



Derby Day 2017

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Live Auction Items

A Day at Burge

Donated by Betsy & Sandy Morehouse



Join Betsy and Sandy Morehouse for a tour of Burge including tales of Yankee invasion during the Civil War. Visit the haunted cabins, the Attic Museum, and the Story Cottage to immerse yourself in the deep and fascinating history of this amazing place. Walk through Burge Organic Farm fields, too, accompanied by enlightening lessons on the economics of organic farming. Bring yourself, your family, or a small group. Depending on your preference and the time of day, your tour will be accompanied by lemonade and cookies in the morning, or wine and light nibbles in the afternoon or early evening.

THE PLANTATION: A 1,000-acre private hunt club near Mansfield, GA in Newton County, Burge Plantation (www.burgeclub.com) was established in 1809 by the great-great-great-grandfather of the present owner, Sandy Morehouse. Since that time, the land has supported row crops, cattle operations, and a dairy, and it even survived Sherman's March to the Sea – read the first-hand tales in the Story Cabin. Burge now boasts one of the largest organic farming operations in the area and of one of the finest sporting clay courses in the state. Burge is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been recognized as a Georgia Centennial Farm.

THE TALES: Betsy and Sandy Morehouse will treat you to appealing tales about Burge Plantation - some true, some outrageous.

The winning bidder will arrange the tour of Burge directly with Betsy Morehouse for a mutually agreeable time before the end of 2017.

Richard's Wine Tasting

Donated by Kathy and Richard Matthews of Classic Wines & Spirits



Six couples (12 people) are invited to join Kathy and Richard Matthews for a wine tasting and light hors d'oeuvres at their home in Reynolds Plantation.

THE WINES: Explore six wines from Richard's private wine cellar, all of which will be 90+ rated, including wines of the year and even some that are unattainable. Not only will you enjoy the wine, you will learn about the wine from the Lake Country's expert.

THE EXPERT: Richard Matthews is living his 40-year dream – owning and operating Classic Wines & Spirits in the Lake Country. He recommended the wines you are enjoying this Derby Day. He and his wife Kathy have been donating wine tastings for good causes in the Lake Country for many years. They know how to do it right! For more information about Classic Wines & Spirits, visit www.rmclassicwines.com.

The winning bidder will arrange the wine tasting directly with Richard Matthews for a mutually agreeable Sunday afternoon before October 31, 2017.

Dream It, Design It

Donated by Candace Carlson and Norris Broyles of Norris Broyles Architects



An hour-long architectural consultation followed by preliminary design sketches, OR value of the charitable contribution applied to other architectural services.

THE DESIGN PROCESS: Are you considering renovation of your home or new construction? Need some design inspiration? Don't know where to begin the process? Norris Broyles Architects, specialists in residential Architecture, will help you better understand the potential of your existing home, or bring your dreams for a new home to reality.

THE ARCHITECTS: Norris Broyles Architects is a customer-focused firm that merges the finest elements of design with the needs of today's lifestyles. They pride themselves on being a team who listens carefully to the needs and desires of clients, and designs beautiful yet practical architectural solutions. To see their designs: www.norrisbroyles.com.

The winning bidder will arrange the architectural consult directly with Norris Broyles Architects to occur before April 30, 2018.

Dawgs V. Dawgs



Donated by Stephen Cooke, Ted's Most Best, The Grit, Southern Brewing Co., and Kim Jensen

Pack your bags and grab your bestie for a trip to Athens rooting for the Dawgs. Enjoy box seats for 2 people at the September 16th UGA v. Samford game. It's Dawgs v. Dawgs! Indulge during your Friday night stay at Hotel Indigo with delicious meals at local restaurants, a brewery tour, and shopping at Kim Jensen's new store at the Grinning Mule.

THE HOTEL: Stay Friday night, September 15, in one of Athens premier hotels. Taking its architectural cue from the covered bridges of the American South, Hotel Indigo Athens elevates the downtown cityscape of "The Classic City." Pairing Southern farmstead modern style with a deep appreciation for local culture, this boutique retreat – one of the world's first LEED Gold-certified hotels – charms UGA parents, environmental enthusiasts, and visiting musicians with its stellar service, Southern style and art-centric spaces that shine with originality. For more information about the hotel: www.indigoathens.com.

THE FOOD AND SHOPS: In Athens you can find dozens of unique, independent eateries and shops offering distinctive cuisine and beautiful couture. Explore them all if you can, but be sure to use your gift cards at The Grit (\$50), Ted's Most Best (\$50), Southern Brewing Co. (tours for 2), and the new Amelia's Apparel at the Grinning Mule (\$50).

The winning bidder will receive the hotel, box seats, and restaurant gift certificates at the event.

The Equinox Golf Resort & Spa In Vermont



Donated by Southwest Airlines and The Equinox Resort

Vermont in the summer sounds nice, doesn't it? The winning bidder of this auction item will receive round-trip travel for 2 people to any domestic destination Southwest flies (with restrictions of course), and a 2-night stay for 2 people at The Equinox, a Starwood Luxury Collection Golf Resort and Spa in Vermont.

THE RESORT: The Equinox Resort is a Starwood Luxury Collection Golf Resort and Spa in Manchester, Vermont. The Village of Manchester was settled in 1791, and by the 1850s the village was being promoted and developed by Charles Orvis as a summer resort community for New Yorkers. In addition to the hiking, golf, and tennis you might expect, you can also learn off-road driving techniques at the Land Rover Driving Experience, pick up a fly rod at the Orvis Fly Fishing School, train your eye at the Orvis Shooting School, canoe Emerald Lake, or enjoy a scenic trail-ride on horseback. There's even a falconry school! Learn more: www.equinoxresort.com.

Hotel availability: offer valid until 6/2018 and subject to availability; hotel tax and other charges may apply.

THE FLIGHTS: 4 Southwest flight e-passes are included in this spectacular auction package. The e-passes are subject to restrictions, including: 1) you must be 19 years old and a legal U.S. resident; 2) e-passes are valid for travel on Southwest operated, published scheduled service only in the United States, its territories, and its possessions, including Puerto Rico, unless specified elsewhere; 3) while there are no blackout dates associated with the e-passes, travel must be completed by 4/26/2018; 4) each Southwest flight e-pass is valid for one-way travel and valued at \$200 (two e-passes are needed for roundtrip travel, and four are included in this auction package). For more information about additional restrictions, contact the Conservancy, 706-818-8046 or info@mmcGeorgia.org.

The winning bidder will receive the hotel and flight gift certificates at the event.

Prince, 60" x 48" Acrylic and mixed media on canvas

by Bonnie Beauchamp-Cooke



THE PAINTING: Bonnie remembers fondly riding her father's Quarter Horse, Prince, at Goose Creek Farm and has honored the spirit of that great horse in this painting. This painting retails for \$5,200.

THE ARTIST: Bonnie is an Atlanta native and a true cowgirl. If she's not painting in her Atlanta studio, she's riding her horses at Goose Creek Farm in Madison with her family and dogs. She studied at the University of Georgia and the Atlanta College of Art, receiving her BFA in painting and drawing in 1991. She maintains a commitment to the arts community by serving on the board of the Hambidge Center of North Georgia and as a founding board member of the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia. Her works are in many collections nationwide and have won numerous best in show awards throughout the South. To learn more about Bonnie and to see her portfolio, visit www.beauchamp-cooke.com.

The winning bidder will receive the painting at the event.

Dine At Wayside

Donated by Dan Rather and Carvel Gould



Dinner for 8 people at Dan Rather's home at Wayside Farm, prepared by Carvel Gould.

THE DINNER: Dan Rather and Carvel Gould (the most recent executive chef of Canoe in Atlanta) invite 8 of you for a spectacular dinner at Wayside Farm. Sip Dan's Famous Margaritas while gazing out over a pasture of cows and horses (mighty colorful horses). Feast on a spectacular meal prepared by Carvel Gould. With a remarkable eye and distinguishing palate, Carvel's culinary craftsmanship results in simple dishes with artfully balanced flavors. Be served by Dan and a few of his friends (and Conservancy supporters). You will never forget this experience. Read more about Carvel Gould here: www.atlantamagazine.com/dining-news/chef-talk-with-carvel-gould-of-canoe/.

THE FARM: Once part of the Malcom Family's cotton plantation, Wayside Farm sits atop one of the highest points in Morgan County. The rolling hills, pastures, and hardwood forests along Hester Creek are located just south of Bostwick and only twelve minutes from Madison. 92 acres of this landscape were permanently protected through a conservation easement in 2009, protecting the wildlife habitat and scenic beauty along Fairplay Road for future generations. This is indeed one of Morgan County's special places.

The winning bidder will arrange the dinner directly with Dan Rather for a mutually agreeable time before April 2018.

Silent Auction Items



Raining Stars (Photograph)

Donated by Joe Cardwell, Terry Massey, and Dan Zant

They make the most beautiful photographs! Hours spent on your property after dark, finding the right angle, the right light, and the right weather - Joe, Terry, and Dan will create a one-of-a-kind image of your place just for you and your family. The custom 16" x 20" print will be a beautiful addition to any room in your home. If star trails are not possible at your location due to local conditions and ambient light, a photo of a daylight landscape of your favorite spot will be taken in lieu of the starry night.

The winning bidder will arrange the photo shoot directly with Joe Cardwell by April 30, 2018.



American Pharaoh

By Lyn Jagoda

15" x 17" print, #15 of 350
(framed by the Creative Mark)

Donated by Georgia Horse Racing Coalition

When American Pharoah (foaled February 2, 2012) won the 2015 Belmont Stakes, he became the first American Triple Crown winner since 1978 when Affirmed won the Triple Crown. With his additional win of the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2015, he became the first horse ever to win the "Grand Slam" of American horse racing.

This is a special Georgia Horse Racing Coalition edition print (limited to only 350 prints) produced to help raise money for the Georgia Horse Racing Coalition's efforts to get horse racing legislation passed. Each print is a museum quality reproduction on archival paper, personally inspected before it is signed and numbered by the Artist.

When this horse was registered with the Jockey Club, "pharaoh" was misspelled ("ao" was reversed to "oa"). Therefore, his name is spelled American Pharoah on his papers.

The winning bidder will take home the framed print at the end of the event.



TVs

60" Class J6200 Full LED Smart TV

Two brand new TVs (boxes opened yesterday and TVs used tonight)! These TVs retail for \$1,399.99 each.

The winning bidders will take home the TVs at the end of the event or arrange for pick-up with Conservancy staff.



Diamond Pendant

Donated by Whidby Jewelers

This beautiful diamond pendant is the perfect size for any woman. New York Designer, Gabriel, uses 14 karat white and rose gold to set 0.31Tw Round Brilliant Cut diamonds (G/H in color and Si3 in clarity). This piece retails for \$1,200.

The winning bidder will take home the diamond pendant at the end of the event.



Weekend In Madison

Donated by the Brady Inn B&B, Pure Bliss Spa, Southern Cross Guest Ranch, Farmview Market, Town 220, Amelia's Apparel, and Zapien's Salon.

Enjoy a luxurious weekend (or a few days) exploring Madison and its beautiful countryside. The Brady Inn Bed & Breakfast, in the heart of historic Madison, will serve as your home base for 2 nights (for 2 people) (approx. value \$275, see restrictions below). Take a stroll around the block for a relaxing spa treatment at Pure Bliss Spa (for a one-hour massage or facial), and do a little shopping at Amelia's Apparel (\$50). Dine at Town 220 (\$50), and pack a cooler full of local goodies from Farmview Market (\$50) (Georgia's home for everything local). When you're ready for some country, head out for a two-hour trail ride for 2 people and lunch or dinner at Southern Cross Guest Ranch (approx. \$200 value). If you need to primp, book an appointment with Kathryn at Zapien's Salon (\$160) (Reynolds Plantation / Greensboro location).

The stay at Brady Inn B&B is valid through May 1, 2018, excluding Home Tour weekends and Master's Week. Room choice is based on availability at time of reservation and excludes the McIntyre Guest Room.

The winning bidder will receive the gift certificates at the end of the event.



YELLOW COLT

By Fredrick Prescott

2013, 74 x 60 x 30 inches, brilliant color on moving steel

Prescott's larger-than-life kinetic sculpture, with its captivating, multi-dimensional form, reveals the dichotomy between the real and the fantastical.

As graphically bold and colorful as this piece is, it looks perfectly at ease in a natural setting, though there is no denying its otherworldly quality.

An entire collection of these sculptures is for sale, thanks to a very generous donation by Patricia and Ben Carter in 2015. The collection currently includes five horse sculptures (two Papa Blue Horses, two Mama Red Horses, and one Yellow Colt), all different sizes. Please contact the Conservancy staff for more information.

The winning bidder will arrange delivery of the Yellow Colt sculpture with the Conservancy staff.



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