycle</b>  Just like the bears ride in the circus! Estimated value \$50.
<b>118</b>		<b>Elite Medical Skin and Laser Center gift certificate</b>  Gift Card for a customized facial and Visia Complexion Analysis. Valued at \$199. Off Hanna Road in Spring.
<b>119</b>		<b>1 Hour Massage by Sandra Dome</b>  60-minute therapeutic message by Sandra Dome. Sandra is Hallie and Rusty's masseuse, and they're VERY discerning customers. Expires 12/31/2023. A \$90 value.
<b>120</b>		<b>Procure gift certificate</b>  Good for 1 Manicure and Pedicure. Diane is a delight. Located on Sawdust Road. \$55 value.
<b>121</b>		<b>Massage at Blooming Yoga</b>  Good for a 1-hour massage at the Blooming Yoga spa. Indulge! A \$70 value.
<b>122</b>		<b>Sweet T's Boutique - \$50 gift certificate</b>  Sweet T's has clothing, goodies, and treats for adults and kids. Online boutique--no muss, no fuss.
<b>123</b>		<b>Air Fryer - #1</b>  Power Air Fryer - XL 2.4 QT. New in the box. Value \$50.
<b>124</b>		<b>Air Fryer - #2</b>  Bear Air Fryer; White; 4 Liter. New in the box. Value 80.
<b>125</b>		<b>Bella Slow Cooker; 1.5 Qt</b>  Bella Slow Cooker; 1.5 Qt. New in the box. Value \$20.

<b>Item#</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>126</b>		<b>Wine - Flat Creek Winery - Buttero</b> A really nice bottle of wine for a very special occasion, valued at \$50.
<b>127</b>		<b>Juggernaut Wine - Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon</b> A nice bottle of wine for a special occasion, valued at \$35.
<b>128</b>		<b>Juggernaut Wine - Russian River Pinot Noir</b> Valued at \$30
<b>129</b>		<b>\$50 Penzy's Gift Card</b> Penzys' spices are perhaps the best in the US. Card good at their store in Houston (which is well worth the visit) or online. Comes with a 1.1 oz bottle of Northwoods Seasons.
<b>130</b>		<b>Longhorn Steakhouse gift cards</b> 2-\$25 Gift Cards plus 4 free appetizer or dessert. "You Can't Fake Steak."
<b>131</b>		<b>The Cuterie - \$25 gift card</b> Casually crafted Charcuterie in Conroe. "We love the way food brings people together and the way charcuterie and wine compliment good company."
<b>132</b>		<b>Red Phoenix Hunan - \$75 gift certificate</b> Chinese restaurant on College Park Drive. Expires Jan 31, 2024.
<b>133</b>		<b>Herrerias Mexican Grill - \$50 in gift certificates</b> Prime Mexican restaurant on College Park Drive.
<b>134</b>		<b>True Food Kitchen - \$25 gift card</b> True Food is a natural/organic eatery in Market Street. Features make-your-own bowls.
<b>135</b>		<b>Clasico de Centinela Tequila - Reposado</b> Valued at \$30
<b>136</b>		<b>Clasico de Centinela Tequila - Blanco</b> Valued at \$30
<b>137</b>		<b>Lalo Tequila - Blanco</b> Valued at \$50.
<b>138</b>		<b>Persian-Style Rug</b> 7 x 9 ft; traditional; polypropylene; made in Turkey. Still in the original wrapper; purchased for \$250.

**Item# Value Description**

**139 Fireproof Home Safe**

Sentry Model #2275 keyed, boltable. 16 x 17in. Valued at \$60.

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**140 Step Stool**

GameGem 3 Step Ladder, Folding Step Stool with Anti-Slip Sturdy and Wide Pedal for Adults & Kids, Aluminum Portable Lightweight Stepladder for Home Kitchen Closet, White, 330lbs capacity. Value \$70.

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**141 Bike Rack**

Delta two bike Gravity stand, value \$55.

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**142 Al fresco Tea Dispenser**

Dispenser with Chalk Board Necklace; 1.3 Gallons; Ready to brew Ice tea - 24 bags. Value \$30.

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**143 30-day free trial, Torres Jiu Jitsu**

Here's an easy way and painless way to check out your or your kid's interest in the martial arts. Located in Spring off FM 2920. A \$250 value. NOTE: There are more than 1 of these available.

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# Sign Up Items

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### **Item# Value Description**

#### **201 \$20 Mexican Brunch (vegan)**

6 available.

Join Richard Powell and Elizabeth Saxton for Sunday brunch at the Ome Calli Cafe (previously known as Artisan). 'Only five minutes from church, so let's make it noon after service. Chilaquiles (vegan) and traditional Mexican spiced coffee are on the menu as well as all of their usual and unusual offerings.

Alcohol-free event . DATE: Sunday, November 12, 2023 - 12:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Elizabeth Saxton and Richard Powell

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#### **202 \$25 Ornament Exchange**

10 available.

This holiday season, we're taking a page from the Grinch's playbook and turning a friendly ornament exchange into a festive heist! Get ready to wrap up your most dazzling, peculiar, or downright absurd ornament creation, because it's not just about giving – it's about the stealing too. Will your ornament be the star of the tree, or will it be kidnapped by a fellow reveler? Join us for an afternoon of merriment, mischief, and maybe a little "whodunit" as we celebrate the season with a touch of Grinch-inspired fun. The hosts will provide the pizza, and guests are asked to bring drinks or a Cindy Lou Who-approved dessert. (Cost is \$25 PER FAMILY; LIMITED TO 10 FAMILIES) Alcohol-free event At Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 12:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Jamie Thompson and Sarah & Ronnie Holmes

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#### **203 \$10 Local Trivia Night - with Beer**

14 available.

This year's DaSilva trivia for those of us who are a TAD BIT competitive will be at Tapped in Spring. Tapped has over 50 beers on tap and trivia happens on Monday nights. If the date chosen changes (i.e. if Tapped switches nights they host trivia or they cancel it) I will notify all participants and the most likely back up will be Deacon Baldy's. DATE: Monday, December 18, 2023 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Sara DaSilva

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#### **204 \$20 Drop and Shop...or Chop...or Mop...or Flop!**

15 available.

Are you a parent in need of some well-deserved "me time" or a chance to tackle your to-do list without distractions? Look no further! We've got you covered at our fantastic childcare event. Drop off your kids and go Shopping (Drop & Shop); Prepare holiday meals or treats (Chop); Enjoy a Clean Home (Mop); Spend some time relaxing all by yourself! (Flop). Relish some guilt-free shopping, cooking, cleaning, or relaxation time. Professional caregivers will ensure your child's safety and fun. Activities for Kid will include: Creative Arts & Crafts (gift-making for parents), Interactive Games, Science Experiments, and more—and best of all, tech free!. Lunch and snacks provided. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity—secure your spot now and experience a day of relaxation, productivity, and fun while your little ones are in great hands. Children ages 4-10 only, please. Cost is \$20 for first child and \$10 for each additional child. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Thursday, December 21, 2023 - 11:00 AM. HOSTED BY: Gay Lynn Pierce

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**Item# Value Description****205 \$20 Family Games or Calgon Take Me Away**

20 available.

Need a bit of time away from the kiddos to get some last-minute packing, cleaning, shopping or wrapping done? Or maybe you need a bit of non-holiday recreation with your kiddos. We've got you covered! We'll have a variety of tabletop games for families to enjoy, plus you can bring your favorites as well. Participants 5 years old and up must be able to play age-appropriate games and display sportsmanship. Hummus, apples, carrots, crackers, juice, water and tea will be provided. Feel free to send other snacks as well. Cost is per child, maximum \$60. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Friday, December 22, 2023 - 3:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kathryn Donohue

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**206 \$20 Family Games**

25 available.

Need a bit of non-holiday recreation with your kiddos. We've got you covered! We'll have a variety of tabletop games for families to enjoy, plus you can bring your favorites as well. Participants 5 years old and up must be able to play age-appropriate games and display sportsmanship. Youth and adults who want to play more challenging games can play strategy games, card games, dominoes. Hummus, apples, carrots, crackers, juice, water and tea will be provided. Feel free to send other snacks as well. NOTE that cost is \$20/child, but Parents who stay and play games with the kiddos are free. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Friday, December 22, 2023 - 3:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kathryn Donohue

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**207 \$40 Jazz, Gin, Money & Murder - Murder Mystery Dinner Party**

50 available.

Custom Period 1920's Murder Mystery Dinner Party. Adult party, Costumes Highly Recommended, Alcohol, Dinner, Murder Mystery. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Kim Prevost

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**208 \$250 Finding Your Voice Workshop**

8 available.

Finding Your Voice, a 2-day Workshop offered by Cindy Scott-Professor of Voice at Berklee College of Music. This class will give you a much better understanding of the voice as its own instrument. You will learn how to develop more power and control throughout your range OVER TIME, but there are likely to be some instant improvements, as well. We will cover how that invisible thing actually works, and what you can do to improve range, flexibility, and power. We will focus on some common issues vocalists worry about: vocal strain, singing through your "break" and much more! Class includes individual coaching and will address your personal strengths, problems, and concerns. All levels welcome. In addition to the actual workshop, participants/spectators will be invited to attend 4 practice sessions (without Cindy) where we will meet once a week to practice the exercises and techniques we learned. NOTE: part of the class cost goes to offset the instructor's fee. BYOB event at Northwoods. DATES: Saturday, January 13, 2024 - 10am-2pm; Sunday Jan 14 - 1-4pm. HOSTED BY: Molli McMills

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**209 \$100 Finding Your Voice Workshop - Spectator**

12 available.

(See information above). Signing up as a spectator means you will be observing the class. You will hear the information and will participate in some of the exercises but the Cindy will not coach you individually. BYOB event at Northwoods. DATES: Saturday, January 13, 2024 - 10am-2pm; Sunday Jan 14 - 1-4pm. HOSTED BY: Molli McMills

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**Item# Value Description****210 \$25 Knit and Crochet with the Ewe Ewe's**

20 available.

After Northwoods received a donation of knitting needles and crochet hooks, combined with Beth's inheriting a yarn shop which resulted in an overflowing closet o' yarn - Mira and Beth have decided to offer beginning knit and crochet lessons. Come prepared to learn either one. Start with a scarf and join the group of creative needle crafters at Northwoods. Join in the fiber fun. Light refreshments will be served. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, January 13, 2024 - 1:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Mira Dessy and Beth Marshall

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**211 \$25 Start to Finish Cookie Fun**

10 available.

Join me to make sugar cookies with royal icing from scratch. We will start by making the dough then we will bake the cookies. While they cool we will make the royal icing and then we will ice the cookies. This will be a great experience if you are a hands-on learner and or if you just love cookies. This is beginner level and anyone can participate. Recommended for Kids age 6-7 and above. You will get my cookie and royal icing recipe. Everyone will get to roll out dough, cut out cookies, bake them and then ice them. Approx 6-8 cookies per person. Photo is a class example. Light snacks and drinks will be provided - bring nothing but yourselves and let's have fun making some cookies! Alcohol-free event . DATE: Saturday, January 13, 2024 - 1:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Hillary Valor

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**212 \$15 White Elephant Gift Swap**

50 available.

Did you receive a gift for the holidays that you just can't use? Something bawdy, awful, or just not your style? Or perhaps something in your closet that meets this description? Have we got the party for you. Bring to the church one wrapped gift (bawdy, gag gift, or unwanted) per person, along with an appetizer or dessert to share. We'll begin the drawing for order and then the opening--or stealing--of gifts. We'll supply soft drinks (BYOB). No children or easily embarrassed adults, since slightly naughty and bawdy gifts are. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, January 13, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Service Auction Committee (Shari Wood-Merriam)

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**213 \$20 O. M. Goddess! Reverse Tie-Dye!!!**

12 available.

Who doesn't love thinking backwards? Take some of the color OUT of your dark garments to create unique tie-dye designs. Turn boring into fabulous with three steps. It's not actually magic, but it will seem like it. This event is for any aged person that can be self-directed and responsible (and, yes, that is a relative term). You come to my house with 2 black or very dark natural fiber garments and bring gloves. I provide all the equipment, chemicals, and some light snacks and water. Please, no sheet sets. A t-shirt, skirt, dress, dress shirt, or pillowcase all work great. Heavy fabrics like denim are also not suitable. Natural fibers for this project: cotton, silk, or viscose. Alcohol-free event in Spring. DATE: Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Susan Blackmore & Molli McMills

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**Item# Value Description****214 \$15 Insperty Observatory Visit**

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Tour led by the Observatory Director. Event includes a tour of our Astronomy in Art installations and a tour of the observatory and its telescopes. Weather permitting, will also include a tour of the night sky and a Green Laser Tour of the constellations. We will also provide astronomers to answer questions. Alcohol free event at the Insperty Observatory, 2505 S. Houston Avenue, Humble, TX. Kids 10 and under free and in addition to the 30 limit, but I need a head count in advance. Alcohol-free event in Humble, Texas. DATE: Sunday, January 14, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Aaron Clevenson and Barbara Madera

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**215 \$30 D&D Lets start a campaign!**

6 available.

Would you like to try Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)? We are offering the start of a D&D campaign, with the possibility of becoming a regular (monthly/quarterly) event. Suggested for players of any experience level and ages 18+. The event will encompass lunch time, so please bring something with you to eat and drink as we will only provide snacks. Players will also receive a set of dice and notebook to be used in game. Alcohol-free event . DATE: Saturday, January 20, 2024 - 10:00 AM. HOSTED BY: Aaron Val+C18or

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**216 \$15 Reverse Coloring Cards**

12 available.

Love coloring books? Then you're going to love reverse coloring cards! Bring your sense of creativity and your watercolor swashing ability as you learn how to decorate and doodle to create fabulous one-of-a-kind cards. Light refreshments provided. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, January 20, 2024 - 1:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Mira Dessy

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**217 \$40 Open Mike Night**

20 available.

Can you believe it? It's the 15th Annual (well, except for Covid) Parade of Infamous NUUC Talent. A procession of poets, singers, musicians, storytellers, actors, and everything in between who have graced us with their talent for the last 14 years is blooming unreal. Our living room becomes a pressure-free, intimate venue with an audience of your closest friends to wildly applaud your efforts. What more could you ask? In addition to enjoying the hidden talents of your friends, you get to feast on a spectacular selection of appetizers, desserts, and beverages. NOTE: If you sign up for one of these slots, you are expected to perform! But you can also attend as a non-performer by signing up for Open Mike Night: Spectators. DATE: Saturday, January 27, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Rusty and Kate Rhoad, Sue Ridgway, Kathryn Donohue

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**218 \$40 Open Mike Night - Spectators**

16 available.

Dying to watch the parade of talent at the 15th Mostly Annual Open Mike Night, but are terrified of performing? Just for you, we've made available some spectator-only slots. Same famous food and drink, just without the opportunity and/or requirement to perform. See previous party for additional details. DATE: Saturday, January 27, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Rusty and Kate Rhoad, Sue Ridgway, Kathryn Donohue

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<b>Item#</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>219</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<p><b>Ullr is Back!</b> 24 available.</p> <p>Gather round the chimenea to celebrate the Norse pagan god of winter, Ullr; with beer, mead, chili and meat on a stick. Feel free to dress as your favorite pagan god or goddess. DATE: Friday, February 2, 2024 - 6:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Mary Branson</p>
<b>220</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<p><b>Wine, Music and Munchies</b> 20 available.</p> <p>Willie B, Takis, Susan B and Molli will offer appetizers/dessert paired with wines and followed by live music. DATE: Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Molli McMills</p>
<b>221</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<p><b>Sushi-Making Workshop</b> 4 available.</p> <p>We'll be hosting a sushi-making workshop in Gene's kitchen. We will construct a traditional vegetarian roll as well as American-style rolls with ingredients you've never seen in a Japanese roll. Traditional Japanese drinks provided. DATE: Sunday, February 4, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Gene Halleck and Sheila Dowell</p>
<b>222</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<p><b>Bedtime Stories for Grown-ups</b> 10 available.</p> <p>Put on your jammies, hug your favorite children's bedtime story to your heart and join Hallie and Sue for story sharing. We'll read to each other, sip Candy Cane Cocoa and dunk biscottie and snickerdoodles by the fire. Alcohol-free event . DATE: Friday, February 9, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Hallie Moore</p>
<b>223</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<p><b>Fiesta Adult Dinner &amp; Mexican Train Game!</b> 14 available.</p> <p>All aboard for dinner and a fun game of Mexican Train. Don't let this train leave the station without you! Margaritas/BYOB DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Carol Stromatt</p>
<b>224</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<p><b>Mardi Gras Party</b> 12 available.</p> <p>Dinner, wine, conversation &amp; entertainment. NOTE: Since last year's event was cancelled due to illness, the invitees (who paid last year) will be automatically included in this 2024 event. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, February 17, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Greg &amp; Celeste McDonell</p>
<b>225</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<p><b>Table Top Games - Dominion, Wingspan, Mexican Train, Apples to Apples, more</b> 30 available.</p> <p>So many games, so little time. The sanctuary full of potential opponents, strategy and social games to choose from, how better to spend a Sunday afternoon? Got a game you've been dying to try out? Bring it! Grab a bite after the service and hustle back for a full afternoon of fun. Light snacks and soft drinks provided; feel free to bring other food and drinks for yourself and to share. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 1:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Kathryn Donohue</p>

**Item# Value Description****226 \$10 Nailed It! Decorating Challenge**

20 available.

Get ready to unleash your inner decorator and put your culinary skills to the test in the Nailed It Decorating Competition! This thrilling event offers a delightful mix of easy, medium, and challenging challenges that will cater to decorators of all skill levels. Laugh with us as we vote for the flying colors and the flops. Whether you're a novice or an experienced pastry decorating chef, there's a sweet surprise waiting for you in every round. Appropriate for ages 8-80! BYOB event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 6:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Gay Lynn Pierce and Kasia Montgomery

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**227 \$35 Let's Learn How to Take Care of Our Voice!**

6 available.

This class will teach you basic fundamentals about how your voice works and how to keep it healthy. Shirley Locke MS, CCC-SLP, is a certified and licensed Speech-Language Pathologist with over 40 years of experience that includes a specialization in Voice Disorders and Voice Rehabilitation. Join Shirley for two one-hour sessions via Zoom Sunday February 25, 2024 and Sunday March 3, 2024 from 4-5 pm Central Time. This course is not only ideal for public speakers, teachers, and singers but for anyone who has an interest in maintaining a healthy and functioning voice throughout their lives. Class 1 will cover basic physiology and train initial exercises. Class 2 will review, answer questions, and train additional exercises that are easy to do on a daily basis and will help create a life-long healthy voice. These scientifically based exercises are recommended by all Voice Specialists to practice regularly to avoid injury to your vocal cords and help prevent the impact that aging has on the vocal ligaments and muscles. (Please note, if you are experiencing a voice disorder like chronic hoarseness, Shirley will be happy to speak with you privately and provide recommendations/referrals. This is not a rehabilitation class.) Alcohol-free event Via Zoom. DATE: Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 4:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Shirley Locke

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**228 \$20 Toot Toot Mexican Train Party**

16 available.

Climb aboard the Mexican Train for a fun afternoon of dominoes with friends! Don't know the game? We'll teach you. Already an expert? Show us what you've got! Bring yourself and a snack to share. We'll provide soft drinks. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Beth Marshall

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**229 \$25 Ladies Laughter Hour**

10 available.

We will get comfy and laugh together as we watch videos of Jeanie Robertson, fantastic southern lady and speaker, who makes her audiences erupt with laughter!. While we laugh together, we will eat southern refreshments, such as the 7up Cake in Jeanie's iconic "Don't Let Men Go to the Grocery For You" speech. The humor is clean, so feel free to bring daughters or granddaughters. Event in Ann's Comfortable Living Room. DATE: Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Ann McAlpin

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**230 \$30 Take over an entire Theater!**

50 available.

Rent a local movie theater (the whole thing!) and help select what movie to see. We could choose a classic or some recent movie titles (we'll have to check). I can tell you firsthand it is REALLY COOL to have an ENTIRE THEATER to be shared with friends watching some classic movie. Event at Xscape 1488 Movie Theater. DATE: Saturday, March 16, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Charlie Lindahl

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**Item# Value Description****231 \$35 Let's Make Our Own Heart Rattles**

10 available.

Doni will make several styles of her ceramic unfinished heart rattles and you will pick one to glaze and finish in your own style! Several potential glaze possibilities will be taught and all supplies plus heart rattle will be provided. It'll be a collaboration! Beverages and light snacks to enhance the party! Adults only, please. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 12:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Doni Langlois

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**232 \$15 Children's Spring Party**

8 available.

Come enjoy an afternoon celebrating spring with a project, game, and snack! Alcohol-free event at a Woodlands Park. DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Cheryl Northum

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**233 \$15 When all else fails.... just make Baklava.**

8 available.

Making Baklava it's easier than you think. You mix love, good company, good wine, Greek music and a Greek to show you how. Spend an afternoon with friends learning how to make baklava and of course sampling the end product. I will supply wine, flavored water and light snacks--you are welcomed to bring an appetizer or a dish for everyone to share. DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 4:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Takis Bogdanos

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**234 \$20 Jewelry and Accessory Swap**

30 available.

To the Women of Northwoods and their Friends: Come join us in the Garden Room for a fun afternoon swapping your unwanted jewelry, scarves, purses, designer perfume, sunglasses, belts and buckles, hats, and all sorts of fashion accessories. Bring 3-15 items and choose the same number of things to take home. When you check in, you'll get a card with the number of items you can choose. Then, when the leader says "GO!" you can start picking. So don't be late. This is a great way to get together with friends, be eco-friendly, clean out your closet, and maybe score something fabulous for yourself. Mix in a few drinks and snacks and you will be sure to have a good time! (No children under 10, please). BYOB event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, March 30, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Service Auction Committee (Shari Wood-Merriam)

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**235 \$50 Ceramic Chalice-making Party**

6 available.

Event to be held in 2 sessions. During the first, we'll make 2 small chalices with clay; one to keep and one to donate for a new member of Northwoods. During the second session (to be scheduled with participants), we'll glaze the chalices (which I'll bisque fire between sessions). Light snacks served. Come and play in the clay! DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 10:00 AM. HOSTED BY: Susan Ridgway

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**236 \$35 Deadly Disco Dance**

20 available.

The year is 1975, the age of Disco! The students at the posh and strict Bradford School For Girls are preparing for a night of fun at their school dance. No one could have guessed that the night would turn into a MURDER MYSTERY... The perfect event for Northwoodsians who like to act (up) and wear costumes! Light snacks served. BYOB Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Sara DaSilva

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**Item# Value Description****237 \$20 Early Earth Day Plant-Based Luncheon**

30 available.

Who can resist the vegetarian/vegan dishes -- made with thoughtfulness and love, and tested over time by Northwoods members and friends? Savory and sweet, nourishing, comforting, zesty & fresh! Plan to have lunch after service with friends. The party features some environmental music and a brief informative presentation on our local environment. How are the trees doing here? What's the state of our water system? What's your burning question about our natural world? Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 12:15 PM. HOSTED BY: Teresa Allen & SEE Justice & Climate Action Team

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**238 \$45 Whisky, Art, and Chocolate**

12 available.

We had so much fun last year, let's do it again. A leisurely stroll to examine the outdoor art in The Woodlands. Each work of art will be paired with a malted whisky and a chocolate. Walk will be about a mile over mostly level terrain. In the event of inclement weather, 4/28/24 will be the rain date (April showers and such). DATE: Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Scotch Aficionado Rusty Rhoad (over 540 different scotches sampled)

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**239 \$35 A Matter of Faxe Murder Mystery Party**

8 available.

It is June 1895, at the site of an archeological dig. Queen Victoria is on the throne and Arthur ("Art") E. Faxe, the eccentric Englishman has invited 8 quests to participate in an archeological "dig" at a site in ancient Mesopotamia. Faxe and his guests take up residence in a picturesque military fortress along the Tigress River. Almost immediately, rumors circulate of an important archaeological "find", but the excitement gives way to dismay when murder is discovered and the guests must decide who amongst them has committed the crime. You will be provided a character beforehand. Costumes highly encouraged! Event at Tabbi's House in Conroe. DATE: Friday, April 12, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kathryn Donohue

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**240 \$25 Pickleball for All! - Participant**

12 available.

Have you heard? Pickleball is ALL the rage! And it's even better when you're at the lake! The Gundens and the Bransonbergers are hosting this super fun event at the Gunden's home on Lake Conroe. First, a light lunch and then lots of pickleball. Whether you are brand new or a seasoned pickle, come learn about this fun and easy sport, and participate in a friendly Round Robin tournament. If you have your own paddles, please bring them. NOTE: Pickleball is an active sport requiring a certain level of hand-eye coordination, and balance. If you want to learn the game, but just observe, sign up as an observer. If you're fit and want to play, sign up as a player. Alcohol-free event at Harbour Town Pickleball courts on Lake Conroe.. DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 11:00 AM. HOSTED BY: Mary & Terry Bransonberger and Ron & Linda Gunden

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**241 \$25 Pickleball for All! - Observer**

12 available.

Come eat, enjoy the lake and the weather, learn the game, and watch from the safety of a folding chair. Alcohol-free event at Harbour Town Pickleball courts on Lake Conroe.. DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 11:00 AM. HOSTED BY: Mary & Terry Bransonberger and Ron & Linda Gunden

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**Item# Value Description****242 \$5 4-Square Social**

30 available.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play 4-square? Do you know how to play 4-square? Well, I promise my 10 year old has some new and exciting rules that they use on the 4-square playground today that you have probably never heard of! Join Nolan and his family for a very informal afternoon of 4-square play in the Church Parking Lot. We will provide light snacks and drinks and the chalk and balls. You bring your best game and see if you can be king/queen of the square! Open to all ages!!!! Alcohol-free event in Northwoods Parking Lot.. DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Hillary & Nolan Valor

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**243 \$20 Cardboard Engineering**

10 available.

Learn to build things with cardboard and scissors. Depending on the audience we can get fairly fancy; could be as simple as a simple glider but could also build some true Works of Art. Great family fun, and can be very informative depending on what gets built. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Sunday, April 14, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Charlie Lindahl

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**244 \$20 Spray Paint Pallete Workshop-Insanely Easy Spray Paint Artistry**

20 available.

Immerse yourself in a world of vibrant colors and artistic freedom by participating in spray paint art. This exciting and dynamic art form allows artists, both seasoned and aspiring, to create stunning works of art using nothing but cans of spray paint, imagination, and a few essential tools. Participating in a spray paint art event is not just about creating art; it's about embracing a thrilling and unconventional medium and immersing yourself in a world of color and imagination. It's an experience that will leave you inspired and eager to continue exploring the boundless possibilities of spray paint art. The Northwoods Parking Lot will provide you with lots of space to unleash your creativity.

Whether you're a novice or a seasoned artist, this workshop is open to all skill levels, making it a welcoming space for everyone. With swift, controlled movements, you'll layer, blend, and shape colors to bring your vision to life. The quick-drying nature of spray paint ensures that your masterpiece evolves rapidly before your eyes, offering a unique thrill that traditional painting cannot replicate. By the end of the event, you'll have two stunning pieces of spray paint art to call your own. Recommended for adults and children 8 years and up. NOTE: Cost is \$20 per person but no more than \$40 per family (additional family members attend free!) Alcohol-free event at Northwoods Parking Lot. DATE: Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 12:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Connie Newkirk

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**245 \$95 Boat Ride and Dinner**

6 available.

Lake Woodlands Pontoon Boat Ride from our home, East Racing Cloud Court in The Woodlands, plus Dinner and Libations at Del Friscos in Hughes Landing. DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024 - 5:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Sheila Dowell

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**246 \$20 Pride and Prejudice Binge Watch**

10 available.

Join other Austen fans to watch the hands-down BEST video version of Pride and Prejudice, the A&E miniseries. (Colin Firth as Mr. D'Arcy!) While watching, you can enjoy goodies from brunch through teatime. The 5 hours will fly by! Alcohol-free event in Spring. DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 10:30 AM. HOSTED BY: Terry Meyer and Phyllis Burchfiel

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**Item# Value Description****247 \$40 It's a Slippery Soap!**

4 available.

In the pandemic, I decided to try a new thing and make soap for my family for Christmas. As with all projects, it was a bit more complicated than I thought, but it was a lot of fun to combine types, create scent, color, and jewel combinations. If you've ever wanted to try your hand at artisanal soap, the "easy" way, rub your hands together and sign up! Snacks provided. DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 1:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Sharla Hein

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**248 \$30 Fire Pit Party**

10 available.

Come enjoy a relaxing evening around the fire pit. We will roast hot dogs, veggie dogs, and marshmallows. Sample assorted munchies, varieties of beer and hot spiced cider. DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Cyndie Mahaney

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**249 \$15 Creative Ice Cream Sundae**

12 available.

An opportunity to create the ice cream sundae of your dreams--and eat it! Come have fun with your friends and make some new ones. Yum yum!! Alcohol-free event . DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Carol Stromatt

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**250 \$30 Songs of our Lives**

16 available.

After a five-year hiatus including a pandemic, we're going to offer this delightful party again. During a time of fellowship and bonding that only music can offer, you get to share a song that has special meaning in your life: "your song" when you first fell in love, a song that got you through a bad time, a silly tune that always gets you out of a funk, that dreaded earworm . . . even a song by John Lennon after you ran into him on the subway and he hugged you. You'll tell us what makes the song special to you and then present it: recorded, live, hands-in-pocket a capella, however you want. The point is the story. Plus a rich assortment of savories and sweets and adult beverages. Event in The Woodlands. DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Rusty and Kate Rhoad, Jeff and Katie Norris

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**251 \$20 Artist-Inspired Creation Party**

12 available.

There are no wrong answers here and the time spent will be better than therapy! Faith Ringgold was an African-American activist whose art is accessible, fun, and expressive. Her mixed media work promotes social justice and inspires freedom of expression. Join us to celebrate creativity, learn about this artist, and make your own mixed media piece to take home. Artwork will be multiple steps but all of them simple and easy to do. The completed work will be magnificent.

Snacks and drinks provided. All materials provided. Bring your attitude and be open to taking small risks and trying something new. No art experience necessary. All levels welcome. Any age is capable as long as artists are able to be independent, responsible, and self-directed. This is a fabulous family activity or solo activity for anyone with something to say. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Susan Blackmore

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**252 \$15 War with the Evil Power Master: Choose Your Own Adventure Game**

10 available.

Cooperative Choose Your Own Adventure Game. Snacks provided. Ages 10+. BYOB event at Northwoods. DATE: Friday, May 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kim Prevost

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**Item# Value Description****253 \$25 Stories of My Mother**

12 available.

Join Molli and Patty for a spring lunch and wine. We'll share stories about our mothers. Everyone is encouraged to share a special memory. Our menu will include appetizers, salads, and dessert. DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 1:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Patty Schinzing & Molli McMills

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**254 \$15 Tiny Art MYSTERY Project**

15 available.

Unlock your artistic curiosity with our "Tiny Art MYSTERY Project"! As we delve into the world of color, value, and abstract expression, each participant becomes a crucial element in a hidden artistic narrative. The true magic lies in the mystery we're weaving and the purpose for creating: The tiny art pieces will be sold at a future Northwoods event! No need to overthink or stress about your artistic prowess! Whether you're a seasoned artist or a stick-figure enthusiast, this mystery art project is about embracing the unexpected and working for the greater good. Light snacks and a light art lesson will be provided. BYOB event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 1:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Jamie Thompson

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**255 \$20 Nailed It Hairstyle Edition**

20 available.

Have you watched the hairstyle videos/reels on Facebook, Instagram or Tik Tok and wondered if you could do that or if it all fell down the minute they stopped recording. We are going to find out and have lots of fun doing it.

Bring your hairstyle tools and claim the title of Best French Twist Maker or Most Creative Braid. We'll watch several videos and then try our hands at recreating them on ourselves and/or others. We're going to take videos or pictures of the best and the worst outcomes, all in good fun, no shaming allowed. Topsy tail tools, hair pins, hair bands, basic heat protectant and hair spray, and maybe some bun forms will be provided. Bring your own brush, combs, styling products, etc. If you'd like to give it a try but have no hair of your own, I'll be happy to be your hairstyle dummy, as long as you promise you'll do your best not to pull my hair out.

We'll have very light snacks and maybe some mimosas (for legal drinking age, of course). All are welcome. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, May 25, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kathryn Donohue

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**256 \$25 Let's Play Spades!**

10 available.

Come join us for a night of cards. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you (the sharks are always looking for fresh meat). Refreshments and beverages included, of course. DATE: Saturday, June 1, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Rusty and Kate Rhoad

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**257 \$30 3rd Annual Pictionary Pool Party!!**

14 available.

It's becoming a legend - Pictionary from the pool with picnic and good company. We'll have hamburgers and a vegetarian entree - you bring a side. Non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages provided. Adults only. Event in Montgomery (30 min from The Woodlands). DATE: Saturday, June 8, 2024 - 5:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Doni and Mark Langlois-Smith

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**Item# Value Description****258 \$40 Danube Dinner**

10 available.

Save the airfare! You can enjoy a dinner of gourmet delights from central Europe close to home. Judith Bartok will provide Hungarian favorites and the Meyers will offer dishes from Austria and the Czech Republic along with a short photo presentation of their Danube cruise. Event in Spring. DATE: Saturday, June 15, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Terry & Hal Meyer and Judith & Peter Bartok

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**259 \$20 Pour Party: Paint & Pinot Party**

10 available.

Whitney Braswell & Kim Prevost will instruct a simple class on pour painting, allowing all to create a piece of art while sharing some spirits. Canvas, paint, and some alcoholic beverages and snacks provided. BYOB for preference. Event in Shenandoah. DATE: Friday, June 21, 2024 - 4:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kim Prevost & Whitney Braswell

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**260 \$20 Summer "Wild Women's" Bunco**

11 available.

Come for a night of "dicey" fun. Dinner and dessert provided. BYOB--but there will be coffee. Prizes for most wins, most buncos, and others. NOTE: "Wild Women's Bunco" is a tradition, but everyone is welcome. BYOB event in Conroe. DATE: Saturday, June 22, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Anne Chancey

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**261 \$10 Christmas/ Holiday Cookie Party in July**

20 available.

Join me and let's celebrate Christmas/Holidays in July with a cookie decorating party! This is a very informal event all ages (kids under 5 may require assistance from an adult). I will supply an array of holiday cookies, icings and sprinkles and let's have fun! We will listen to holiday music and decorate cookies! I will provide light snacks and enough supplies for everyone to decorate and take home 6 - 8 cookies. Alcohol-free event . DATE: Saturday, July 13, 2024 - 10:00 AM. HOSTED BY: Hillary Valor

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**262 \$10 Ugly Thrift Store Outfit Party**

30 available.

Prepare for an afternoon of fashion disasters and style catastrophes at an Ugly Thrift Store Outfit Party! Dive into the depths of your local thrift shops (or dust off outdated clothing in your closet!) and find the most cringe-worthy, mismatched, or questionable clothing - there's no limit to the fashion crimes we're willing to commit. Meet up for a fashion faux pas extravaganza at Ale and Ivy (305 Sawdust Rd, Spring, TX 77380) and be prepared to turn heads for all the wrong reasons! Your hostess will provide a few light appetizers, drinks are on you. See you at the runway of regret! NOTE: Location may change depending on discounts! Event Ale & Ivy (TBD). DATE: Saturday, July 27, 2024 - 3:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Jamie Thompson

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**263 \$20 Shazam!**

32 available.

Shazam! is an interactive game where you compete against the clock and against each other as you attempt to identify the biggest hit songs of all time for prizes and bragging rights. Prizes will be given for fastest song identification of the night, most songs identified, and living under a rock (least correct identifications). Come show off your musical knowledge or come confident with random guesses! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, August 3, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Monica Foy and Kathryn Donohue

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<b>Item#</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>264</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<p><b>Everybody's Birthday Bash</b> 12 available.</p> <p>"Everybody's Birthday Bash" Birthday bash for kids ages 5-8. Kids come for two hours. We will play games, have ice cream and cake. Kids will decorate their cakes and unwrap a birthday gift. Kids will head home with goodie bags. Please bring a wrapped birthday gift not worth more than \$5.00. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, August 17, 2024 - 1:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Amanda Thompson &amp; Molli McMills</p>
<b>265</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<p><b>Cards Against Humanity - Aggressive Rude Adult Card Game</b> 10 available.</p> <p>Cards Against Humanity game(s) with snacks provided, BYOB. Adult only, totally inappropriate and offensive, You'll love it. Event in Shenandoah. DATE: Saturday, August 17, 2024 - 6:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kim Prevost</p>
<b>266</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<p><b>Mojitos and Music</b> 70 available.</p> <p>Concert/sing-along. Featuring music by Molli, WillieB, Craig, and Rusty with guest appearances and sing-alongs. We'll furnish Mojitos, beer, and soft drinks. Please bring a finger food (appetizer or dessert) to share. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2024 - 6:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Molli McMills and Willie B, Dustin &amp; Jessica Jones, Craig Boeker, and Rusty &amp; Kate Rhoad</p>
<b>267</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<p><b>Northwoods' 1st Annual Chess Tournament</b> 100 available.</p> <p>Have you taken Carter's chess lessons? Or are you already on your way to being a grand master? This tournament has a cash prize for the winner. All ages and abilities are welcome to enter for a low entry fee! (But you do need to know how to play chess.) If you are an established tournament player, please provide us with your ELO so we can set brackets up appropriately. If you have a chess set, bring it. You will play multiple rounds. Alcohol-free event at Northwoods. DATE: Sunday, September 8, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Carter and Sara DaSilva</p>
<b>268</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<p><b>Purposefully Wes Anderson</b> 10 available.</p> <p>Come sit under the stars at Villa Foydriguez as we enjoy a cinematic masterpiece and Oscar nominated film by the Houston native film director and visionary, Wes Anderson. This year's viewing will be The Royal Tenenbaums, a movie about the eccentric members of a dysfunctional family reluctantly gathering under the same roof. The Royal Tenenbaums boasts an all-star cast including: Gene Hackman, Gwyneth Paltrow, Anjelica Huston, Ben Stiller, Luke and Owen Wilson, Bill Murray, Danny Glover and more! The movie's soundtrack includes powerhouse artists such as Nico, Elliott Smith, Ramones, and Bob Dylan. We will serve Movie Theater Concessions like, popcorn, M&amp;Ms, Swedish fish, and an assortment of sodas. BYOB is welcome. Event in Conroe. DATE: Saturday, September 21, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Wes Anderson Junkies Monica Foy and Alex Rodriguez</p>
<b>269</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<p><b>Children's Fall Party</b> 8 available.</p> <p>Come celebrate the fall with a project, game, and snack! Alcohol-free event at a Woodlands Park. DATE: Saturday, October 5, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Cheryl Northum</p>

<b>Item#</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>270</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<p><b>Winter "Wild Women's" Bunco</b> 11 available.</p> <p>Come for a night of "dicey" fun. Dinner and dessert provided. BYOB--but there will be coffee. Prizes for most wins, most buncos, and others. NOTE: "Wild Women's Bunco" is a tradition, but everyone is welcome. BYOB event in Conroe. DATE: Saturday, October 5, 2024 - 7:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Anne Chancey</p>
<b>271</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<p><b>Loteria!</b> 10 available.</p> <p>Come learn a little about the origin, history, art and culture behind the game of Loteria. We will watch a short video about this game, popular in Mexico and other Latin American countries. Then, you have the opportunity to challenge your friends to several rounds of the game. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, October 12, 2024 - 2:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Daphne Mair-Miley</p>
<b>272</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<p><b>All Ages Monster Mash</b> 60 available.</p> <p>Join the Braswell &amp; Prevost families for a Halloween Creeptacular at Northwoods. Spooky food, Costume Contest, Tricks &amp; treats, Music, Dancing, and much more. Fun for all ages. Event at Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 5:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Kim Prevost &amp; the Braswell Family</p>
<b>273</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<p><b>Soup and Songs</b> 16 available.</p> <p>Join us for a fall gathering in our Montgomery woods around the outdoor fire with Soup and Music! Willie B and Molli will entertain us with their original and favorite covers on the patio. Depending on the weather and the wishes of the participants we could end up in the hot tub! Home-made soups, bread and beverages provided. Adults only, please. Event in Montgomery (30 min from The Woodlands). DATE: Saturday, October 26, 2024 - 6:00 PM. HOSTED BY: Doni and Mark Langlois-Smith</p>
<b>274</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<p><b>Acrylic Pet Portrait</b> 2 available.</p> <p>Artist Terry Meyer will capture your pet on canvas (12x18) based on a photo you supply. Terry is a popular Northwoods artist whose animal art pieces, among others, are widely displayed. See photo examples, or the one displayed in the sanctuary.</p>
<b>275</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<p><b>Help for the Wrapping-Challenged</b> 10 available.</p> <p>I am an excellent wrapper and can wrap anything! I will wrap your holiday gifts for you-up to 25 gifts. I can bring my own paper/bags or use yours-I have plenty! We can meet at a designated place and hang out together or you can give me your gifts and I'll bring them back to you wrapped. Make sure you let me know who each gift is for! Doesn't have to be over the holidays. Alcohol-free event .. HOSTED BY: Sara DaSilva</p>

**Item# Value Description****276 \$10 Long Term Food Storage**

100 available.

Learn how to build a pantry that will nourish you and your family in an emergency situation. Don't buy the \$175 bucket of crap they sell at Costco, build a pantry of foods you and your family will actually enjoy eating. Light refreshments and beverages provided.

Also up for discussion, if we want to become a drop spot for a food supplier. Date as decided upon by participants. Event at Northwoods.. HOSTED BY: Mira Dessy

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**277 \$35 Intro to Acrylic Painting Workshop**

6 available.

This 3-hour workshop will get you started with acrylic painting or take you to the next level. Topics will include acrylics basics and color mixing, but most of the workshop will be individualized coaching.

Note: Participants must supply their own paint and canvas. Brushes, snacks and drinks provided. Note that there will be 2 workshops, with 3 participants each. Dates as decided upon by participants.

Alcohol-free event in Spring.. HOSTED BY: Terry Meyer

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**278 \$30 Champion Chess Lessons**

8 available.

Chess novice? Learned a long time ago but haven't played in years? Take a chess lesson from Carter DaSilva, Northwoods' own youth chess champion! Carter won a local tournament in 2023 and loves teaching others. Lesson includes 2 in person sessions (1 hr each) to be scheduled at mutually agreeable times. You do not need a chess board to participate. Notes will be provided. Date as decided upon by participants Alcohol-free event at Northwoods.. HOSTED BY: Carter DaSilva

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**279 \$10 Museum of Natural Science Group Trip**

8 available.

Go with Kim & Pi to the Houston Museum of Natural Science for a day full of fun and science. This could be done more than once dependent on interest and it includes the general exhibits. If someone would like to arrange for extras they can be agreed upon and purchased at our member rate before the trip is scheduled. Date(s) to be decided upon by participants. Alcohol-free event at Houston Museum of Natural Science.. HOSTED BY: Kim Prevost

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**280 \$25 Movie Meet Up - Cinemark 17**

4 available.

Let's meet up at Cinemark 17 in The Woodlands for a movie that will appeal to all of us. We'll buy the tickets and (reasonable) concessions. The tough part will be picking a movie and a date that works for all, so we are keeping it small. Parents and (teenage?) kids could be a good fit. We aren't picky. I am thinking an engaging PG movie (rather than R). Alcohol-free event at Cinemark 17 in The Woodlands.. HOSTED BY: Richard Powell, Elizabeth Saxton, and Elliott (15yo) Wilharm

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