

NHF AUCTION CONTRACT 2010

A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS—April 17



Donation Tips

✓ In describing your event offering, don't leave the date "to be determined." Because people are so busy nowadays, they are reluctant to bid without being sure of the date. For a dinner or outing, pick a specific date (with possibly a backup date for an outdoor event).

✓ Don't be bashful in describing your offering. Advertising works! **The following are some examples of write-ups from other auctions:**

Annual Poker Party
The legendary, men only, low stakes game with probably the best food you'll ever eat.

Awesome Carrot Cake
A totally awesome, completely decadent, all of the fat and all of the calories, absolutely sinful carrot cake (homemade, from scratch, of course).

Festa Italiana
And we do mean "feast"—from antipasto to dessert, with various entrée choices, Italian wines, music and the ambiance of an Italian family dinner.

Please deliver all donated items (except perishables) no later than SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2010 to either NHF or to an Auction Committee member: Betsy Anderson, Margo Rolf, Sue Sale, Marti Spiess or Margie Wilson.

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

Donation (describe item or service):

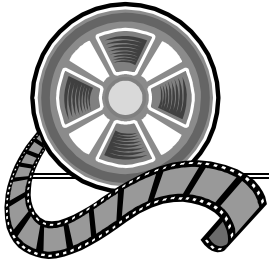
Approximate Value: \$ _____

Minimum Acceptable Bid: _____

For Events:

Date: _____ Time: _____

No. of Persons: _____ Price per Person: _____



A Night at the Oscars 2010 NHF Auction

Saturday, April 17, 6:30 PM

A Night at the Oscars, this year's annual spring auction, is a chance to fill your social calendar with dinners and parties; bid on a vacation get-away; sign up for tours, lessons, or other services; and buy fine woodcrafts, jewelry or other unique and useful items made and/or donated by talented people right here at NHF.

Bidding at this year's auction will take place in three different areas:

- ♦ The Quimby Room—silent auction on all non-food physical items
- ♦ The Foyer—silent auction on food items and services
- ♦ The Sanctuary--silent auction on gift certificates, with the live auction to follow at 8:00 PM

There are two ways you can bid on items in the auction:

- ♦ **Silent Bidding:** Each family, on arrival at NHF, will receive a bidding number. For auction items you want, write your bidding number and the amount of your bid in the appropriate spaces on the sign-up sheet. Your bid must meet or exceed the bid step listed at the top of each sheet to be valid. Check back often to make sure you are not bumped by a higher bidder. Outbidding your dearest friend is the name of the game here, so keep your eye on your bid and on the clock to make sure you get what you want (bidding in each area closes at a different time).
- ♦ **Live Auction:** This is the entertainment portion of the evening when our auctioneer wannabes take the stage to sell some of our most popular offerings, including one-of-a-kind items and services as well as places at some of our gourmet dinner parties. Hold up your bidding number (on the back of your auction catalog) and holler out your bid. Don't be shy—the competition can sometimes be intense!

The success of our auction depends on your donations, so please fill out the donation contract on the other side, and return it ASAP! Everyone has something to offer— a dinner, dessert or wine-tasting party; a tour of your favorite antique shops; or a unique food or gift item. Use your imagination, and don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday April 17!