

2018 America in Bloom Silent Auction Items

(as of September 24 • more items arriving every day)



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP & MAIL HOME YOUR AUCTION WINNINGS!

Don't worry about bidding on heavy, fragile, or sharp items. Don't fret that your luggage will be over the airline's weight limit! The Griffin Gate Resort has shipping services available.

#1: Flower Plugs from Takao Nursery

Starting Bid: \$125 Buy It Now: \$250

Donated By: Takao Nursery

Takao Nursery, a wholesale nursery in Fresno California, has been an avid supporter of America in Bloom from the very beginning. Danny Takao offers a unique auction package to AIB communities. You can order a box of 4 trays of plugs (a total of 288 plants) from an incredible list of annuals and perennials. Once you have made your selection, the plants will be shipped at no extra charge in the winter so that they can be finished off in time for spring planting. This is perfect for a community that has a greenhouse or partners with a local nursery.

#2: Caladium Bulbs from Bates Sons & Daughters Caladiums

Starting Bid: \$125 Buy It Now: \$300

Donated By: Bates Sons & Daughters Caladiums

Bates Sons and Daughters Caladiums has fields of caladium bulbs in Lake Placid FL where 95% of all the caladiums in the world are produced. To encourage all of us to find the joy that caladiums offer, this package includes 100 jumbo caladium bulbs of varieties that you will select from their catalog. They will ship the bulbs to you at no extra charge in the Spring when it is appropriate for your climate. These are plants that bring dramatic color to containers or to your flower beds in the heat of the summer. There are varieties that are also great for hanging baskets. And as an added bonus, cut caladium leaves will last no fewer than 2 weeks in a vase. Give your community a special treat with caladiums from Bates Sons and Daughters!

#3: Flower Plugs by DS Cole Growers

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D.S. Cole Growers, a wholesale nursery in Loudon, New Hampshire, has been an avid supporter of America in Bloom from the very beginning. Doug Cole served on the AIB Board of Directors for a number of years. Doug offers a unique auction package to our AIB communities. You can order 4 trays of plugs (a total of 200 plants) from an incredible list of the best new varieties of flowers and flowering plant combinations (plants not included in this offering are: Alstroemeria, gerberas, cannas, Helleborus, Ensete, Mandevilla, Sunparasol, Trixis, Kwik Combos, and succulents). Once you have made your selection, the plants will be shipped at no extra charge in March 2019 so that they can be finished off in time for spring planting. D.S. Cole Growers has the best varieties for hanging baskets, containers, and flowerbeds no matter where you are located. This is perfect for a community that has a greenhouse or partners with a local nursery. Note: Contact Doug Cole at doug@dscolegrowers.com for ordering and shipping details.

#4: Supertunia Vista Bubblegum Plants for Containers and Landscapes from Proven Winners

Starting Bid: \$300 Buy It Now: \$600

Donated By: Proven Winners

Do you have hanging baskets, containers or large flower beds in your community and are eager to have the brightest, toughest and longest-lived variety? Supertunia Vista Bubblegum could be your answer. This package entitles you to 328 Supertunia Vista Bubblegum liners for you to plant in your baskets. They are even terrific for in-ground bedding. If you win this package, you will receive some amazing plants delivered to your doorstep, free of charge. You just need to let Proven Winners know when and where to ship them. Hands down this is one of the easiest petunias to grow and out performs most others. This variety is bright pink. It is remarkably drought



tolerant and very fast growing. It requires little fertilizer and no deadheading. Supertunia Vista Bubblegum was the 2017 National Plant of the Year and is perfect for large city planters, municipal hanging baskets, and bold bright color statements for entrance signs and other drive by landscapes. Check out the Proven Winners website for more information and photos. This package includes a case of liners - a total of 4 trays of 82 each. These liners are available for shipping February-April 2019. As these are liners, they are small plants that need to be finished into baskets or pots by a local grower or a community group such as a high school or garden club before they can be effectively put on display in a municipal setting. Give them some room and enjoy the results!

#5: Flower Plugs from Bob's Market & Greenhouses

Starting Bid: \$175 Buy It Now: \$350

Donated By: Bob's Market & Greenhouses

Bob's Market and Greenhouses offers you a case of 576 plugs which can be used in a community's beautification projects. Also included is the freight to ship these plugs. Items you could order include 'Wave' Petunias and/or 'Dragonwing' Begonias, both of which perform very well throughout the country. Order must be placed by January 4, 2019 in order to ship by mid to late March. This is perfect for a community that has a greenhouse or partners with a local nursery.

#6: Collection of Pollinator Friendly Plants that Create a Beautiful Garden

Starting Bid: \$175 Buy It Now: \$350

Donated By: Emory Knoll Farms



Emory Knoll Farms in Street, Maryland is a leader in the production of plants for green roofs. Owner and founder Ed Snodgrass is a specialist in green roof horticulture and is also dedicated to making the world a better place by encouraging the planting of pollinator plants. He consults all over the world with architects



and those eager to grow plants for green roofs. This package will include a signed copy of the book "Small Green Roofs" that Ed co-authored with colleagues. In addition, this package will include a case of 3 trays of 72 plugs each. Each tray includes a mix of plants from each of three different collections. 1) "Mid-Atlantic Green Roof Mix" includes 72 plants in an assortment of about 15 different varieties, many of them the toughest and best varieties for green roofs. These plants also work extremely well in well drained full sun garden locations. 2) "Leafy Green Mix" includes 72 plants in an assortment of about a dozen different sedum varieties that cover the ground quickly - whether on a green roof or in the garden - and offer an excellent base for pollinator plants. 3) "Pollinator Friendly Mix" includes 72 plants in an assortment of about 20 different varieties that attract pollinators. These are the toughest and most colorful plants for your full sun meadow, bio-swale or garden. All of these plants work well together to cover the ground with an interesting mix of groundcovers while providing a beautiful and rich environment for pollinators. If you do not live in the Mid-Atlantic, Ed and his team of knowledgeable plant experts will do their best to select plants that will work for you and your climate. Some regions, such as the Gulf Coast, will limit plant diversity in the mixes. You too will be making the world a better place! Shipping is included in the package.

#7: Caladium Bulbs from Classic Caladiums

Starting Bid: \$65 **Buy It Now:** \$125

Donated By: Classic Caladiums President & CEO Bob Hartman



To encourage all of us to find the joy that colorful Caladiums offer, this package includes 200 #2 caladium bulbs of varieties you will select from their on-line catalog. They will deliver the bulbs to you when it is appropriate for your climate. These are plants that can bring dramatic color to your containers, baskets and flower beds in the heat of the summer. You might want to try some of the fantastic award winning new varieties developed exclusively at Classic Caladiums. Contact Lesley Hernandez for ordering and shipping information. Lesley.H@ClassicCaladiums.com

#8: Mixed Bouquet & Vase

Starting Bid: \$40 **Buy It Now:** \$100

Donated By: Brent & Becky's Bulbs

Flowers of the Season - For Any Reason! Available March 15th - October 15th depending on what 'Mother Nature' sends us! In the 70's and 80's Brent & Becky picked daffodils on their farm, sold them by the box, and shipped them overnight to those who wanted something special and different. They were only growing daffodils at the time, but they were growing about 3,000 different types so the boxes were amazingly beautiful. Now they have additional property and have added additional gardens on the farm. Since the 70's Brent & Becky's Bulbs have added to the palette many more types of plant material that gives them beautiful flowers. They have been sharing them with neighbors and friends, but there are almost always many more! Someone suggested that others may enjoy having field-grown flowers for their corporate gifts their office home spouse or friend. So we are offering you the opportunity to order fresh farm raised mixed bouquets from March 15th-October 15th. Please let us know which weekend - Tuesday through Friday - you would prefer the bouquet to be ordered.

#9: Garden Tools from Dramm Corporation

Starting Bid: \$90 **Buy It Now:** \$200

Donated By: Dramm Corporation

Dramm is well known for their high-quality colorful watering tools for gardeners and professional nurserymen. This package includes an oscillating sprinkler; 2-liter watering can; hose; spray gun; and apron. These are tools you will use for years and years - and have fun using them!

#10: \$50 Gift Certificate

Starting Bid: \$35 **Buy It Now:** \$50

Donated By: Gardener's Supply

Gardener's Supply was founded in 1983 by a handful of enthusiastic Vermont gardeners. Today, they serve millions of gardeners nationwide, offering everything from seed-starting supplies and garden furniture to flower supports and garden carts. Check their website at www.gardeners.com and start thinking of how you'll enhance your garden with some of their goodies.

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#12: 100 Tulip Bulbs from Holland

Starting Bid: \$70 Buy It Now: \$120

Donated By: Holland in Bloom-City of Holland, Michigan

Looking for a great way to celebrate spring? Holland, Michigan is ready to send you 100 of their favorite tulip bulb combinations. You will receive 50 Avignon, which is an Orange Single Late tulip and 50 Grueze, a Purple Single Late tulip. You will receive your tulips in time to plant this fall. The bulbs will be shipped to you at no charge. Holland, Michigan is known for its Tulip Time Festival held each year in May. It is a grand celebration of Dutch culture and tulips. Four million tulip bulbs are ordered directly from Holland each year and then planted in flower beds throughout the city of Holland, Michigan in the fall. The city bursts with color from these remarkable flower displays and so can yours if you buy this package!



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#17: Orchids in Planter

Starting Bid: \$125 **Buy It Now:** \$250

Donated By: Ron Pierre

You will have to see it to believe. This item was so popular last year that Ron Pierre has agreed to do it again!

#18: A Taste of Italy - Two Bottles of 'La Foresta' Olive Oil

Starting Bid: \$60 **Buy It Now:** \$150

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Ron's heritage and current restaurant connections make him particularly knowledgeable and appreciative of Italian cuisine. The opportunity arose for him to visit and subsequently import high quality olive oil from a multi-generational olive estate in Calabria, Italy. The farm produces EVOO that is pressed within 24 hours from harvest and is unmixed with any other cultivars. It is uniquely derived from a single olive variety, Ottobratico, exclusive to the province of Reggio Calabria, and is highly regarded by discriminating Italians. "La Foresta" has a full flavor with a slightly peppery bite that enhances the flavor of every recipe calling for olive oil. We are so fortunate to have Ron share some of this wonderfully delicious olive oil with us, as his Sorrento Ristorante in Cleveland's west side is the only place "La Foresta" can be purchased!

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#21: Eats & Drinks in St. Charles

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: St. Charles America in Bloom Committee

This basket is a sample of the good eats and drinks found in next year's symposium location of St. Charles, Il. Cooper's Hawk wine, Global Brew Microbrews, Kilwins popcorn and chocolates, Rocket Fizz old fashion candies are just a few of the many food and drink options you will find at next year's symposium.

#22: Soulful Spice Collection

Starting Bid: \$35 Buy It Now: \$90

Donated By: Edith Makra

Good cooking feeds heart and soul. This American Heart and Soul Spice Collection from Penzey's celebrates Soul: That of values and spirit which persists, abides, and continues to flavor after what is physical passes. The Soul box is 8 blends, each chock-full of Soul. All these blends touch on what goes way back. All of them go deep. Some go back so far into our history that their flavors are inseparable from our nation's story. Others, more recently arrived, are testaments to the ever-renewing role immigration continues to play in seasoning the American spirit. Penzey's Spices is a socially responsible company selling premium spices and seasonings. Meditate on the meaning of Rapa Nui, or the Easter Island heads as you cook. This whimsical power pepper mill is triggered by pressing reverently on Rapa Nui's nose.

#23: Baker's Best

Starting Bid: \$35 **Buy It Now:** \$90

Donated By: Edith Makra

This baker's box from Penzey's, purveyor of premium spices, contains 9 jars of species and seasoning to kick your baking up a notch. The essential ingredient, vanilla is double-strength extract made from the highest quality Madagascar "Bourbon Islands" vanilla beans. Compare the flavors of both Ceylon and China Tung Hing cinnamon for aromatic holiday pies. You'll never go back to grocery-store spices after you bake with China ginger, Guatemala cardamon, Madagascar cloves, high-fat cocoa and blue poppy seeds. Yum!



#24: Laetitia's 2015 Reserve du Domaine Pinot Noir

Starting Bid: \$25 **Buy It Now:** \$55

Donated By: David Hirsch

A rich plum hue and intense candied cherry, leather, white pepper and true Cuban-cigar box aromas mark the 2015 vintage of our Reserve Pinot Noir. The thick bouquet continues on to the palate with complex layers of black fruits, rich mocha and baking spice lingering to the finish. Awards Wine Enthusiast - 92 Points Wine Advocate - 89 Points Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - 88 Points

#25: Our Favorite Ontario Ice Wines

Starting Bid: \$50 **Buy It Now:** \$125

Donated By: ZRB (Zaunscherb Roberts Blair Inc.)

Description: (source Wikipedia): Ice wine is a type of dessert wine produced from grapes that have been frozen while still on the vine. The sugars and other dissolved solids do not freeze, but the water does, allowing for a more concentrated grape juice to develop. The grapes' must is pressed from the frozen grapes, resulting in a smaller amount of more concentrated, very sweet wine. With ice wines, the freezing happens before the fermentation, not afterwards. Unlike the grapes from which other dessert wines are made, such as Sauternes, Tokaji, or Trockenbeerenauslese, ice wine grapes should not be affected by Botrytis cinerea or noble rot, at least not to any great degree. Only healthy grapes keep in good shape until the opportunity arises for an ice wine harvest, which in extreme cases can occur after the New Year, on a northern hemisphere calendar. This gives ice wine its characteristic refreshing sweetness balanced by high acidity. Ice wine production is risky (the frost may not come at all before the grapes rot or are otherwise lost) and requires the availability of a large enough labour force to pick the whole crop within a few hours, at a moment's notice, on the first morning that is cold enough. This results in relatively small amounts of ice wine being made worldwide, making ice wines generally quite expensive. Ice wine production is limited to that minority of the world's wine-growing regions where the necessary cold temperatures can be expected to be reached with some regularity. Canada and Germany are the world's largest producers of ice wines. About 75 percent of the ice wine in Canada comes from Ontario.

#26: Savoring the Bluegrass

Starting Bid: \$50 **Buy It Now:** \$125

Donated By: Ann Garrity

Enjoy this lovely hand painted serving tray from Lexington artist Susan Dworkin, a cookbook by local author and regional food advocate, Rona Roberts. Rona promotes the use of sorghum in many recipes. Sorghum was a mainstay sweetener in the Lexington region during pioneer times. Also included is a jar of locally-grown sorghum and a variety of products from the local farmers market.

#27: Necklace and ear rings set

Starting Bid: \$85 Buy It Now: \$200

Donated By: Margareta Lund

Beautiful Chalcedony, pink Quartz, Keshi pearl and Amethyst necklace with matching ear rings. Hand made by Margareta Lund, Arroyo Grande, California.



#28: Framed Print and Book by Artist Mary Troup

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: Mary Troup

Florida Artist Mary Troup is a versatile artist - paintings, collage, jewelry, painted fabric. She has been featured in magazine articles and her work is owned by serious art collectors. This silent auction package includes a framed print, along with a book Mary wrote under the name Maria Francesca entitled, "Happy Talk: Notes to Self."



#29: Giclee of the 2018 Tulip Time Winning Poster Design

Starting Bid: \$55 Buy It Now: \$120

Donated By: Tulip Time



The 2018 winning artist, Cindy Awrey, created this work called "Together." Her winning piece began as a graphic approach utilizing black and white tulips on reversed backgrounds. As the painting progressed and she began to overlap the leaves, the "together" theme emerged. "People from all walks of life come together to enjoy Tulip Time. The Holland area celebrates its diversity as well as its rich historic traditions. This work can be interpreted many ways, but my intention was a positive message to come together and enjoy the celebration," said Awrey.

#30: 12" Ebonized Cherry Wooden Bowl

Starting Bid: \$45 Buy It Now: \$100

Donated By: Holland Area Visitors Bureau

The history of Ebony being used in carved furniture can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians. This cherry wooden bowl has been given a similar rich lustrous look by using a process called "Ebonizing." The ebonizing solution is made from two common products, vinegar and steel wool. The steel wool is soaked overnight in a plastic container filled with vinegar, creating an "iron solution." When this solution is applied to the outside of the bowl, it reacts immediately turning the Cherry into a rich black color. Ebonizing is a safe, easy way to create beautiful bowls with originality and character.



#31: Festival of Flowers Framed Prints

Starting Bid: \$40 Buy It Now: \$100

Donated By: South Carolina Festival of Flowers
The South Carolina Festival of Flowers, which will soon celebrate 52 years in existence, offers two framed prints for an America in Bloom supporter. Each year, an artist is commissioned to complete a painting that complements the chosen flower for that year's Festival of Flowers. "Pretty Poppies" and "Dianthus Chinesis/Baby Doll" are offered to the highest bidder!



#32: Recycled Oil Drum Artwork

Starting Bid: \$40 Buy It Now: \$65

Donated By: David McCabe
David McCabe of Le Primitif Galleries in Atlanta creates art from recycled oil drums. This artwork is 12"x12."



#33: Psychedelic Dandelion (photograph) 11" x 14"

Starting Bid: \$35 Buy It Now: \$90

Donated By: Connie Manchester
Close-up photograph of dandelion gone to seed with special color effects added.

#34: Double Daisies

Starting Bid: \$35 Buy It Now: \$90

Donated By: Connie Manchester
Photograph of two yellow daisies reflected in water, 8 x 10 matted to 11 x 14 inches.

#35: Flora Canvas Art

Starting Bid: \$25 Buy It Now: \$60

Donated By: Linda Hart
Design features milk-white flowers on a light cream and gray painted textured background.



#36: Boston Harbor Bell

Starting Bid: \$30 Buy It Now: \$80

Donated By: Holliston in Bloom
Original hand-crafted wind bells echoing the distinctive and familiar sounds of bell buoys and harbors of the coast...melodies of soft winds and soothing tranquility. Perfect for any home, proudly made in Maine.

#37: Original Lexington Symposium Artwork

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: Jan Mullaney

Take home this original piece of art by Lexington artist Jan Mullaney. This artwork served as the visual backdrop for the America in Bloom symposium brochure this year. Horses, bourbon barrel, Henry Clay statue, and other iconic images are beautiful reminders of your time in Lexington.

#38: Collection of Tree Portraits

Starting Bid: \$65 Buy It Now: \$150

Donated By: Edith Makra

Magnificently detailed illustrations by the late Anthony Tyznik, renown landscape architect for the Morton Arboretum. These pen and ink drawings of live specimens each took about 100 hours to complete. Portraits include sugar maple, dotted hawthorn, Carolina silver bell, saucer magnolia, persimmon, and of course, Kentucky coffee tree.

#39: Lighted Pineapple Welcome Sign

Starting Bid: \$20 Buy It Now: \$40

Donated By: Ed Hooker and Rod Barnes

It was so popular last year, we're bringing another one! Fabulous decorator item, this lighted pineapple welcome plaque will welcome visitors to your home.



#40: Water Color painting

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: Margareta Lund



This is an original water color painting of a California Central Coast Winery. The artist is Margareta Lund, Arroyo Grande, California.

#41: South Shore posters and "A Christmas Story" leg lamp" night light.

Starting Bid: \$40 Buy It Now: \$100

Donated By: Mary Tanis

The South Shore posters, popular internationally, feature scenes from northwest Indian. And the night light is sure to bring a smile as it's the iconic leg from the movie "A Christmas Story." Sweet dreams!

#42: Edith's Behemoth Bag

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$40

Donated By: Edith Makra

Now this is a tote bag! Tired of cute but useless little tote bags that let you down when you've got important goods to haul? Find yourself settling for wimpy paper or plastic bags to haul big items? Edith makes these extra-large tote bags from sturdy, handsome fabrics and extra-strong nylon handles. Fill it with all your winnings from the silent auction.

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#44: Glass Cutting Board with Big Red Lighthouse Image

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Donated By: Andrea Crossman Group

Holland artist Carolyn Stich adds her whimsical art to a glass cutting board. Hollands iconic Big Red Lighthouse on this cutting board will bring a unique and colorful addition to any kitchen.



#45: Floral Embossed Door Mat

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$35

Donated By: Linda Hart



This charming floral embossed floor mat is the perfect way to welcome guests to your home. The mat is made of outdoor-safe polypropylene with a recycled rubber backing to make sure it stays safely in place on your porch or patio. The ridges and grooves of the mat easily trap dirt before it gets tracked into your house, and its thick material absorbs excess moisture. Extremely durable and weather resistant, this mat is recommended for year-round outdoor use.

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#47: Recipes from our Herb Gardens/ Cookbook

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: Blowing Rock, North Carolina Garden Club

The most unique cook book in the country. Perfect for those who want to grow an herb garden but do not know what to do with the herbs. This book talks about the different herbs and gives hints for growing and drying. Sections are divided into "herbs" so that if you have a pot of parsley, you can turn to "parsley" and learn about the herb and find recipes to use that herb. The perfect gift for a bridal shower or hostess gift given with a pot of fresh herbs. This book is no longer in print, so this is your only chance to get one.

#48: Two Windmill Island Gardens Memberships with AHS privileges

Starting Bid: \$35 Buy It Now: \$80

Donated By: Windmill Island Gardens, Holland, Michigan

Enjoy free admission to Windmill Island Gardens AND access to nation-wide community gardens via the American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program. For a state by state list of gardens, visit www.ahsgardening.org/rapgardens.

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#50: The Garden Tourist, by Holliston resident Jana Milbocker

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: Holliston in Bloom

Jana has done all the work for garden lovers. Over 120 Destination Gardens in the Northeast are covered in her new book. The gardens are a delightful mix of private, public, retail and historic properties and come with suggested itineraries for your enjoyable days of happy gardening. A perfect gift for yourself or gardening friend!

#51: Garden Wisdom 365 Days

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: America in Bloom

This book, by Cheryl Wilfong, shares 365 day-by-day fresh, funny, and wise inspirations remind us to practice mindfulness in the garden by using nature as a metaphor for human nature. Considering the changing seasons, every seeker can relax into the ever-changing present moment, thereby reducing stress and increasing happiness. Find out for yourself why the book reviews are so good!

#52: St Louis Union Station Book & Pint Glass

Starting Bid: \$10 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: America in Bloom

When St. Louis' Union Station opened to the public in 1894, nearly 10,000 people gathered to celebrate. What they saw rivaled famed stations in the East, with its barrel-vaulted ceiling, sweeping archways, and Tiffany stained-glass windows. Modeled after the walled city of Carcassone, France, Union Station was one of the busiest in the world during its heyday. Follow the history of this great architectural triumph from its original glory days through its demise and rebirth. The days of rail transportation come to life in more than 200 historic images, from steam engines hissing into the 11-acre train shed, to the perky smiles of the renowned "Harvey Girls." Union Station is also seen here as tens of thousands of passengers a day dwindled to mere hundreds. As the automobile and airplane gained momentum in the 1950s and 60s, railroading lost popularity and St. Louis' Union Station fell into disrepair and eventually closed. Now restored to its original splendor, Union Station is again a bustling center of urban entertainment and activity. A pint glass from the Hilton Union Station accompanies the book

#53: Monarch Educational Bag

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: Karin Rindal

This bag is designed to support K-6 elementary school educational efforts related to protecting pollinators. Monarch Educational Bag contains: • 2 Monarch books • 1 set of Monarch manipulatives with little storage bag • 1 box Hearthsong Monarch Connectagons • 1 Monarch Highway Poster • 1 Monarch glass window ornament • 1 set of pollinator-friendly seeds • 1 large butterfly decorative hole punch • 2 Monarch magnets (plus postcard and bookmark) • 1 binder of other literature and printouts about monarchs I am dropping this off with Leslie Pittenger who is going to bring it to Lexington.

#54: Forest Thru the Trees Sweater

Starting Bid: \$25 Buy It Now: \$60

Donated By: Edith Makra

See the forest AND the trees in this beautiful tunic sweater adorned with tree silhouettes in teal, gray and black. Comes with a matching teal scarf. Soft acrylic. Size S-M.



#55: Handbag in Bloom

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: Edith Makra

Need a smart little clutch to complement your outfit for the AIB Awards Banquet? This classy clutch is adorned with a sculpted rose and smart features like a wrist band, pocket and zipper to keep your phone and a few essentials with you. Camel colored.



#56: Book and neck pillow

Starting Bid: \$35 Buy It Now: \$90

Donated By: Liz Pattengill

"Beyond the Fence" is subtitled "A Culinary View of Historic Lexington" with proceeds going to the Central Baptist hospital Foundation Cancer Program. The recipes and menus and food lore, although tempting and delicious, are almost incidental to this book with its exquisite photos and historic details of the Bluegrass area. A horse head-shaped neck pillow accompanies the book.

#57: Gardener's Delight - A Basket of Goodies

Starting Bid: \$135 Buy It Now: \$325

Donated By: Beautify Decatur

Update your gardening supplies - or provide gifts for your AIB volunteers: Mechanix Utility Gardening Gloves - Women's Medium, Orbit - Max Multi - pattern spray nozzle, Ole' America Straw Hat, Indoor/Outdoor Wind Chimes, Coleman Insulated Stainless Water bottle - with bottle opener (keeps it cold for 15 hours) Books: North American Songbirds and Backyard Guide to Butterflies, Tools: Corona Ratchetcut Branch and Stem Pruner, Corona Comfortgel Leaf & Stem Micro Snip, Decorative Thermometer, Small dragonfly picture frame. A delightful pumpkin pitcher for your harvest dinner and 10 AIB 2019 Thank You Rocks in a Large wicker basket

#58: Bicycling Adventure in Clermont, Florida

Starting Bid: \$150 Buy It Now: \$350

Donated By: Linda Adams



Linda Adams is COO of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association which was a sponsor of the 2013 AIB Symposium. Linda offers this extraordinary opportunity to enjoy one of the best locations for bicycling in Florida. An avid biker herself, she will host two people for a two night/three day bed and breakfast style weekend. She lives directly across from the Lakeridge Winery and a bicycle ride away from the charming towns of Mt. Dora and Winter Garden. Linda will go bike riding with you if you like. No need to be an expert but there are definitely expert rides if you are interested. Note: Bike rentals available nearby; offer valid on dates mutually agreeable to Linda Adams

& winning bidder.

#59: Gift basket of garden essentials

Starting Bid: \$40 Buy It Now: \$100

Donated By: Belpre in Bloom

This basket of garden essentials includes gloves, tools, and candy for energy!

#60: Mansfield Area Attractions Gift Basket

Starting Bid: \$150 Buy It Now: \$350

Donated By: Mansfield In Bloom

Attractions include: Mansfield Reformatory (where the movie "Shawshank Redemption" was filmed), Kingwood Center Gardens, Richland Carrousal Park, Buckeye Childrens Museum, Malabar State Park and Louis Bromfield home, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, an overnight stay at local Motel.



#61: Bluffton Gift Basket

Starting Bid: \$60 Buy It Now: \$150

Donated By: Bluffton, Ohio

This gift basket is full of items from the Bluffton, Ohio area. Includes one bottle each of Sycamore Lake Winery Marechal Foch and Vidal; two wine glasses, package of Shirley's Popcorn, Kat Luginbuhl artist earrings and a ceramic maple leaf both 123 Gallery; a farmers market heart basket;; Bluffton Slaw Cutter set; and a notecards.



#62: Warrentville Basket

Starting Bid: \$50 Buy It Now: \$125

Donated By: Warrentville in Bloom

Wonders of Warrentville! Two Brothers craft beer, Two Brothers coffee, Heavenly Woods Apiary honey, "In and Around Historic Warrentville" book by Leone Schmid, "The Wellness Garden" book by Shawna Coronado, Warrentville city mugs, and Warrentville SummerDaze t-shirt.

#63: Pollinator Correspondence Basket

Starting Bid: \$40 Buy It Now: \$90

Donated By: Karin Rindal

For the person who wants to communicate their commitment to protecting pollinators. Monarch Correspondence basket contains: • 1 sheet of 20 commemorative pollinator postage stamps • 1 box of eight Monarch cards • 9 caterpillar stickers • 1 pop up display card • 1 mac & bees (to eat while you are writing) • 1 monarch decorated women's socks • 1 set of Monarch earrings • 1 Monarch applique I am dropping this off with Leslie Pittenger who is driving to Lexington.

#64: Galvanized Cauldron Gift Set

Starting Bid: \$85 Buy It Now: \$200

Donated By: Stratton Greenhouses

This gift set is packaged in a beautiful galvanized plant cauldron. Unique items include a galvanized tray, planter with succulent; dish garden; appetizer spreaders, leaf glass fusion plate; embroidered napkins; square galvanized pot; Carruth "Smell the Flowers;" and one bunch of artificial cotton.



#65: 1 Quart of Maple Syrup

Starting Bid: \$10 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: Bill Hahn

Enjoy delicious local syrup from AIB judge Bill Hahn.

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#67: Sterling Silver Pendant

Starting Bid: \$15 Buy It Now: \$40

Donated By: Walter Heath

Morro Bay, known as "Gibraltar of the Pacific," is depicted in a seascape scene on this lovely pendant.

#68: Celebrating Kentucky

Starting Bid: \$40 Buy It Now: \$100

Donated By: Linda & Charlie Gorton

Sip, sample, and celebrate some of Kentucky's best!. This basket include a fifth of Woodford Reserve Bourbon Whiskey and five bourbon mini-bottles (Jim Beam, Bulleit, Maker's Mark, Wild Turkey, and Jim Beam.) Cheers!



#69: Birdhouse Replica of Historic Covered Bridge

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$135

Donated By: Newtown Square in Bloom

The birdhouse being auctioned is a replica of the Newtown Square Bartram Covered Bridge which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Newtown Square Historical Society and Newtown Square in Bloom volunteers have joined forces for the preservation and beautification of the Town's historical structures and parks. A series of birdhouses were designed, built and installed by Joe Berry, who is a member of both volunteer organizations, as replicas of the 6 Historic Places our Town maintains. The distinctive birdhouses are designed to increase awareness of volunteer efforts in the historical legacy and beautification of the Town, thereby enhancing collaboration, education, civic pride and engagement throughout the community.

#70: Water Color Painting

Starting Bid: \$20 Buy It Now: \$55

Donated By: Laurie & Richard Brown

This water color from artist Dean Crouser depicts a beautiful cardinal. Art is on a 15"x10" cedar plank. Paints are UV resistant. Learn more about Crouser at www.crouserart.com/pages/ABOUT-DEAN.html



#71: Calabasas Gift Basket

Starting Bid: \$25 Buy It Now: \$60

Donated By: City of Calabasas

California Dreamin'! This gift basket contains all things Calabasas.

#72: Brewton Alabama Honey

Starting Bid: \$10 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: City of Brewton

The honey is supplied by Mr. Billy Blair and his wife, Marie. Mr. Blair is an Alabama Master Bee Keeper and currently the president of the Conecuh County Beekeeper's Association. The bees forage blueberry bushes, tupelo gum, clover, wildflowers, and gallberry in the Spring. This is the sweet taste of Brewton.

#73: Original Greenfly Orchid Watercolor Painting

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: City of Brewton

Steve Layton serves as Brewton's Public Land Manager and is also a local artist. He discovered a large colony of the Green Fly Orchid thriving 20 feet up in an old growth Magnolia tree at the O'Bannon Park in Brewton, Alabama. The unique find has been captured in an original framed watercolor done by Layton.

#74: Hand Turned Wooden Bowl

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: City of Brewton

Mr. George Painter, 90 years young, retired navy aviator and a master wood craftsman. This popular Brewton resident donated one of his hand-turned wood bowl treasures. The bowl is made of select hardwoods, that are glued and turned into warm, natural, functional, art.

#75: Photo Canvas / Wild Pitcher Plants

Starting Bid: \$60 Buy It Now: \$150

Donated By: City of Brewton

Local Photographer Carol Parker Graves also has a vast knowledge of wild flowers, greenhouse varieties, and landscape design. On the recent AIB judge's visit, she captured this stunning canvas-printed photo of our local pitcher plant bog. This is Brewton's "wild side".

#76: Wooden Necklace from Helen Keller Homeplace

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$175

Donated By: City of Brewton

Meagan Brantley, and her husband Shannon, specialize in hand crafted items that evoke a sense of both art and meaning. The wooden necklace is a creation that has been carved from a tree that once stood on Helen Keller's home place. This is Alabama at its best.

#77: E.O. Wilson Nature Adventure Park T-Shirt

Starting Bid: \$10 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: City of Brewton

Not many people realize that Dr. E. O. Wilson is not only a world-famous biologist and entomologist, he was also a Boy Scout in his formative years, while in Brewton, Alabama. The city continues to honor his accomplishments, with the "E. O. Wilson Nature Adventure Park" in downtown Brewton. The T-Shirt graphic says it best. "You teach me, I forget . . . You involve me, I understand" – E. O. Wilson

#78: City of Brewton Wooden Flash Drive

Starting Bid: \$10 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: City of Brewton

Brewton is a timber town and even in this high-tech world, we continue to remember our roots. It's only fitting that the data flash drive from the City of Brewton should also be made of wood. Use it to store all you photo memories of this year's AIB conference.

#79: Joy Odom Painting & Jewelry

Starting Bid: \$60 Buy It Now: \$150

Donated By: City of Brewton

Joy Odom has expanded her artistry to the use of multi-media compositions that blend a number of pigments and resins. Joy has won "Best of Show" in local galleries and continues to push materials with her creativity. From paintings to jewelry, there are no boundaries for her floral works.

#80: Butterfly Highway Seeds

Starting Bid: \$10 Buy It Now: \$30

Donated By: City of Brewton

The flower seeds are a southeastern blend of wildflowers that were planted by the Brewton Public Works Department in selected park areas. They were also donated to citizens who wanted to participate in promoting the Brewton Butterfly Highway. Through no mowing areas around businesses and private property the city cultivated butterfly friendly habitats.

#81: Ceramic Bird Bath & 15" Container

Starting Bid: \$75 Buy It Now: \$125

Donated By: Jonkers Gardens – Holland, Michigan

Ceramic bird bath (2 pieces) and 15" ceramic container will complement any garden!



#82: Award-Winning Wines & More

Starting Bid: \$125 Buy It Now: \$250

Donated By: Castle Rock, Washington

Collection of wines from Castle Rock's own local Mt St Helen's Cellars, an ornament made of Mt St Helen's Ash from the eruption 38 years ago and a collection of local items from Vault Books & Brew, Pollen Floral Works, local photographer, Megan Hubbard of Hubbard Gardens and The Quilt Nest and Yarn Boutique.