

The North Lakeland Discovery Center presents



The Big Event
Discovering New Pathways



Sunday, May 27

4:00 PM

**The North Lakeland Discovery Center
Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin**

Live and Featured Silent Auction Catalog



Live Auction



BRYAN MERGEN

Red Garage Auction Co.

Bryan Mergen discovered a love of auctions as a small child while attending cattle and estate sales with his father. He started out as an auction ringman and clerk in his teens which further fueled his enthusiasm for becoming an auctioneer. Bryan graduated from auction school in 1998 and has been developing his craft for nearly 20 years. He founded Red Garage Auction Co. in 2012 and was selected as the 2013 Wisconsin State Champion Auctioneer. Bryan takes pride in being able to combine the speed and efficiency needed in a traditional personal property auction with the charisma and energy needed for a successful benefit auction. He is equally comfortable selling a benefit event for a local hunting club or for a celebrity event in New York City. Bryan holds a BS in Agribusiness from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, an MS in Food and Agribusiness from Purdue and MBA from Indiana University. Most importantly he is happily married to wife Beth and has three sons, Jack 7, Benjamin 5 and two year old Joseph.



Live Auction Items

NORTHWOODS AIRPLANE TOUR

Donated by Jerry and Karen Wilke and Bill Lauer

See the beautiful Northwoods forests and lakes from a new perspective! Commercial pilot and certified flight instructor Bill Lauer will fly up to 3 people in either a float plane or a traditional land plane for an hour-long tour of your choice. See the Ashland/Bayfield area or Copper Peak and Lake of the Clouds from above. Meet at the Musky Point Resort in Mercer. There are no date or season restrictions, and no expiration date on this item.



REHABILITATED RAPTOR RELEASE

Donated by Northwoods Wildlife Center

This is your once in a lifetime opportunity for up to 5 people (one family) to observe the release of a magnificent raptor that has been rehabilitated under the care of the Northwoods Wildlife Center in Minocqua. The releases will be scheduled for the care and success of each particular animal during the summer or fall of 2018 and at the discretion of the Northwoods Wildlife Center.

Be a part of a raptor's successful return to the wild. Winners will be notified of the dates of releases and make arrangements for time and location with Director of Rehabilitation Amanda Walsh.

Northwoods Wildlife Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 wildlife rehabilitation and education facility located in Minocqua, Wisconsin. Your family will never forget the moment these powerful birds fly free once again.



ELTON JOHN FAREWELL TOUR

Donated by Robert von Holdt, CFP, Ameriprise Financial Services

You and a friend will be VIP guests of the "Farewell Yellow Brick Road," billed as Elton John's final tour, the end of half a century on the road. This stage production will take you on a musical and highly visual journey spanning a 50-year career of hits like no one has ever seen before. Show takes place February 21, 2019 at the Target Center in Minneapolis. This Spotlight VIP Experience Package includes complimentary valet parking, pre-show party including wine, beer, soda and heavy appetizers in the new Lexus Courtside Club and reserved seats in section 112. See the legendary Elton John one final time!



3-NIGHT DOOR COUNTY GETAWAY

Donated by The Rushes, The Cornerstone Pub and Restaurant, Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant and Butik, Dorothy and Jim Wahner

Your 3-Night Door County Getaway is based in scenic Baileys Harbor, Wis. at the Rushes Timeshare Resort on Kangaroo Lake. Located on the eastern shore of the Door County peninsula, Baileys Harbor has over 6,000 acres of public lands for exploration. At the Rushes, your relaxing 2-bedroom, 2-bath condominium includes 1400 square feet. 2 decks overlook Kangaroo Lake and 1/2 mile of shore frontage. Explore the recreation center, including indoor pool, whirlpool, steam room, exercise room, game room, and lounge area. Woodland trails for walking, jogging, cross country skiing and snowshoeing are located throughout the resort. Activities include tennis courts, volleyball, badminton, basketball, shuffleboard, putting green and a children's play area, and scheduled activities Mon-Thurs could include naturalist hikes, crafts, or a welcome wine and cheese.

Each townhouse includes a master bedroom with private sundeck, guest bedroom with twin beds, two bathrooms, complete kitchen and a natural Door County fieldstone fireplace and patio.

(Based on availability - Excluding Memorial Day to Labor Day)

In Baileys Harbor, enjoy a visit to the Baileys Harbor Cornerstone Pub and Restaurant for fish and chips or beef stew and a view of the marina across the street with a \$25 gift card.

This package also includes two (2) \$25 gift certificates to Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant and Butik, located in Sister Bay. No visit to Door County can be complete without a visit to the famous restaurant with grass roof complete with grazing goats.

Finally, your gas tank will thank you with a \$25 gift card to BP for a driving tour of all that Door County has to offer.



TUSCANY TRUFFLE HUNT

Cortona Countryside Villa, Truffle Hunting, Daily Chef-Prepared Breakfast, 7-Night Stay for Up to 4

This Experience Includes:

- ◇ 7-night stay in a private villa for up to 4 people in Tuscany (Cortona, Italy)
- ◇ Daily chef-prepared breakfast
- ◇ Truffle hunting, tasting and lunch
- ◇ Daily maid service
- ◇ Winespire booking & concierge service

The sun-soaked hill towns of central Italy offer what to many is the quintessential Italian experience. Slow down and enjoy the pace of the countryside so you can savor the delights that this region offers. Made famous in the novel and movie *Under the Tuscan Sun*, Cortona is rich with historic churches including the Duomo, Cortona's Renaissance cathedral, 16th-century farmhouses and atmospheric enoteche serving famously tasty wines and homemade pasta. Stroll through town and you'll be rewarded with fabulous views of the countryside along the medieval town walls.

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Private Villa in Tuscany

Enjoy a 7-night stay for up to four people in a 2-bedroom, 3-bath villa in the Cortona countryside. Surrounded by olive groves and overlooking the peaceful valley of Valdichiana, you'll experience the best of both worlds with an ideal location for a private getaway within a short distance to the town of Cortona. The outdoor terrace offers beautiful views and a perfect spot for barbecues and dining al fresco. The garden and private swimming pool allow guests to relax under the Tuscan sun.



This charming Tuscan villa has maintained many of its authentic original features without compromising modern comfort. Amenities include air conditioning, heating, WIFI access, satellite TV, daily maid service and a washing machine.

This package is for a Saturday-Saturday stay for up to four people; upgrades to a larger villa may be available for a fee if you wish to bring additional guests.

Truffle Hunting

Participate in a unique and desirable experience to learn about the seduction of truffles at this beautiful medieval hamlet set in the Tuscan Woods. Join expert hunters with their trained dogs who will show you how to find and dig up truffles. After, you will visit a small truffle museum at a local farm and learn how to use and preserve the precious produce. Savor a marvelous 4-course lunch with local truffle-based dishes and delicious wines all prepared and served by the farmhouse owner. Between the truffle hunt, museum visit and lunch, plan to spend a half-day enjoying this once-in-a-lifetime adventure for your party of up to four.



The peak truffle hunting season is March to November, but since this is a natural reserve, there is ample harvest year-round. If you prefer, an alternate experience or tour can be substituted, such as walking or biking tours, cheese making with tastings, or cooking classes.



NOTE: Cortona is approximately a 1.5-hour drive from Florence and a 2.5-hour drive from Rome. Nearby cities: Perugia 45 km; Siena 70 km; Florence 100 km; Rome 205 km; Pisa 200 km.

Winspire Booking & Concierge Service

Winspire provides a team of seasoned travel professionals who will help you redeem your experience. All travel related details and reservations are handled for every part of your Winspire experience. Operating as a full-service travel agency, Winspire can assist with extra hotel nights, airfare upgrades, and additional guests. This service also provides you with an established network of onsite contacts who can help you book additional experiences, activities and tours.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Must be booked a minimum of 60 days in advance. Reservations are subject to availability and villa may be substituted for comparable or better property. Certificates cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed. All purchases are non-refundable. Packages cannot be resold. Ground transportation is not included.



SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRDING

Your ears and eyes will delight with the beautiful songs and colors of Southeastern Arizona Birding, guided by trip leaders John Bates and Mary Burns. This trip to birding grounds of the southwest takes place March 21-26, 2019 and includes Coronado National Monument, hummingbird hotspot Ramsey Canyon, Madera Canyon, Saguaro National Monument and much more. Full trip itinerary available.



You'll begin along the San Pedro River at the Holy Trinity Monastery in St. David. Dinner and accommodations in Bisbee, including the Copper Queen Hotel, Arizona's oldest continually running hotel.

Visit the Coronado National Monument, Mary Jo's famous Ash Canyon bird feeding station in the Huachuca Mountains, and the Ramsey Canyon, one of America's best-known sites for hummingbirds, followed by dinner in Sierra Vista. You'll also explore San Pedro House and San Pedro river, a migratory hot spot for birding.



You'll spend a morning in Box Canyon, where views stretch across mountain ranges and basins of the Coronado National Forest, and the afternoon and evening in Madera Canyon, one of the most famous birding spots in the United States.

Your final day, you'll visit Saguaro National Monument, located in a vast expanse of saguaro and cholla cacti, palo verde and mesquite trees, and a variety of flowering shrubs situated in the verdant Sonoran desert. You'll travel through several life zones in the Coronado National Forest, driving from 3,500 feet to nearly 10,000 feet in elevation, with dinner and accommodations back in Tucson.



Add to your life list of birds with possible sightings of Lark Sparrow, Phainopepla, Gila Woodpecker, Cassin's Kingbird, Green-tailed Towhee, Greater Roadrunner, Bewick's Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Rufous-backed Robin, Gray Hawk, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Bridled Titmouse, Painted Redstart, Montezuma Quail, Hepatic Tanager, Cassin's Finch, Pine Siskins, Lesser Goldfinches, Spotted Towhee, Mexican Jay, Scott's Oriole, Arizona Woodpecker, Bushtit, 14 species of Hummingbirds, Acorn woodpeckers, Vermilion Flycatcher, Say's Phoebe, Black Phoebe, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Elf Owl, Whiskered Screech-owl, and many, many more.

This item is for up to 4 seats. Number of seats purchased will be determined by the highest bidder. Cost includes all accommodations, transportation in Arizona, and guide. Cost does not include flight transportation to and from Tucson and meals.



4-NIGHT COLORADO SUMMIT STAY

Donated by Tom and Jeannie Joseph

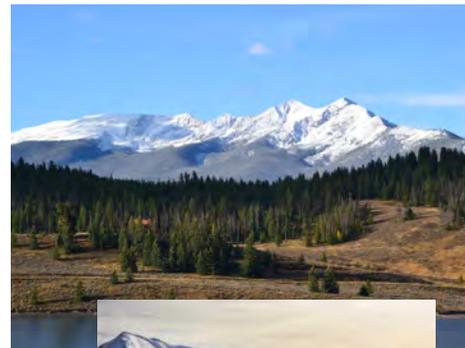
Your Colorado Mountain Retreat in Dillon, Colorado is located within minutes of Summit County world-class ski resorts such as Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper Mountain and Arapahoe Basin, and just a short drive from Vail/Beaver Creek.

This mountain and lake view town home is a comfortable 3200 square foot, 6-bedroom, 5-bath middle unit in a 3-unit residential complex, featuring an outdoor deck overlooking Lake Dillon, wood-burning fireplace, breakfast bar for entertaining, and downstairs, a second large family room for the kids to relax. You'll appreciate the heated garage, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and additional amenities available at Corinthian subdivision, including a hot tub, sauna, and heated pool after a day of skiing or exploring the outdoors.

Dillon is on the shores of Lake Dillon and only an hour and 15 minute drive to downtown Denver. Outdoor recreation abounds including hiking, horseback riding, and fly fishing. Nearby towns of Frisco and Silverthorne offer even more dining, recreation and shopping options.

One special night out will include dining at the Ski Tip Lodge with your \$200 gift certificate, one of the most acclaimed restaurants in the country. (Need to make reservations well in advance.) Once an 1800's stage coach stop, the Lodge serves up a weekly-rotating four course menu in the intimate dining room.

Available Nov. 1 - April 30 only, Monday through Thursday.



BOW OR YOUTH DEER HUNT

Donated by Mike Purnell

Your hunting grounds for bow hunting or a youth hunt and a mentor are located on 500 acres of big buck country in Richland County, Wisconsin. This area is fair chase, unfenced, wild deer and is known for world-class deer harvest.

Winner can choose between a bow hunt for one person in the fall of 2018 or a youth hunt for a youth and mentor October 6-7, 2018. Dates must be decided by June 15, 2018. Food and lodging are included. Guest will stay at the "Roost," donor's home in Richland County, in a camp atmosphere with other hunters likely to be present. Nothing special about the food except that everything tastes wonderful at deer camp! Someone will hunt with the winner and provide knowledge of the hunt and land.

Tree stands, closed hunting blinds and ground blinds are provided. You bring your clothes, gun or bow and necessary license.

This is a great opportunity for a chance at a legendary buck!



GOURMET DINNER AT BLUE BAYOU

Donated by Blue Bayou

The Blue Bayou Inn is the Northwoods' home of Louisiana style cooking - "as far north as the South will ever get." Rita, Penny and Matt Mazur welcome you with Southern Hospitality to a truly gastronomical dining experience! Celebrate a special occasion with friends or family and savor this Five Course Gourmet Dinner with Wine Pairing, offered for up to 6 people. Redeemable Monday through Thursday, 72-hour advance notice, based on availability. Enjoy legendary Louisiana cooking, views of Lake Manitowish, and New Orleans charm at the legendary Blue Bayou.

Certificate expires Oct. 11, 2018. Wine pairings included, other beverages available for purchase, gratuity not included.



MUSIC IN THE PARK CRUISE

Donated by Northwoods Home and Pontoon Rentals and Pamela Maxson-Cooper and Jack Cooper

Your Sunday Music in the Park excursion begins with a pontoon cruise of the Manitowish Chain, for you and up to 9 of your friends - a great way to showcase our beautiful lakes! You'll be served in style with gourmet appetizers and dinner provided by Julie Kay's Kitchen, along with premium wine and beer. The destination is Music in the Park, featuring Hip Pocket on July 29, 2018. Your captain of the cruise is our own Executive Director John Heusinkveld and he'll be assisted by first mate Rolf Ethun.



COSTA RICA ESTATE GETAWAY

Donated by Del Chmielewski

Your one-week private estate stay in Costa Rica is located in an exclusive mountain side development on 13 private acres. You'll enjoy the panoramic 50 mile Pacific coastline view from every room of the 2,400 square foot Kincaid design house, including the 2 master suites with 16 foot patio doors and murano italy chandeliers, perfect for 2 couples. The Whales Tail View room has 1 king, 1 double, and oceanview from shower and bedroom. The OSA Peninsula View also has 1 king, 1 double, and Oceanview from Shower and Bedroom.

The living room holds 2 couches, 2 sitting chairs and deck chairs. The kitchen features custom made cabinets with granite countertops, perfect for prepping a meal for dinner at the custom made dining table for 6 in the dining room, or enjoy dining outside. You could also request the services of a chef, available on request.

Take in the outdoor sights and sounds of primary jungle, with an abundance of toucans and cusingas, or soak in the outdoor Infinity Edge lap pool.

Located in Uvita, Costa Rica. Quality 4wd vehicle recommended.

Owner offers complete concierge services at no extra charge. Excludes Christmas, New Years, Envisionfest and Easter week. For groups over 4 persons an Upgrade to 3 bedroom main house or both houses can be arranged for additional charge. 12 person maximum.



MYSTERY PURSE

Donated by Lauren and Kevin Prentiss

The contents of a woman's purse may be a mystery, but we're sure you're going to love this one! Watch for the designer red purse at the Big Event. We've added some goodies of our own, but even we won't know everything that is inside!



LAKE SUPERIOR GUIDED FISHING

Donated by Russ Sleight of Sleight's Guide Service

Get your party of four ready for an epic half day of fishing on the largest freshwater lake on earth: Lake Superior. Trip guided by Master Captain Russ Sleight.

The state-of-the-art 28 foot Hewes Craft boat features a sink, stove, stand-up head, table, grill, Coast Guard approved equipment, and a roomy V berth. Adventure begins from your choice of five different harbors. All fishing equipment is provided. We offer a variety of locations to meet your fishing needs and time.

Experience the "Big Lake" - Gitche Gumee fishing

Fish Wisconsin and/or Michigan waters

All fishing equipment provided--rods, baits, flies, and electronic radar

Fish will be cleaned for you.

Vacuum packing of your fish is also available.

Bring your own valid fishing license.

You supply lunch for yourself and the guide.



BE A CRANBERRY FARMER

Donated by Bartling's Manitowish Cranberry Co. Inc.

Experience cranberry harvest like never before. Spend the day as a farmer helping Bartling's 4th generation family farm harvest the cranberry crop. Receive a behind the scenes tour of the harvest operation, lend a hand in the fruit receiving station, and enjoy a hot lunch alongside the rest of the cranberry crew. From bog to bin, now is your opportunity to learn about Wisconsin's state fruit, this important industry, and Bartling's local family farming operation. Experience will be catered to your ability, for up to 2 people.

Mid-September to Mid-October 2018. Contact Becca Bartling in late August to schedule your day.



ART AND APERTIFS

Donated by Frances Whitfield and Barbara McFarland

You'll be treated to an evening of creativity, wine tasting, and inspired hors d'oeuvres when you join Frances Whitfield and Barbara McFarland in Barbara's artist studio. This evening for up to 6 people will spend 3 hours creating a painting while sipping wine and sampling gourmet delights with the theme of a "taste of the Mediterranean."

Reservations may be made after July 2018. Expires July 2019.



FUND-A-WISH 2018

GARDENS & GROUNDS

Our Gardens & Grounds represent the heart of the Discovery Center. They are our outdoor classroom, a destination for visitors to explore, habitat for our wildlife, and where we complete our mission. You can give our students quality educational materials whether participating in a program or a self-directed exploration, our visitors updated trail maps and signage, and our wonderful volunteers safe and appropriate tools for their use.

Help give our valuable teaching resource - the Discovery Center's gardens and grounds - the attention they deserve, and our visitors the best experience possible.



Featured Silent Auction Items

This is only a small sample of Silent Auction Items. For a complete listing, see <http://lakeland18.gesture.com>, and see them up close at the event!

MOBILE BIDDING

We are featuring mobile bidding for our silent auction. **Please remember to bring a fully charged cell phone to the event!**

No cell phone? No problem! Gesture team members or a Discovery Center volunteer will be present to act as your personal shopper.



CUSTOM DESIGN GLASS ETCHING

Donated by Custom Design and Etching

Sally Litscher of Custom Design and Etching will custom design (on glass or mirror) a scene of your choice, up to a \$1,250 value.

Custom Design and Etching's original creations on glass, mirrors, slate, granite, and wood enhance the appearance of your home, office, or place of business and add lasting value.

Located in Wisconsin's Northwoods, their work is influenced strongly by the beauty of nature.



MANITOWISH LAKE WOODCUT

Donated by Eric Koster

Handmade Stained Glass Sand Hill Crane. The diameter is 23 3/4 in the round part not including the beak or feet.



CAMP JORN STAY

Donated by Camp Jorn

Camp Jorn YMCA Stay. Plan a weekend stay at one of their cabins, or one week of day camp, or one week of Resident Camp. Perfect for a family reunion, scout weekend, or girlfriend getaway. This facility has 8 separate bunk rooms with bunk beds. There are four full bathrooms and a large, comfortable commons area with full kitchen. There is a beautiful view of Rest Lake from the deck of the Longhouse. Expires March, 2019. Sorry, no pets allowed. campjornymca.org



"WILD ROMANCE" LUPIN PAINTING

Donated by Art by Brandee C.M. Benson

One of a kind, original 16 X 20 framed acrylic painting of wild lupine flowers on masonite board. Created by a local artist.



PINE & CEDAR COCKTAIL TABLE

Donated by Home Xpressions

Distressed frontier pine and cedar cocktail table.



PERCEPTION PRODIGY KAYAK

Donated by Coontail Sports

2017 Perception Prodigy Kayak "Hey Day". 10 feet long and 29 1/2" wide. Storage compartment in the back. The hull is made out of polyethylene.



Thank You and Good Luck Bidders!



Elite Sponson



Signature Sponson

Roger and Maura Denton

Premier Sponsons



Partner Sponsons

- ☞ The Wine & Beer Barn, Manitowish Waters
- ☞ Trig's Cellar 70, Minocqua
- ☞ Allstate Liquor & Wine, Milwaukee
- ☞ Terlato Wines International, Lake Bluff, IL
- ☞ Sam's Rental, Woodruff
- ☞ Jeff Long, Century 21 Real Estate, Boulder Junction
- ☞ The Lakeland Times, Minocqua

Event Sponsons

- ☞ Alliance Benefit Group, Madison
- ☞ Chuck's Excavating, Manitowish Waters
- ☞ Dairymen's Inc., Boulder Junction
- ☞ Dietz's Service, Manitowish Waters
- ☞ The Didion Gustin Costello Group, R.W. Baird & Co., Oconomowoc
- ☞ DOCKshop, Arbor Vitae
- ☞ Eagle Waste, Eagle River
- ☞ Frank Beverage Group, Middleton
- ☞ Hahn Printing, Eagle River
- ☞ Huntington Bank
- ☞ Jelinski Plumbing & Heating, Minocqua
- ☞ Liesen & Pinzl Dentistry, Woodruff
- ☞ Pukall Lumber, Arbor Vitae
- ☞ Red Crown Lodge, Arbor Vitae
- ☞ River Valley Bank, Minocqua

