

WELCOME  
THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MARIETTA  
2023 SERVICE AUCTION  
CATALOG



**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

THE GATHERING PLACE

ADMISSION \$15 per person

Entitles you to a Bid Paddle, Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet,  
10 Country Store Tickets (Additional Country Store Tickets available 10 for \$5),  
Live Entertainment

## FUUSM Annual Service Auction

March 31, 2023

### ***Welcome to our Service Auction!***

Here are a few hints to make your evening go more smoothly:

1. There's something for everyone in this auction. Starting with the **Country Store**, if you have a paddle number, you can write it on your country store tickets. (If you don't have a paddle number, just write your name.) Your entry donation entitles you to 3 starter tickets, but you can buy as many more tickets as you wish – 10 for \$5. Put as many as you want in bags for the items you would like to win.
2. **Silent Auction** – You must have a paddle number to bid on Silent Auction as well as Set Price and Live Auction. Be sure to put the correct paddle number on the item you are bidding for. The tables will close periodically between 7:00 and 8:00. Pay attention to your bids so you don't get outbid.
3. **Set Price Items** – Don't wait to sign up for Set Price items. The number of seats available is firm. When the lines on the sign-up sheet are full, you're out of luck. Fill in one line for each seat you want.
4. **Live Auction** – Have your bid number ready to show the auctioneer and recorder when you win a bid.
5. **Payment** – Payment can be made with cash, credit card, or check.

Thanks to **Chris Jacobs** for returning once again as our amazing auctioneer.

Thanks to all the donors, without whom there would be no auction. And thanks to the competent team of volunteers who have returned year after year to insure that you have as pleasant an experience as possible.

***NOTE: A chronological list of auction event dates is included on the last page of this catalog.***

**Now, go bid on something!**

### **1. GREEK DINNER TO YOUR DOOR**

*Offered by Stassa and Jay Phillips*

Call your friends, set the table, and wait for the Phillips to bring you this authentic Greek meal. Choice of either Greek Lasagna or Greek Chicken w/Vegetables. Includes salad, baklava, and a bottle of Ouzo!  
Two week advance notice.

**Selling: 1**

### **2. SUNSET BREAKFAST**

*Offered by Dave & Shari Ballantyne and Nancy Lee*

Sail into the sunset on the deck of the SS Caro-Lane, Captains Dave & Shari Ballantyne and First Mate Nancy Lee at your service. Enjoy a leisurely buffet breakfast including assorted quiches, fruit, croissants, Danish pastries, and biscuits & gravy while sipping Mimosas and watching the sun slowly set. Bring only your imagination [especially if it's raining!] and a cruising state of mind.

Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. 218 Caro Lane, Marietta OH

**Selling: 12 seats**

### **3. BOW WOW BASKET**

*Offered by Christina Thrasher*

Live auction item pet gift basket with a Includes a \$60 gift certificate for Comfort Clips Mobile Grooming, pet toys, pet snacks, and pet-themed kitchen towels and accessories. \$90 value

**Selling: 1**

### **4. A POETIC DINNER**

*Offered by Martha McGovern and Beth Lepore*

Come celebrate National Poetry Day with poems and a fine dinner. We will share favorite poems as we enjoy a leisurely multi-course dinner. Select 3 of your favorite poems and be ready to share them orally. They can be sad or silly, serious, touching, or satiric. (You will probably share just one, but the others give you flexibility for variety and are back-ups in case we have duplication.) Feel free to be attired as you think a poet ought to be ...

Saturday, October 14, 2023. Gather at 5:30pm. 5-119 The Fields, Williamstown, WV

**Selling: 12 seats**

### **5. CREATE YOUR OWN MANDALA**

*Offered by Chris Hoke*

Mandalas are found in many cultures and are often used in the performance of sacred rites and as an instrument of meditation. Join artist, Chris Hoke, for a workshop where you will explore and create your own mandala using various art materials. We will do individual and collaborative mandala designs. Along the way, you'll discuss the history of mandalas and the symbolism of shapes, colors, and numbers. Art materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring some of your own.

Saturday, August 5, 2023, 1pm. FUUSM Social Hall

**Selling: 6 seats Minimum bid: \$25**

## 6. DATE NIGHT BASKET

*Offered by Christina Thrasher*

Combine this basket with the Stay-Cation Basket and you've got a weekend on the town and drinks on the deck! Includes \$50 Levee House Bistro gift card, three bottles of Raven Glen Ohio wine, two wine glasses, and Godiva chocolates. \$90 value.

**Selling: 1**

## 7. SUNSET SAFARI FOR 2

*Offered by Gwen & George Banziger, Debra Miller & Jim Grecni*

Experience the magic of the Wilds! You and a friend/spouse/partner/random stranger will enjoy a buffet style dinner on the deck of the Overlook Café before boarding an Open-Air Safari for a guided tour through the open range at feeding time when the animals are most active. OR maybe you'd rather take the Wildside Tour or the Horseback Sunset Safari! Your gift certificate can be applied to any of the Wilds Specialty Tours!! Visit <https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org/> to learn more and to book your tour. \$178 value/each.

**Selling: 2 certificates GOOD FOR 5 YEARS**

## 8. DAWN HEWITT SIGNATURE PIE

*Offered by Kim and Diane McMichael*

One fresh out of the oven – and still warm - Blueberry Rhubarb Pie. Have your fork ready – you're going to want to eat this right away. One just like it recently sold for \$100!!

**Selling: 1**

## 9. PRIVATE ART LESSON – DRAWING FACES

*Offered by LeeAnn Gallucci*

During this 2 hour private art lesson you will learn the formulas for placing facial features, tips on how to make the features look natural, shadowing, and adjusting for drawing children's faces. Your lesson can take place in your own home (limited to Wood Co, the Belpre area or Marietta area) or at LeeAnn's home/studio in Rockport WV. In either case, the buyer is welcome to invite a few friends or family, including children. All materials supplied.

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$25**

## 10. POLLINATOR PARADISE

*Offered by Rebecca Phillips*

Have you been wanting to do your part to increase biodiversity in your little corner of the world but are not sure how? Fort Street Pollinator Habitat volunteer Rebecca Phillips will design a planting for you using Homegrown National Park principles and your favorite colors, any size from an eighteen-inch container for your porch to a suburban yard. A shopping trip (to a nursery or online) and the first \$50 worth of plants are part of the package.

**Selling: 1**

### **11. 3 NIGHTS AT THE FARMHOUSE AT RISING MOON FARM**

*Offered by Chris Hoke & Al Tuttle*

Enjoy up to 3 nights in the old farmhouse - a great place for family get-aways or small group retreats. Wonderful area for plein-air artists, nature photographers, hiking, bird watching, bicycle riding on back country roads, and just getting away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. In addition to numerous species of birds, you can expect deer, raccoons, opossum, coyotes, snakes, bugs, and occasionally the neighbor's cows. Bring and prepare your own food in the fully equipped kitchen. This is a rural, semi-rustic experience - no TV reception, no internet, no cell phone service. You'll want to dress accordingly for the weather and outdoor adventures. Rising Moon Farm is situated in rural Tyler County West Virginia approximately 10 miles from the Ohio River and 40 miles north of Parkersburg WV and seven miles southwest of Middlebourne, WV. Book your stay anytime May – October depending on availability.

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$150**

### **12. VILLAGE CAKERY 2-LAYER CAKE**

*Offered by Linda Lawton & Ted Goertzel*

Here's a sweet deal! Two gift certificates for custom two-layer cakes from Village Cakery. Winning bidder may take one or both. Your choice of cake, filling and custom decorations by Linda's sister, Cindy Mallahan. Cakes can be picked up in Barlow. Please allow one week lead time for cake.

**Selling: 2**

### **13. BREAKFAST TOMORROW BASKET**

*Offered by Martha McGovern*

Saturday morning never tasted so good! Includes a \$25 gift certificate and sample treats from The Bakery in Williamstown.

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$25**

### **14. PRIMP YOUR RIDE**

*Offered by Dawn Hewitt*

Car detailing. Get your car meticulously vacuumed, interior washed and/or wiped down, windows washed inside and out, exterior thoroughly washed and waxed (car-wash, not paste), trim polished, wheels made shiny (if they're supposed to be), etc. Not sure the new-car smell will be restored, but your car will be as clean, inside and out, as non-professionally possible.

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$60**

### **15. 12 MONTHS OF SWEET TREATS**

*Offered by Dawn Hewitt*

The UU's favorite baker will provide a home-baked dessert delivered to your door each month, April 2023 through March 2024. To up the anticipation level, your dessert might be a pie, cake, cookies, fruit crisp, or whatever strikes the baker's fancy. No matter what, you're gonna love it!

**Selling: 1**

## **16. WEEKEND IN THE 'LITTLE TOWN THAT ROCKS'**

*Offered by Anna De Hermanas & Rhea Bockhorst*

3 night stay at the lovely home of Anna and Rhea in Black Mountain NC, the weekend of the annual Sourwood Festival, August 11-13. The downstairs digs have a Queen futon, kitchenette and coffee maker, and a separate entrance and bath. You can walk to Town (if you're fit/ it's the mountains!) and enjoy the arts and crafts fair, music, food, and of course, sourwood honey. There are great hiking trails in Montreat and the Blue Ridge Parkway is just a 15 minute drive away. Your hosts are available as guides or you can explore the area on your own.

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$100.**

## **17. DECK OR DRIVEWAY POWER WASH**

*Offered by Bruce Redden & Wes Marshall*

You've got company coming and lots to do to get ready. Why not have Bruce come over and power wash your deck or your driveway?! Day and time to be arranged. \$100 - \$150 value.

**Selling: 1**

## **18. PAELLA DINNER**

*Offered by Diana Bonnell*

You won't want to miss this authentic Spanish Paella dinner of chorizo, chicken, shrimp, mussels, and scallops. Enjoy tapas and Sangria while you wait for the Paella to cook and dessert and coffee afterwards. Que delicioso!

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 5:00pm. 106 Bittersweet Dr., Marietta OH

**Selling: 6 seats.**

## **19. GARDEN GODDESS PEACE POLE**

*Offered by Jane Tumas-Serna*

Grace your outdoor space with a colorful 4-foot-tall garden pole celebrating the goddess and peace. It is similar to the one in the FUUSM courtyard. Includes the materials needed to set it up in your garden or yard.

**Selling: 1**

## **20. KAREN BINKLEY ORIGINAL QUILT - "SPRING TULIP GARDEN"**

*Offered by Karen Binkley*

You'll have nothing but sweet dreams under this gorgeous twin-size handmade quilt. Although sized for a twin with tulips on top and stripes draped over the edges, it could just as beautifully serve as a coverlet on a larger bed. Actual size: 86"x 66" / 7'2"x 5'6".

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$200**

## **21. HOMEMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS-BUCKEYES**

*Offered by Christina Thrasher*

Ten dozen [that's 120 pieces!!!] fresh, homemade Buckeyes! Everyone loves this classic holiday confection – but making them, not so much. This would make a great gift or you can just eat them all yourself. Order anytime between November 1 and December 20, 2023. Please allow 1 week advance notice.

**Selling: 1**

## **22. 3 BOTTLES OF AWARD-WINNING PECH MERLE WINE**

*Offered by Linda Lawton & Ted Goertzel*

The Pech Merle Winery, located in the Sonoma Valley, is owned by Bruce Lawton, Linda Lawton's brother. Linda has persuaded Bruce to donate some of his award-winning wines: Sauvignon Blanc (named Editor's Choice by Wine Enthusiast), Zinfandel (named Gold by the San Francisco Chronicle) Rose (named Best of Show in the International Wine Competition), Vigonier, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Linda has arranged the wines into four lots; each lot includes two Reds and one White.

**Selling: 4 Minimum bid: \$50**

## **23. PRIVATE ART LESSON – WORKING WITH COLOR**

*Offered by LeeAnn Gallucci*

During this 2 hour private art lesson you will learn the basics of using colors. The lesson will include primary, secondary, and complimentary colors; mixing colors, shading, and tips on creating form; and centers of interest using color. Includes all materials including acrylic paints, brushes, and multipurpose paper. Your lesson can take place in your own home (limited to Wood Co, the Belpre area or Marietta area) or at LeeAnn's home/studio in Rockport WV. In either case, the buyer is welcome to invite a few friends or family, including children.

**Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$25**

## **24. FRAMED QUILT PIECE "CHOCOLATE ON THE LEVEE"**

*Offered by Karen Binkley*

Proclaim your love for all things chocolate with this unique original art quilt creation by Karen Binkley with beading by Lori Fahn. Framed by Rita Schultheis at RVS Art Framing.

**Selling: 1**

## **25. SUN MOTIF MOSAIC GARDEN STONE**

*Offered by Bruce Henthorn*

This beautiful original garden stone crafted by Bruce Henthorn will light up your garden ... or any space where it is displayed.

**Selling: 1**

## **26. 3 HOURS OF YARD WORK**

*Offered by Mark Krivchenia*

Mark can – and will – help with any kind of yard work, but his specialty is removing invasive plants. If your property is strangled by English ivy, plagued by multiflora rose, or overwhelmed by honeysuckle, this is an opportunity you don't want to miss.

**Selling: 2**

## **27. STAY-CATION BASKET**

*Offered by Christina Thrasher*

Invite an out of town guest or treat yourself to a night away from home. Includes an overnight stay at the historic Lafayette Hotel, 5 bottles of Sun Soaked Moscato, and Godiva chocolates. \$130 value.

**Selling: 1**

### **28. BIRDING AND BREAKFAST**

*Offered by Dawn Hewitt & Betsy Kalter*

Bring your binocular and meet Dawn Hewitt at Oak Grove Cemetery for a birding outing when songbird migration is at its peak! Expect a leisurely walk through the hilly cemetery where you can learn the basics of birding by ear and, with luck, get good looks at species including summer tanager, eastern bluebird, brown thrasher, and whatever warblers happen to be passing through that morning. (No binocular? No problem.) At 9-ish, we'll depart for Dawn's house for a yummy breakfast on her deck (weather permitting) amid the birds. Saturday, May 13, 2023, 7am.

**Selling: 10 seats**

### **29. BREAD OF THE MONTH CLUB**

*Offered by Adeline Bailey*

From April 2023 to April 2024, Adeline will bake a different bread for you each month. It may be hearty or sweet, yeast or quick, white, mixed grain, whole wheat, or even gluten free - baker's choice! But always fresh and homemade. Delivery or pick up to be arranged.

**Selling: 1**

### **30. YARD MOW & TRIM**

*Offered by Bruce Redden & Wes Marshall*

This would make a great gift for that neighbor who needs a hand, a friend who's going out of town...or maybe for you! Date to be arranged. \$75 value.

**Selling: 1**

### **31. CSA PRODUCE BOX**

*Offered by Chris and Kelcey Jacobs*

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Buy this item and you will enjoy 11 weeks of fresh, local produce from Worthington Farms. Each box is for 1-2 people, filled with fresh vegetables and fruit based on what is in season. You will be able to pick up your box at Rockstar Wellness on Second Street in Marietta. Recipes for items in the box are included!

**Selling: 1**

### **32. RELAXATION BASKET**

*Offered by Christina Thrasher*

Set the mood for 'mellow'. Includes an \$80 gift certificate from Engles Natural Healing & Massage, 3 bottles of Opera Prima Sparkling Moscato, two wine glasses, and Godiva chocolates. \$120 value.

**Selling: 1**

### **33. ROBIN BOZIAN'S PEKING [BEIJING] DUCK**

*Offered by Robin Bozian*

Be a stress-free "host with the most". Two crispy ducks complete with Po-ping pancakes, Hoisin sauce, and green onion brushes. Serves 8-12 depending on whether it's the main dish or one of several. Delivery or pick up to be arranged.

**Selling: 1**

### 34. UU CHALICE STAINED GLASS GARDEN STONE

*Offered by Bruce Henthorn*

Add this beautiful original garden stone crafted by Bruce Henthorn to your garden ... or give it as a gift to one of your UU gardening friends or family members.

**Selling: 1**

## AUCTION 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

|                                |                                       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday, April 30, 5pm          | Paella Dinner                         |
| Saturday, May 13, 7am          | Birding and Breakfast                 |
| Sunday, June 11, 5pm           | Valley Gem cruise                     |
| Sunday, July 23, 5pm           | Wine and Paint Pouring Party          |
| Saturday, August 5, 1pm        | Create Your Own Mandala               |
| Fri-Sun, August 11-13          | Weekend in The Little Town That Rocks |
| Saturday, August 26, 7pm       | Sunset Breakfast                      |
| Saturday, September 30, 5pm    | Sing for Your Supper                  |
| Saturday, October 7, 5pm       | Home, Home on the Range               |
| Saturday, October 14, 5:30pm   | A Poetic Dinner                       |
| Friday, October 20, 6pm        | Puzzles and Pizza                     |
| Sunday, February 11, 2024, 5pm | Super Bowl Party                      |

# SET PRICE ITEMS

## VISIT THE SET PRICE TABLE TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS

### HOME, HOME ON THE RANGE

*Offered by Gillian Abbot, Bob Lanese, Cathy and Ron Rees*

Come circle your wagon for an evening around the campfire. Traditional picnic food and beverages will be served [vegetarian options available upon request]. Then join the deer and the UUs to play around the cozy fire. No one will be discouraged from that second [or third] S'mores!! Dress warmly and bring a chair.

Saturday, October 7, 2023. 5:00pm [rain date Sunday, October 8, 2023]

Rees Farm, 501 Millcreek Rd., Marietta OH

**Selling: 25 seats**

**\$25 per person**

### SUPER BOWL PARTY IN FERNCLIFF

*Offered by LeRoy McCarty, Kat Hawbaker, Stassa & Jay Phillips*

Join your 'super hosts' for homemade chili, party snacks, beer, and wine while you cheer on your favorite 'American Gladiators' – or just enjoy the half-time show and crazy commercials!

February 11, 2024. 5pm till it's over.

650 Ferncliff Dr., Marietta OH

**Selling: 12 seats**

**\$15 per person**

### PUZZLES AND PIZZA : A JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

*Offered by Mike and Adeline Bailey*

Come test your skills and work on your visual-spatial recognition while you socialize with fellow jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts! We'll set up tables for teams of four (bring your own team if you wish) to work on different puzzles with the same number of pieces. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout, with timed breaks to enjoy pizza and see how everyone is doing. Competition ends at 8:30 or whenever the first puzzle is completed. Prizes for first and second place teams!

Friday, October 20, 2023, 6:00 - 9:30pm. FUUSM Social Hall

**Selling: 24 seats**

**\$25 per person**

### BEGINNER TAI CHI – INTRODUCTORY COURSE

*Offered by Darryl Ting*

A beginning class in exercise Tai Chi. You'll learn the exercise sequence called the Beijing 24, in the Yang style ... characterized by slow, flowing movement. Tai Chi works on improving your general health, but particularly on balance and muscle tone. Classes (6 participants max) will be twice a week for the first month, then weekly for the following month. Participants will have the option of continuing for the full course for an additional \$50. Class times to be worked out among the participants.

Taught by Darryl Ting, who has been doing Tai Chi since 2011.

**\$50 per person**

## **BEGINNER TAI CHI – COMPLETE COURSE**

*Offered by Darryl Ting*

A beginning class in exercise Tai Chi. You'll learn the exercise sequence called the Beijing 24, in the Yang style ... characterized by slow, flowing movement. Tai Chi works on improving your general health, but particularly on balance and muscle tone. Classes (6 participants max) will be twice a week for the first month, then weekly. It usually takes 5-6 months to become functional ... knowing what and how to do it, and able to do it without an instructor. Class times to be worked out among the participants.

Taught by Darryl Ting, who has been doing Tai Chi since 2011.

**\$100 per person**

## **SING FOR YOUR SUPPER**

*Offered by Shari & Dave Ballantyne*

At this dinner, all conversation will be in song for the first half hour (know what you're thinking, but....doesn't start until everyone has arrived). You must participate at least three times. If you forget and talk, you're out of the running for the prize, but must continue conversing in song. The last person singing, wins the prize. In case of a tie there will be a drawing. Prize is a \$50.00 gift card.

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 5:00pm. 218 Caro Lane, Marietta OH

**Selling: 12 seats**

**\$25 per person**

## **WINE AND PAINT POURING PARTY**

*Offered by Cindy Brown*

We're going to imbibe a little wine [or a lot, your choice], nosh on some hors d'oeuvres, and unleash your inner Jackson Pollock! Everyone will go home with at least two original paintings they'll be proud to display. All materials provided. No previous art experience – or talent! - necessary.

Sunday, July 23, 2023, 5pm. 311 Lawton Rd., Marietta OH

**Selling: 10 seats**

**\$20 per person**

## **UU RIVER CRUISE**

Join fellow FUUSM members and friends for a private 2-hour cruise on Marietta's beautiful rivers. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks included; cash bar available. Stay tuned for more information as your hosts work out the details of this unique event!

Sunday, June 11, 2023, 5-7pm. Valley Gem Sternwheeler, 601 Front St., Marietta OH

**Selling: 55 seats**

**\$30 per person**

## **SPONSORSHIP : *SINGING THE JOURNEY* HYMNBOOK**

Worship & Music Committee would like to have a sign-up for donation of copies of *Singing the Journey: A Supplement to *Singing the Living Tradition**. As a Choir and congregation, we are using hymns from this supplement more frequently, and the Choir, in particular, needs a copy for each member when we perform. Sponsors may request that their copy be labeled "in honor of" or "in memory of".

**\$20 per copy**