

❖ *Catalog* ❖

*First Parish Silent Auction
November 11 and 18, 2012*



❖ *“We’re off to bid at the auction.”* ❖

If you haven't pre-registered, please sign up at a registration table in order to bid.



This catalog lists all the silent auction offerings as of November 1. Additional offerings, if any, will be included in a supplemental page distributed at the auction. For each listing, the dollar amount represents the minimum starting bid. The dinners and events are listed in chronological order of the date for which each one is scheduled. "Accessible" means there are no steps, but not necessarily an accessible lavatory.

What is a Silent Auction?

A silent auction means that all bidding is done by pen. A bidding sheet for each item is on a table in the parlor during social hour and you write in your bid – then you follow how your item is doing – upping your bid as necessary to win.

If you can't attend church on November 18, you can still participate. Just email your highest bid by 9 pm on Saturday, November 17 to auction@firstparishcambridge.org.

Why Should I Participate?

The annual silent auction is a great opportunity to get to know one another better while also raising money for the church. The auction supports the First Parish operating budget – it is vital that we meet our fundraising goal or some church functions will need to be cut back. So please buy generously.

What's New This Year?

This year we are trying something new – asking everyone to pre-register and obtain a bidder number. Please find the Auction Team's table during social hour in the weeks leading up to the

auction. But don't worry – if you don't get a bidder number before the auction starts, you will be able to get your number at the auction itself. Having a number means you won't have to write your phone number and email address over and over again when you bid. Your name and bidder number will be enough.

What if I forget my number?

At the auction there will be a poster with everyone's number.

Another new twist this year: during bidding, please be sure to record your name and bidder number at the bottom of the bidding sheet each time you increase your bid. Any dollar amounts that are simply crossed off and overwritten won't be counted. If you are bidding for two or more places at a dinner or event, please write your name and bid number on two or more separate lines each time.

Help us make this year's auction the most successful yet – please bid generously.

The Auction Team:

- Carol Agate*
- Loring Brinckerhoff*
- Jan Ellertsen*
- Cushing Giese*
- Jennifer Griffith*
- Ellen Liner*
- Eileen Sullivan*
- Linda West, Chair*



DINNERS



❖ Chicken Parmigiana

Saturday, February 2

Come taste Dan Bartley's world-famous Chicken Parmigiana, along with garlic bread, salad, wine and dessert in Dan and Helen's home in beautiful Huron Village.

**\$30; 6 pm; 4 guests
Cats. Not accessible
Fresh Pond area**

❖ Mardi Gras Feast

Saturday, February 9

Back by popular demand, Chef Laura Estan will prepare a traditional New Orleans dinner with King Cake, Mardi Gras trivia games, decorations, and lively zydeco music. This event will take place in the parlor at First Parish.

\$30; 20 guests

❖ Colombian Buffet

Saturday, March 2

Come to Lilia and Sam's home in West Medford for a cozy evening of good food and conversation. Lilia will prepare authentic Colombian dishes to be served buffet style. There will be both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.

**Lilia Cuervo
& Sam Berliner III
\$30; 6:30; 12 guests
No pets. Accessible.**

❖ **Stir the Pot**
Sunday, March 3

Taste recipes from "Breaking Bread," a portrait and recipe book by Lynn Anderson and photographer friend Robin Radin. They tell stories of recent immigrant families from in and around Boston through their kitchens. Michael Pollen says, "Breaking Bread' throws open a delightful window on the immigrant kitchen in America." The book captures the truth about how real food connects us to our culture, our memories and to one another. Head over to Alice Heller and Larry Childs' home near Concord Avenue in Cambridge for delicious food and connections.

\$30; 6:00; 10 guests
Cat. Not accessible

❖ **Hitchcock & Pizza**
Friday, March 8

Jennifer Griffith will host an Alfred Hitchcock movie in her home complete with vegetarian home-made pizza, beer, and popcorn with real butter (no microwaving here).

\$20; 6:30; 5 guests
Cat and dog. Not accessible

❖ **Comedy & Chicken**

Saturday, March 9
Get down together with a Richard Pryor 'Live' DVD and gnaw on some finger lickin' good, barbecue chicken wings, and other fun comedy club fare, hosted by Heidi Meyer and Bobby Vilinsky in Heidi's home.

\$20; 6:30; 5 adults
Union Square, Somerville
Small dog. One flight up

❖ **Russian Maslenitsa**

Saturday, March 16

Roughly translated as "Butter week," Maslenitsa is the traditional Russian festival that takes place in the week leading up to Orthodox Lent. Maslenitsa is similar to Carnival or Mardi Gras, but the date is usually different (as it corresponds to Orthodox Easter). The feasting and celebrating also takes a different form. The food of choice is bliny, thin pancakes that are similar to crepes. We will serve them stuffed with caviar, cheese, veggies, meats and sweets, alongside hardy soups and plenty of vodka. This dinner is vegetarian friendly. Join us for delicious Russian food and traditional Maslenitsa activities to warm up your winter.

Mara Voorhees
& Gerald Easter

\$30; 7 pm; 8 guests
Cats. Not accessible

❖ **A Sicilian Feast**

Saturday, March 23

Come join other First Parish members and friends in celebrating the start of spring through indulging in an exotic combination of tastes that is Sicilian cuisine. The food will include an eclectic mix of Mediterranean, African and Middle Eastern spices, sweet, savory and tangy. It will be complimented with Regional drinks and wine and of course great company, conversation and fun. Eight people will join Patrick Sullivan and Louise Delasi for their annual auction dinner, which promises to be quite a treat.

\$40; 7 pm; 8 guests
Porter Square
No pets. Accessible by request.

❖ **Earth Hour Dinner**

Saturday, March 30

Come enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal (complete with wine and dessert) by candlelight at Jennifer Griffith's home in East Arlington in recognition of Earth Hour. Each year since 2007 the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) has organized Earth Hour on the last Saturday of March. Join hundreds of millions of people around the world, in thousands of cities, on all seven continents, and switch off the lights to display a universal commitment to protect the planet.

Jennifer Griffith
& Kathleen Attfield
\$30; 6 guests
Cat and dog. Not accessible

❖ **Reisling Wine Tasting**

Saturday, April 20

Come to Mark Pickering and Juliette Braun's home in Watertown for a tasting of Riesling wines. Rieslings offered will run from dry to sweet and will be paired with small plates to complement them.

\$30; 6:30 pm; 6 guests
Cat. Not accessible

❖ **Seafood Primavera**

Saturday, April 27

Enjoy a delicious three-course Mediterranean dinner at Brenda Leahy's home between Porter and Union Squares. Dinner includes a healthy antipasto, seafood and spring vegetable pasta primavera and dessert along with wine and good conversation.

Eileen Sullivan
& Brenda Leahy
\$30; 6:30; 7 guests
Pets. Not accessible.

❖ Indian Dinner

Saturday, May 4

Come and enjoy some great Indian food at Rashid Shaikh and Sharon deVos' home in Inman Square. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes will be available. Food will be spicy but not hot — in other words, you will be able to enjoy the tastes without sweating.

\$30; 8 guests

❖ Middle East Cuisine

Saturday, May 18

We invite you to join us for an evening of Middle Eastern cuisine. This is an area of the world with inviting flavors, lush use of spices, and starring roles for some of our favorite ingredients: olives, almonds and grape leaves. We may dip into a few recipes from Spain and other countries around the Mediterranean as well. Great food, wine, conversation, and collegiality. Our past dinners have been remarkable foodie events; we promise more of the same.

**Lyn & Arthur Lidsky and
Lisa Dobberteen**

\$40; 8 guests

Dog (will be crated). Belmont

❖ Progressive Dinner

Sunday, May 19

Get to know fellow First Parish folks while enjoying delicious New England spring food. This progressive dinner will travel between three nearby houses in the Agassiz/Baldwin neighborhood between Harvard and Porter Squares for appetizers and drinks outside (weather permitting), a main course, and a delectable dessert — one course per house. This fun and tasty

event is not to be missed. We will do our best to accommodate food allergies. Given by Julie Ebin, Kathleen Attfield, Loring Brinckerhoff, Jan Ellertsen, Cushing Giesey, Ginger Ryan and Peter Kelsey

Julie Ebin & others

\$30; 5 p.m.; 10 guests

Pets. Not accessible

❖ Progressive Dinner

Saturday, June 22

Return of the North Cambridge Progressive Dinner. Cuisine will be likely be a Tuscan Italian dinner, with courses including adult beverages. The meal will include delicious vegetarian options. You will travel from house to house for each course. Given by: Susan Shepherd and Marcia Hams, Gloria Korsman and Kerrie Harthan, Marcia Yousik, Margaret Drury

\$30; 5 p.m.; 12 guests

Pets. Not accessible



EVENTS



❖ Fred's Sing-along

Friday, February 8

Sing songs with Fred Small in the warm and casual setting of Cornerstone Cohousing in North Cambridge. A few of his own songs may be included by request. Enjoy desserts made by Jackie Truesdale, pastry chef extraordinaire.

\$20; 7:30 pm, 25 guests

Accessible

❖ Pizza and Games

Saturday, February 23

Join us on a winter night for homemade pizza, salad, wine and non-alcoholic drinks at Brenda's home between Porter and Union Squares. We'll provide veggies, meat, cheese, and homemade sauce to make our own pizzas. We'll play ice breakers like Three Truths and One Lie while cooking and eating. We'll enjoy lots of laughs and good food while getting to know each other better. After dinner, you can choose from a variety of board games and card games and relax in front of Brenda's gas fireplace.

Brenda Leahy

& Eileen Sullivan

\$20; 6:30 pm; 8 guests

Pets. Not accessible

❖ In Vino Veritas

Friday, March 1

Head over to Loring Brinckerhoff's, a short walk from Harvard Square, for a special evening of tasting Napa Valley wines along with some delicious and unusual cheeses. Expect some education to go along with the libation — this is a wine and cheese party with subtle but sophisticated educational undertones.

\$20; 6:30 pm; 8 guests

Cats. Not accessible

❖ Energy Healing

Sunday, March 3

An Introductory Workshop will be mostly experiential. Participants will look at and experience: healing uses of human energy field, ways energy is perceived, the role of meditation in Energy

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Healing, comparisons of different models. Learn to feel one's own energy field and another's. Rev. Dorothea Juno-Johnston, M.A., is a credentialed Therapeutic Touch teacher; Reiki Master, and trained for 18 years in Somatic spiritual energy healing.

**\$15; 12:30 to 3:30; Barn Rm
20 participants**

❖ Conversation & Jazz

Saturday, April 6

Welcome spring at the Merwins with an evening of chilled cava and warm conversation, a selection of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and the dulcet tones of mezzo-soprano Michelle Vachon (former section leader at FP and former member of the a cappella group, Anthology) accompanied by pianist Emily Murphy, singing love songs and jazz standards.

\$30; 8 guests. Brookline

❖ Women's Tarot Cards

Friday, April 19

The women's sacred circle is presenting an evening of tarot card readings for women in the First Parish parlor. The tarot has been used for centuries to reveal hidden truths and provide insight. Each participant will have the chance to experience several readings with different types of cards. Tea and dessert will be served.

**\$20; 7:30 pm; 10 guests
First Parish Parlor**

❖ Nature Journaling

Saturday, April 27

Join us for a beautiful stroll through Mt. Auburn Cemetery or along the Minuteman Trail with your sketchbook. Mandy will help

you find the beauty inherent in nature, and teach an elegant and very simple way of capturing it for yourself in a nature journal. She will share some of her own sketches as well. Watercolors and some paper will be provided. Please bring your own black, waterproof pen, and if desired, your own unlined journal. Appropriate for all ages over 5; children should have an accompanying adult. Infants in backpacks welcome. Most paths are paved but may be hilly. Final details will be sent to participants. Rain date if needed.

Mandy Neff

\$10; 1-1/2 hours; 12 guests

❖ Dessert and Games

Saturday, May 11

Can you draw "eggplant parmesan" or make up a definition for "woppitzer" before the time runs out? Always wanted to see your fellow church-goers act out "binders full of women"? Brush up on your charades and Pictionary skills and join us for an evening of fun and games that will be sure to keep you laughing and guessing. We'll supply a comfortable living room in Somerville, delectable desserts, creative games and assertive referees as needed. You just bring your silly side.

Emily Shull

**\$15; 7 pm; 8 guests
Somerville**

❖ Floralia Festival

May — Day to be determined

Join in an afternoon of music, food, and learning about the amazing environmental benefits of landscaping with native plants at the Floralia Festival, an annual event sponsored by Grow Native

Massachusetts. Many of the First Parish volunteers at our Spring Planting Day asked to learn more about native plants we were adding to the church gardens, where to get them and why they are so important to preserving our native species of plants, insects and wildlife. At this fun event, Grow Native Massachusetts has had a native plant sale, book sale, lectures and a local garden tour as well as lunch and music in the garden. Green Team Co-Leaders, Linda Clark and Sylvia Wheeler, invite the winning bidders to join them for a rich learning experience, including festival admission (\$25), lunch, tour and new ideas for the sustainable care of First Parish. To learn more, visit

<http://www.grownativemass.org>.

\$25; 4 guests

❖ Summer Sangria

Saturday, June 29

Join the Church Ladies (Gloria Korsman, Brenda Leahy, Eileen Sullivan, and Nan Waldstein) for red and white sangria, ice tea and tapas in Nan's beautiful garden near Porter Square.

**\$20; 4 to 6 pm; 20 guests
Two short steps**

❖ Adult Pool Party

Saturday, July 13

Join Lilia Cuervo and Sam Berliner for a casual pool party at their Medford home. Swim in their unheated pool and enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon with conversation and snacks. This party is adults only. (Lilia and Sam will be hosting a pool party on another date for RE families.)

**\$20; from 3 pm; 20 guests
No pets. Handicap accessible**

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VACATIONS

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◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ French Countryside

Enjoy a week in the French countryside. Les Lis is a three-bedroom, 500-year-old stone house perched on top of a steep hill in the quiet medieval town of St. Bresson, in the Languedoc. The winner can choose from available weeks, but not in July or August. The week is Saturday to Saturday. Learn more at www.leslisfrance.com. The generous owner is willing to help the winner negotiate a cheap car rental, share travel tips about the area, and even hook up the winning bidder with cheap French lessons over the internet. No pets.
Lee Steffy Jenkins
\$500; Not accessible

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◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Padanaram Village
May 3 to 5

Enjoy a three-day weekend at a charming waterview house in Padanaram (South Dartmouth, MA), one of the historic Massachusetts and Rhode Island coastal villages connected by a picturesque scenic drive along old farms and stone walls. Close by are beaches, rivers, nature preserves, hiking trails, and the New Bedford National Historical Park and Whaling Museum. House is a short walk to the village with coffee shop and restaurants. See www.homeaway.com, Property #119401. Sleeps 7 people. No pets.
Jan Ellertsen & Cushing Giesey; \$150

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March or April

Stay in a cozy, old-fashioned cottage on Cape Cod, on a quiet street near a pond. Internet access, TV, DVD, CD player, ping pong table, deck, charcoal grill. Maximum 4 people, including children. Please, no smoking, no pets. Winner must be a member or long-term friend of First Parish. Exact dates by mutual agreement. Before March 11 and from April 11 to 16 not available.
Grier & Irene Merwin; \$250

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June 8-15 or 15-22

Private 225-foot waterfront on Winter Harbor with beach and 30-foot dock. Nice house with a large deck and fully equipped kitchen. Sleeps 10.
www.demarrer.com/raycraft
David Ray
\$300, 2 winners

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Five days

Surrounded by huge firs, this Green Mountain small post and beam home is charming and comfortable for 3 or 4 and worth the 4-hour drive from Cambridge. Two hours from Montreal, this northern paradise has a view of Mt. Mansfield. Located near Barton and Glover and close to Craftsbury with goat and dairy farms close by. Coyote, fox and moose abound. The tall spruces and pine forest give a beauty and special serenity to visitors. The house is all prepared for guests. Sorry, no pets.
Ellen Mass
\$250; late spring or early fall

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SERVICES

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◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ 75-Minute
Thai Yoga Massage

A 75-minute Thai Massage is a powerfully meditative and rejuvenating, movement-oriented style of bodywork. Receive the work on a futon mat on the floor. And similar to shiatsu, remain fully clothed. A session combines gentle assisted stretching with energy balancing acupressure in a flowing rhythmic massage. Katrina Piehler, long time member at First Parish is a nationally certified, licensed massage therapist and owner of Centering Touch Massage Therapy & Bodywork near Davis Square (www.centeringtouch.com). She has been in practice for over nine years.
\$75; Flexible; Teele Square

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Holistic Massage

A deeply relaxing and therapeutic 90 minute massage. Get relief from that nagging muscle pain and tension, de-stress and rejuvenate your whole system — body, mind, and spirit. Katrina Piehler, a long time member at First Parish, is a nationally certified, licensed massage therapist and owner of Centering Touch Massage Therapy & Bodywork near Davis Square. (www.centeringtouch.com). With over nine years of experience, Katrina's skills and intuitive touch powerfully facilitate your ability to re-center yourself in health.
\$90; Flexible; Teele Square

❖ Energy Healing Session

Rev. Dorothea Juno-Johnston has developed a practice of energy work in which her hands are directly on the client to help each individual access their innermost personal guidance. She is guided by spiritual, intuitive listening. Music is often part of the session. She is an ordained minister of the Church of the Sacred Earth. She received her master's degree in counseling psychology from Antioch/New England Graduate School. She is a credentialed practitioner/teacher of Therapeutic Touch and also a Reiki Master. She offers 60-minute sessions at her home in Somerville, near Union Square.
\$60; February to August

❖ Stress Reduction & Spirituality Workshop

As two psychotherapists, we have experience with many strategies of stress management. In this workshop, we will explore the role of various spiritual practices in stress reduction. The workshop will help participants to identify techniques that resonate with them and to commit to making use of these in their lives. Workshop will take place at Chris' office in North Cambridge.

**Chris McElroy
and Marcia Yousik**
\$20; Thursday, April 4, 7 pm

❖ Computer Help Macs and PCs

Up to three hours of help with a wide range of computer-related issues. Steve is knowledgeable about both Macs and PCs.

Steve Hanna
\$50; dates flexible

❖ Learn Excel

Need to track your home finances? Calculate mortgage interest on your house? Or just print mailing labels for your Holiday cards? MS Excel can make it easy. If you suspect a spreadsheet could be useful to you, but you don't quite get how all those formulas work, Ethan will help you out. Top bidder gets a personally-tailored one-hour in-person tutorial, with 30 minutes of follow-up at any later date. You provide the computer and Excel (or free open-source equivalent, like OpenOffice.org Calc)

Ethan Contini-Field
\$50; early 2013

❖ Apple Help

Max Paul will come to your house and help you learn to use different features of your choice on an Apple computer product, e.g. I-Pod, I-Pad, I-Phone, Mac.
\$25; Weekend or afternoon

❖ Clutter-Out

Two winning bidders will schedule a 2-hour session where Pepper Greene will come to your home or office to help with decluttering.
\$45; Between February and June 2013

❖ De-Cluttering Assistance

Judy Eisenberg, the Clutter Clearer Coach, is a Somerville-based professional organizer who helps clients unclutter and reorganize homes and offices. She'll help you set up simple and practical organiza-

tional systems you can maintain on your own. You will find that the clutter clearing process will simplify your life and bring you peace of mind, clarity, confidence, more energy and better control over your life. Top bidder gets a 1/2 hour assessment of cluttered home or office, plus 2 hours of hands-on, side-by-side uncluttering.

\$75; Spring 2013

❖ Pepper Greenery

Garden planning and planting with Pepper Greene's help. This is a two-part service: help in planning the garden followed by help in the planting.

\$45; Between February and June 2013

❖ Garden Consulting

One hour of professional consulting on your garden and/or landscaping. Judy Eisenberg, proprietor of Sun and Shade Gardening (www.SunandShadeGardening.com) has been gardening professionally and organically with a personal touch for over ten years. Her services include garden consulting, designing, plant installation, garden maintenance, and side-by-side garden coaching.
\$50; Spring 2013

❖ Choose the Sunday Sermon

For the highest bidder, Rev. Lilia Cuervo will deliver a sermon on a topic of your choosing. Lilia will meet with you to discuss your topic and ideas before preparing the sermon.

\$100; between March & August 2013

❖ Legal Services

Up to two hours of legal services for each of two winners. Attorney Mike Wiggins, a long-time member of First Parish and counsel to the church, specializes in real estate and zoning law, business law and non-profit organizations, wills and trusts, and estate administration. He will meet with you either at his office or a place of your choice to answer your legal questions and address your needs and concerns.

\$200

❖ Simple Wills

For a Couple

Don McInnes is an attorney practicing law in Harvard Square, concentrating on estate planning. He will prepare a pair of simple wills for any two partners. A simple will leaves everything to one named individual and in the event of that person's death to the children or other chosen individuals. Don's usual fee for this is \$1000. If your needs are more complex, you will have a \$1000 credit against his fee.

\$250; before 12/31/13

❖ Simple Will

For an Individual

Don McInnes is an attorney practicing law in Harvard Square, concentrating on estate planning. He will prepare a simple will for a single person. A simple will leaves everything to one or more chosen individuals. Don's usual fee for this is \$700. If your needs are more complex, you will have a \$700 credit against his fee.

\$150; before 12/31/13

❖ Out-of-Town

“Chauffeuring”

Without a car and want to go out-of-town? Sam Berliner III will provide the car and drive the highest bidder to a destination within a half-day's distance from Cambridge. You can run your errand and he will drive you back the same day, or you can decide to make your own way home another day. Alternatively, Sam will bring you home from an out-of-town location to which you've previously gotten yourself.

\$175; February to August 2013

❖ Career Counseling

One-on-one consultation in whatever career issues you wish (resumes, job search, career change, etc.) by experienced career counselor. One and a half hours.

**Ken Mattson
\$50; Flexible**

❖ Door Tune-ups

Steve Cohen, a builder for 36 years, will come to your home and spend 4 hours tuning up those sticking, bouncy, pesky, and/or unlatching doors in your house. You know, the ones that drive you insane. He will make them operate as freely as he possibly can.

\$75; after March 1

❖ Custom Haircut

Suzi Sluyter will come to your home, or you may go to hers. She will cut your hair any way you like. Suzi ran a small haircutting business in her dorm back in college and cuts hair for adults or kids, male or female.

\$15; Flexible

❖ English Country Dancing

Don't let a lack of skill at dancing hinder you. On offer is a card entitling you to twelve evenings of English Country Dancing (or you and a friend to six evenings.) Classes are held in Arlington Heights on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30. Live music every week by the Bare Necessities or their friends. It's fun, good exercise, and *nothing* like dancing with the stars. For more information, talk with Jean Farrington, or take a look at the website for the Country Dance Society-Boston Centre, English Dance Program.

\$75

❖ Handknit Cozy Winter Accessories

Are you ready to bundle up for the winter? Pick any two of the following: winter hat, scarf, pair of gloves or mittens. I will knit them for you. You could choose a matching set of two accessories for yourself or choose one type and make two of them — do you and your friend both need a warm hat? You choose the style (I can suggest patterns); you choose the colors (I can suggest yarns). If you have allergies I'll make sure the yarn is appropriate and it will be made in my pet-free, smoke-free home. Items will be made to size. I can do almost any style — lacy or with cables, bold or delicate, multicolored or muted. I'll start knitting once the bidding is complete and you can have the items in time to use them most of the winter.

**Tegan Kehoe
\$30**

❖ Evening of Song and Arias

Would you like to host a truly memorable party? From the First Parish Choir, Section Leaders Renee Saindon and Matthew Truss are offering an Evening of Song and Arias in the tradition of a parlor recital to be hosted in your home or sponsored venue. Bid on this intimate, yet casual, item for a night to remember. The 45-minute program will include art song, arias, musical theater, and spiritual selections. Note: The venue must have a tuned piano. If you'd like to host such an event but your home is too small, consider using the First Parish parlor.

\$350; 1 winner



GIFTS



❖ Breville Scraper Mixer

Picture a world of baking that doesn't include sticky bowls and spattered batter. What's left? Baking nirvana. With a singular focus on mixing essentials, the Scraper Mixer Pro draws a straight line from your imagination to your taste buds. Built for baking, the mixer's flexible edge scrapes the sides and bottom of the stainless steel bowl clean. Pouring shield minimizes spattering when mixing and adding ingredients. Smooth sounding 550-watt motor features load sensing Motor Protection Sensors that detect heavy mixtures and maintain precision speed. Brand new. Model BEM 800XL/A.

\$150

❖ Yummiest Bar Cookies

Look forward to 2-3 dozen luscious bar cookies delivered to you in February, April and June (or when you crave them). Freshly baked and freezer friendly for later nibbling. How about Salted Caramel Butter Bars, or Death by Snickers? (Just a couple of examples of the mouth-watering goodies to be had.)

**Ellen Liner & Linda West
\$30**

❖ Baby Sweater and Hat

Baby sweater and hat made from recycled cashmere sweaters by Cecelia Michaelis, a member of the Cambridge Artist's Cooperative on Church Street, where other work by Cecelia can be seen.

\$45

❖ Really Good Cake

Kate will make one really good sour cream chocolate cake with mocha frosting.

**Kate Ryan
\$20**

❖ Homemade British Ale

Gloria Korsman returns this year with some long anticipated favorites. Offered for the winning bidder are six 12 oz. bottles of British-style ale. This ESB is a dry, strongly hopped brew with Chinook and Cascade hops from the US northwest coast. Brewed in Gloria's North Cambridge

kitchen with public water from Fresh Pond and naturally carbonated in the bottle. A unique taste treat for the lucky winner.

\$15

❖ Homemade Sparkling Hard Cider

Another treat from Gloria Korsman: One 16 oz. bottle of sparkling cider. Pale gold, bubbly, and extremely dry, this sparkling cider is richly aromatic. It suggests green apples, although it is made with local, organic cider from a blend of apples. Naturally carbonated in the bottle with local honey, this cider was bottled in 2010 and is now perfect to share. Both the honey and the apple cider were sourced at Farmers Markets in Cambridge, and aged in Gloria's North Cambridge cellar. This dry, food-friendly cider pairs well with cheese.

\$15

❖ American Wheat Ale

Also from Gloria: six 12 oz. bottles of German-style wheat ale. This "American Wheat" is malty, smooth, and lightly hopped. The Hefeweizen yeast lends a subtle banana note. Brewed in Gloria's North Cambridge kitchen with public water from Fresh Pond. Naturally carbonated in the bottle.

\$15

❖ Hand-made Afghan

Jane Claire Hastie will make a crocheted afghan for a baby, to be delivered to the winning bidder in mid-December. Afghan dimensions are approximately 40" by 40".

\$30