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AUCTION CATALOG
& EVENT PROGRAM

COMO PARK ZOO AND CONSERVATORY
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011
5:30 – 10:00 PM



Fund-A-Need at *Travelers Sunset Affair:* *South American Soirée*

Thanks to community support from people like you, the Campaign for Como is within \$1 million of our total \$18.8 million goal.

To secure the final funding we need to break ground on *The Japanese Gardens Experience* this fall, all of the proceeds from *Travelers Sunset Affair* will be invested in this beautiful new wing to the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory.

As we count down to our goal, every gift you make toward Como Friends' Fund-A-Need will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous challenge grant from the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation.

During a short program at dinner, your *Sunset Affair* room host will tell you more about this upcoming improvement to one of Minnesota's most beloved buildings, why support from every one of you is critical to the project, and how your contributions can help secure Como's future.

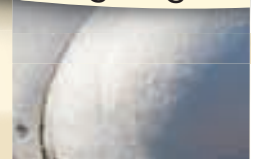
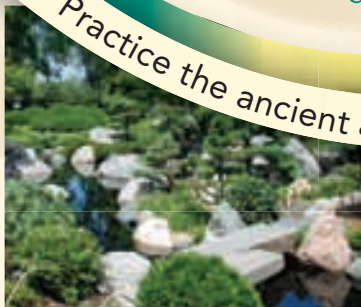
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**TRAVELERS SUNSET AFFAIR:
SOUTH AMERICAN SOIRÉE**

**A BENEFIT FOR
COMO PARK ZOO & CONSERVATORY**

**HOSTED BY
COMO FRIENDS**

WELCOME TO TRAVELERS SUNSET AFFAIR: SOUTH AMERICAN SOIRÉE

Dear Friends:

We are excited to welcome you to the *Travelers Sunset Affair: South American Soirée*. As honorary co-chairs, we are pleased to serve in a leadership role with Sunset Affair because the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory is dear to our family as it is named for our mother, Marjorie McNeely. This wonderful summer gala is extra special this year because it celebrates its 10th anniversary and will invest all proceeds in the “Campaign for Como” that is insuring a world class future for Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and Como Zoo.

We ardently believe it is important to keep this 19th century destination going strong long into the 21st century. Towards this goal, we are dedicated to insuring that Como breaks ground on *The Japanese Gardens Experience* this year. This new wing to the Conservatory will unite Como’s top-ranked Bonsai collection with year-round views of the Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden.

Community support for this project has been very encouraging. In order to stay on course to break ground this fall, we still need to secure the final \$1 million toward the \$18.8 million Campaign for Como. All of the proceeds from tonight’s Travelers Sunset Affair will go toward *The Japanese Gardens Experience*, leveraging the last measure of community support we need to reach our funding goal. Your contributions for Fund-a-Need, Treasure Chest, and for the fantastic auctions items you’ll see in this catalogue will all help make *The Japanese Gardens Experience* possible.

Tonight, each of you is helping to carry on a century-long legacy of community support that has helped to make Como the country’s last completely free metro zoo and botanical garden. From our family to yours, thank you for all you do for Como.

All the best,

Greg McNeely
Greg McNeely

Nora McNeely-Hurley
Nora McNeely-Hurley

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EVENING FESTIVITIES/AGENDA

5:30 p.m.

Registration begins and the Silent Auction opens. At this time guests will receive a handheld bidding device, BidPal, which you'll use to bid on Silent Auction items, the Super Silent Auction packages and for donations to Fund-A-Need. Listen to the melodies of South American harpist Nicolas Carter.

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Watch the flamingos flaunt their feathers and the sea lions lounge while enjoying appetizers and refreshments from D'Amico Catering. Buy a key for a chance to unlock the Treasure Chest and win the flamingo-inspired pendant and earrings. Visit with Como Educators and Zookeepers.

6:30 p.m.

Learn more about the *Geochelone elephantotus* (a.k.a. Galapagos tortoise) during a training session on the north side of the bird yard.

7:00 p.m

Vive Chile! Experience a taste of traditional Chilean culture with a performance by Chilean Folk Dancers.

7:40 p.m

Find out if you have the winning key! Join us at the Treasure Chest tent to see if you will be the owner of the unique jewelry pieces!

8:00 p.m

Dinner is served in the Visitor Center. Your room hosts will welcome you and introduce the Fund-A-Need for this year's event.

8:10 p.m

Super Silent Auction closes.

8:40 p.m

Silent Auction closes. Your BidPal device will tell you which items you've won.

9:15 p.m

Auction check out opens. Pay for your items at Garden Safari Gifts.

DINNER MENU

By D'Amico Catering

BUTLER PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

Blackened Yellow Fin Tuna on Crostini with mango ginger chutney
Strawberry and Honey Thyme Goat Cheese and candied walnut
Shrimp Cake with Chimichurri Aioli
Spicy Chicken Roulade with avocado
Vegetarian Empenaditas

SALAD COURSE

Mixed Green Salad with Jicama, Mango, Avocado and Citrus Vinaigrette

ENTREE

Duet of Alaskan Halibut with Chimichurri Sauce and
Tenderloin with Port Wine Reduction, served with Potato Galette,
Asparagus and Roasted Tomatoes

VEGETARIAN ENTREE

Grilled Vegetables on Saffron Couscous, served with Roasted Tomatoes
and drizzled with Chimichurri Oil

DESSERT

Spiced Chocolate Terrine with Raspberry Coulis



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WAYS TO SUPPORT

FUND-A-NEED

The Campaign for Como has secured all but \$1 million of the \$18.8 million goal. All gifts from Travelers Sunset Affair will be invested in *The Japanese Gardens Experience*.

Every gift made toward Como Friends' Fund-A-Need will be matched dollar for dollar by the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation.

If you would like to make a donation to Fund-A-Need, you can mail it prior to Travelers Sunset Affair to Como Friends, 1225 Estabrook Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103 or make a contribution the evening of the event. During a short program at dinner, your Travelers Sunset Affair room hosts will tell you more about *The Japanese Gardens Experience* and how your support is critical to the project.

TREASURE CHEST

The fluid lines of the Chilean flamingo were the inspiration behind this year's Treasure Chest jewelry, designed by Stephen Vincent. Only one \$50 key will unlock the Treasure Chest containing these unique pieces. Buy yours today by calling Caroline Mehlhop at 651.487.8235 or purchase one from a volunteer on the evening of Sunset Affair. (Due to state regulations, cash or check are the only forms of payment allowed).

Only 125 keys will be sold. The winner will be announced at **7:40 p.m from the Treasure Chest tent**, located on the south end of Donor Plaza.

AUCTION OVERVIEW

Travelers Sunset Affair will feature two Super Silent Auction packages and a vast catalog of fantastic silent auction items.

The Super Silent Auction items are an after-hours rental of Como Zoo for 100, including a Sparky Show, Polar Bear training, picnic dinner and Como Town ride wristbands; and a custom designed trip for two to Chile, complete with wine tasting in Santiago, all-inclusive stay in Patagonia and coach airfare.

Once again, BidPal electronic bidding devices will be used for the auctions. You will receive your unit at registration. If you have any problems with the bidding device, look for a volunteer wearing a flashing flamingo necklace or go to the registration table for assistance.

Bidding on the **Super Silent Auction** items begins at 5:30 pm and concludes at **8:10 p.m.**

The **Silent Auction** will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will close promptly at **8:40 p.m.**

Auction check-out will begin at **9:15 p.m.** in Garden Safari Gifts. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted.

**Thank you for supporting
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory**

HOW TO BID AND AUCTION RULES (THE FUN STUFF!)

- All bids must be placed through your BidPal device.
- Opening minimum bids are listed on your BidPal for each item & bids must be raised in the dollar increments listed for each item.
- A bidder may purchase eligible items outright for the BUY IT NOW price listed on your BidPal; the item purchased will be marked as SOLD and bids will no longer be accepted for that item; BUY IT NOW still requires the bidder to go through check-out procedures.
- When the auction ends, your BidPal device will list which items you've won and for what amount.
- **Remember, a bid is a legal contract to buy.**
- No items are to be removed prior to full settlement.
- Inspect all items and read all descriptions and limitations before purchasing.
- All items are sold as is.
- Every effort has been made to provide accurate information for each item. Como Friends and its volunteers are not responsible for descriptions, values, or authenticity of information supplied by donors.
- There are no refunds or exchanges unless noted.
- Auction items may be substituted, withdrawn or added prior to the event. Restrictions may apply.
- A portion of your purchase may be tax-deductible, but please consult your tax advisor before automatically deducting your purchase.

AUCTION ITEMS

PREMIUM

10 Name That Flamingo

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Our first Chilean flamingo chick was quite a feather in Como's cap—the first such bird ever born to the Zoo's colorful flock with a flair for the dramatic. Be the top bidder at Travelers Sunset Affair, and you can christen this long-legged adolescent male with a name of your choosing. This "Only at Como" auction item will get your family's creative juices flowing as you ponder the perfect name for the newest member of Como's flamboyance of flamingos. Package includes a 12X16 one-of-kind work of flamingo art, "footmade" by Como Zoo's finest.

11 Two Days of Fishing in the "Muskie Capital of the World" at Shady Roost Fishing Lodge

Value: \$2,700

Donor: Shady Roost

Whether you're planning a corporate fishing get-away or a family vacation for a group of avid anglers, Shady Roost Fishing Lodge offers some of the best fishing you can find North of the Border. The experienced guides at this Lake of the Woods region legacy resort will steer you toward the hottest fishing holes for walleye, bass, lake trout, crappie, perch and northern pike in Nestor, Ontario, considered by many to be the "muskie capital of the world." This three-night/two-day trip for up to three people, includes accommodations, meals, bottled water, cold beer, daily shore lunch, a guide, boat, motor, gas, bait, rods, reels, and tackle. You will need to purchase a Canadian fishing license and pay own travel expenses.

12 Awesome Apple iPad 2 with Case

Value: \$768

Donor: Anne and Litton Field

Love looking at snapshots of your favorite Como Zoo Animal Ambassadors, or would you rather play "Angry Birds"? Either way, there's no better platform for all your pursuits than Apple's new iPad2, the "It" tablet of the year. Connect from anywhere with Wi-Fi or 3G, take portraits or meetings with the iPad2's built in camera tools, or download e-books in any platform you prefer—Kindle, Nook or iBook. With storage for your favorite photos and music, and an app for nearly everything, you'll wonder how you survived so long without one. Package includes a Turquoise iPad Smart Cover.

13 Watch the Minnesota Wild from Xcel Energy's Luxury Suite

Value: \$3,100

Donor: Xcel Energy

You'll see why Sports Illustrated dubbed St. Paul "Hockeytown U.S.A." when you experience the Xcel Energy Center from the comforts of a luxury suite during a Minnesota Wild night to be determined by the highest bidder and Xcel Energy. Good for up to 18 guests, with two complimentary parking passes, this premium package will put you in a "State of Hockey" you'll never forget.

14 Kate Spade New York Jezebel Flamingo Tote

Value: \$275

Donor: Kate Spade New York

Is there any animal more fashion-forward than the flamingo? We think not. This hot pink beauty from Kate Spade will be your signature carrying case for the carefree days ahead, perfect for poolside, ideal for errands in the city.

15 Fern Room Spa

Value: \$1,900

Donor: Salon Ave, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Experience the latest in beauty therapy surrounded by one of Como's most glorious botanical collections. With this "Only at Como" package, you and up to five guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening of spa services in Como's famed Fern Room, where the warm mist does wonders for winter skin. Services start with a rejuvenating head, back and shoulder massage with foot reflexology and hot towel wrap. Follow up with a refreshing Pavay® Exoress Facial with aromatherapy, while the gorgeous greens of the fern room restore your spirit. Four trained technicians will bring their spa beds and equipment for this after-hours experience—all you have to do is pick a Monday-Thursday evening after the Conservatory is closed to revel in this once-in-a-lifetime spa experience.

PREMIUM (CONTINUED)

16 Four Course Dinner at Ingredients Cafe

Value: \$500

Donor: Ingredients Cafe

Experience a four-course dinner for four at Ingredients Cafe, a cozy bistro in the heart of White Bear Lake. With Ingredients Cafe's fresh and eclectic menu, and an extensive wine list, this is a meal you'll remember.

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17 Training time with Buzz and Neil

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como Zoo is earning national recognition for its progressive animal training program, which uses positive reinforcement to encourage animals to participate in their own health care. In this private, behind-the-scenes training session, you'll see how Como zookeepers use clicker training and treats (like frozen lard) to keep Como's twin polar bears Neil and Buzz healthy and curious. This unforgettable family experience includes breakfast in the Polar Bear Outpost, and your own question-and-answer session with one of Como's aquatics zookeepers.

18 Kate Spade New York Verandah Place Small Coal Tote

Value: \$345

Donor: Kate Spade New York

This woven slub-cotton handbag with a graceful fern print was inspired by the quaint Brooklyn block bearing its name—but we think it looks even more like Como's fabulous Fern Room. Sturdy but stylish chainlink straps, and a jaunty green bow keep this season's must-have Kate Spade handbag fresh and fun.

19 Lunch with Dave

Value: Priceless

Donor: KSTP-TV

Enjoy lunch for up to three friends with KSTP's Dave Dahl, Channel 5's Chief Meteorologist, who's been predicting Minnesota weather for more than 30 years. As a bonus, you'll also receive a guided tour of the television station and Eyewitness News.

20 Eat Like a Man with the Weber Spirit E-310 Grill

Value: \$600

Donor: Warners' Stellan

The Spirit E-310 gas grill's three stainless steel burners and 536 square inches of cooking space give you the freedom to fire up some serious food. This bad boy comes complete with 36,000 BTU-per-hour input, porcelain enameled cooking grates and Flavorizer bars and an electronic crossover-ignition system—everything you need to be King of the Grill, and Baron of Your Own Backyard.

AUCTION ITEMS

ONLY COMO

100 **Dinner in Sunken Garden**

Value: \$1,266

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Be the host of an unforgettable dinner for 8 or 10 in the Sunken Garden, Como's most iconic room. A favorite setting for generations of weddings, this is a rare opportunity to wine and dine your favorite people in Como's most recognizable room. This two-hour rental is available Monday through Thursday only.

101 **Feed the Giraffes**

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Go behind-the-scenes to meet Como's friendly herd of giraffes, gentle giants who love eating Rykrisp crackers right out of your hand! Be sure to bring your cameras for this private tour for ten.

102 **Marjorie McNeely Conservatory Tour for 25**

Value: \$800

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Did you know that nearly every plant you see at Como was sown from seed in the Conservatory's own greenhouses? This tour for 25 guests will take you "under glass" at the historic Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, introduce you to animal ambassadors from Como Zoo, and conclude with a catered lunch. A perfect package for book clubs, garden groups, and anyone who's wondered what it really takes to make the Sunken Garden grow. As a bonus, you'll receive a copy of "Captured Motion" a coffee-table book exploring the life and work of "Crest of the Wave" sculptor Harriet Frishmuth.

103 **Private Tour of The Saint Paul Winter Carnival Orchid Show**

Value: \$1,000

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory cultivates hundreds of rare species of orchids, many of which have won blue ribbons at the Winter Carnival Orchid Show. Join horticultural curator Tina Dombrowski on this behind-the-scenes tour of Como's working Orchid House while you learn about the fascinating varieties of New World orchids, and what it takes to bring these unusual plants into full bloom.

104 Preview a Flower Show

Value: \$1,000

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

It's been called "The Most Beautiful Room in Minnesota," and you'll see why during this fantastic preview of a Sunken Garden flower show. Como is one of the few conservatories in the country that still cultivates seasonal flower shows, and with this behind-the-scenes package, you'll be able to get a glimpse of the garden even before it's opened to the public.

105 Fall Dinner in the Edible Garden

Value: \$1,500

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

There are good things growing in Como's newest exhibit, "Roots, Shoots, and Fruits: The Incredible, Edible Garden." With this unique dinner package, Como will host a fall dinner for 8 to 10 guests, inspired by the harvest of this seasonal outdoor garden. A perfect package for the "locavore" interested in sampling everything Como has to offer.

106 Hard Hat Tour of The Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como's favorite seasonal garden is about to become an everyday attraction thanks to the new gallery space and great new garden views created by *The Japanese Gardens Experience*, the new wing to the Conservatory. As the addition is nearing completion in 2012, you and your friends can be the first in town to see how this long-awaited improvement will transform the botanical experience at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory.

107 Name The New Harbor Seal

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Only a few days old when he was rescued from a storm in the Pacific, Como's newest harbor seal has already captured hearts with his courage, curiosity and off-the-charts cuteness. Now you can help come up with a name that captures his true harbor seal spirit. (Please note, "Sparky" is already taken.)

ONLY COMO (CONTINUED)

108 School Classroom Visit

Value: \$150

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como's great education staff often go on the road to visit area schools and libraries, and with this convenient package, we'll come to a classroom or Scout group of your choosing. This unique Como "house call" includes a visit from one of our traveling animal ambassadors such as "Turkey" the parrot or the fabulous hissing cockroaches!

109 Camp Como 2012 Session for Preschoolers

Value: \$115

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Named the Nickelodeon's Parents Pick Winner for Best Summer Camp, Como's high-energy, hands-on preschool camps give kids their first introduction to the wonders of the natural world. From cuddly week-long classes like "Zoo Babies," to grimy, groundbreaking fun like "In the Dirt," Como's Preschool Camps are the perfect introduction to environmental education.

110 Camp Como 2012 for 6th-8th Graders

Value: \$135

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como's award-winning summer camp series takes middle-school students behind-the-scenes of the Zoo and Conservatory, for a deeper understanding of the earth's amazing plants and animals. Choose from wacky week-long experiences like "Yuckology" and "Survivor 102" , or get your geek on with animal camps that connect kids with zookeepers in Cats & Aquatics, or Apes, Giraffes & Zebras.

111 Celebrate a Child's Birthday at Como

Value: \$250

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Party like an animal and leave the cleaning to us! Choose from six unique party themes – each with live animal and/or plant visitors or a personal tour of a featured animal exhibit. For children under four, themes include "Reptiles," "Buggy Birthday," and "Botany and the Beast"; children over four can choose from "Crazy About Cats," "Party with the Primates," and "Polar Bears & Friends." Como even provides pizza, cake, and gift bags for your guests, so the only party planning you need to think about is when to come!

112 Rise and Shine with Sparky Show

Value: \$ 1,000

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

During the height of summer, Sparky the Sea Lion attracts standing-room-only crowds of 1,100 visitors. But during this private showing, you and up to 99 of your closest friends can experience Sparky up-close and personal. Don't miss this chance to meet Como's favorite diva during this morning show put on especially for you, before the doors open to the public.

113 Primate Basket with Private Tour of the Primate Building

Value: \$500

Donor: Vicki Scheunemann

Como Conservation Officer Vicki Scheunemann invites you to hang out with her and a few of her primate friends. You and three guests (ages 16+) will receive a guided tour of the primate building and have the opportunity to participate in the weekly primate enrichment activity. An Orangutan plush and book is included as a memento of your tour.



ONLY COMO (CONTINUED)

114 **Discovery Series Trio**

Value: \$90

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como's Discovery Series takes adults on fascinating explorations of the earth's plants and animals—all during non-public hours. This package entitles you to two tickets to your choice of three Discovery Series offerings, such as "Seas and Solitude: Exploring the Japanese Garden," "World of Wolves," and "Chocolate: Food of the Gods."

115 **Private Bonsai Lesson**

Value: \$250

Donor: Michael L. Porcaro

Como has one of the top 10 public collections of Bonsai in North America, with more than 100 trees that will soon be on year-round display in *The Japanese Gardens Experience*. Minnesota Bonsai Society leader and long-time Como volunteer Mike Porcaro will take you on a behind-the-scenes tour of this beautiful collection, exploring the aesthetic traditions and horticultural care that he uses to train these elegant potted trees. As a bonus, you'll also receive a Bonsai tree to take home!

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116 Behind-The-Scenes in the Big Cats Building

Value: \$500

Donor: Lynette Palmgren and Marisa Paulat

Did you know that Como Zoo was the first zoo in North America—and possibly the world—to successfully hand-raise Siberian tigers? That's just one of the fascinating facts about Como's big cats you can learn more about on this fascinating behind-the-scenes look at lions, tigers, and what it takes to keep them healthy. You'll also go home with a themed gift basket full of lion and tiger books and push, purr-fect for the large cat lover in your life.

117 Coffee with Arlene Scheunemann

Value: Priceless

Donor: Arlene Scheunemann, Como Friends

Como's most ardest supporter, Arlene Scheunemann, once went on a road trip with a gorilla in a pink dress--and that's not even her most unusual animal tale. During coffee with this one-woman history lesson in all things Como, you'll learn all about what it takes to get an orangutan to brush her teeth, how to hitch an elephant to a tree in the backyard, and how to hand-raise tigers while raising four children at the same time. Co-hosted with Como Friends President Jackie Sticha in the Polar Bear Lodge, you and your five guests won't forget this rare opportunity to hear about Como Zoo from one of its most committed volunteers.

118 Original Flamingo Art

Value: \$250

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, Carter Ave. Frame Shop

Como's flamboyance of flamingos are surprisingly creative, turning out this 30 x 20 piece of abstract art, made entirely by foot. Frame it up with a \$100 gift certificate to Carter Avenue Frame Shop. Named the best frame shop by Minnesota Monthly magazine, this St. Anthony Park shop will help you create the perfect frame for this original flaming art—or for your own family memories.

ART & CULTURE

200 **Autumn in the Japanese Garden Print**

Value: \$150

Donor: Peter Leach

St. Paul artist Peter Leach was granted year-round access to the Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden to create the photos for his "seen/unseen" exhibition. This fall scene captures the garden at its peak of seasonal color.

201 **See "Edo Pop" at the MIA**

Value: \$112

Donor: Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar

This fall, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts will unveil "Edo Pop", a study of the graphic impact of Japanese prints. These "pictures of the floating world" --or ukiyo-e--were produced during Japan's Edo period (1600--1868) and featured the reigning beauties of the pleasure quarters and the dashing actors of the Kabuki Theater--the pop stars of their time. (These four vouchers are valid from October 20, 2011 through January 8, 2012.) Cap it off with dinner for two at Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar. (Valid Sunday -- Thursday. Offer expires on 12/10/2011.)

202 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Cartoon Cell**

Value: \$100

Donor: Jean Stephen Galleries/Calhoun Beach Framing

Cowabunga Dude! Celebrate the 80's revival with this Bebop Cartoon Cell from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Cartoon series. Make it suitable for hanging with two \$25 gift certificates to Calhoun Beach Framing, a favorite Minneapolis frame-shop.

203 **Twin Cities Theater Lovers Package: Fringe Festival, Old Log Theater, Illusion Theater**

Value: \$156

Donor: Fringe Festival, Old Log Theater, Illusion Theater

The Twin Cities enjoy the second-largest audience for live theater in the U.S., and with this three-play package you can sample from a diverse array of offerings. First, enjoy four vouchers to any show during the Minnesota Fringe Festival's upcoming run from August 4-14. (Winner must select performance by July 25, 2011.) Next, choose from an upcoming Illusion Theater production through July 2012 with two gift certificates. (Does not include Minneapolis Musical Theater productions at Illusion Theater.) Then choose from a contemporary play or a classic comedy at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior. (Offer does not include meals, and is not valid Saturdays or New Years Eve.)

204 Baby cougars framed print

Value: \$200

Donor: Wildcat Sanctuary

Perfect for the Big Cat Lover in your life, this framed print captures two curious young cougars at play.

205 Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

Value: \$450

Donor: Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

The Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce's goal is to help businesses in the area be more competitive by promoting economic growth throughout the region. This package entitles the top-bidder to one-year of "entrepreneur" level membership.

206 Family Portrait for the Ultimate Twins Fans

Value: \$300

Donor: Anderson's Designer Portraits, Artistic Indulgence

Dress up the kids in their best opening-day duds and capture the memory with this \$125 gift certificate to Anderson's Designer Portraits. Frame it up with a \$100 gift certificate to Artistic Indulgence, an artist-owned gallery, fine arts framer and art supplier in Minneapolis's artsy Northeast neighborhood. Hang it next to commemorative, collector's photographer of Target Field's opening day.

207 A Hot Night In Hopkins

Value: \$154

Donor: Hopkins Center for the Arts, Jackie Sticha

Enjoy four tickets to an evening of gypsy jazz performed by Connie Evingson and the John Jorgenson Quartet on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 8:00 pm. Cap it off with a \$40 gift certificate to Aji Japanese Restaurant, Hopkins' sushi hot spot.

208 Framed "Iris" Photo

Value: \$130

Donor: Dave Woessner Photography

Minnesota photographer Dave Woessner captures the beauty of the Iris in this framed digital print.

ART & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

209 Family Four-Pack for the Stages Theater Company

Value: \$180

Donor: Stages Theater Company

Take your family out for three fun performances at the Stages Theater Company in Hopkins. Tonight's winner will receive four tickets to any three of Stage's 2011-2012 shows.

210 Ric Cox Pottery Bowl and Pitcher

Value: \$115

Donor: Ric Cox Pottery

Roseville artist Ric Cox specializes in raku, reduction, wood- and soda-fired pottery with strong, clean forms that capture the spontaneity of the potter's wheel.

211 Bike Tour of Saint Paul Public Art

Value: \$400

Donor: Larry England

Experience St. Paul's excellent collection of public art while getting your exercise, too! This three-hour, 15-mile bike tour will explore several pieces along Summit Avenue and the Mississippi River, ending with wine and cheese on a rooftop deck overlooking St. Paul's skyline.

212 Iris Print and Basket of Photo Cards

Value: \$130

Donor: Judith Reese

This lovely 13" x 15" Iris photograph print will perk up any wall. Also included, a set of 10 photo cards.

213 American Idol Live!

Value: \$126

Donor: Friends of Como

The top-rated television show in America will heat up the Target Center on August 3, 2011 at 7 p.m. with a showcase of performances by this season's top 11. Enjoy two tickets to this sold out show.

214 Peruvian Woven Rug

Value: \$350

Donor: Kathy Schubert

The earthy tones of the rugged Andes range are hand woven into this rug, made from handspun alpaca and all natural dyes. This pattern is a traditional Peruvian design created by master weaver Wilber Quispe.

215 "Bon Appetit"

Value: \$130

Donor: Nicky Nagle

Nationally-known artist Nancy Thomas created this whimsical Bon Appetit design to make a culinary statement in any kitchen. Hand-crafted from wood, complete with iron frame and utensils, the piece is 8"H x 11"W.

216 Our Fair Carousel Framed Poster

Value: \$125

Donor: Stephen Nesser

Saved from the auction block in 1988, the former State Fair Carousel went on to find a permanent home at Como. This framed commemorative poster captures the whirl of the hand-painted horses, beloved by generations of Minnesotans.

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ART & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

217 **Capture Your Family At Their Best**

Value: \$240

Donor: Dale Studios/ Rocco Altobelli, Inc.

Document your Best Hair Day ever with this picture perfect family package that includes two \$20 gift certificates to Rocco Altobelli, and a \$200 gift certificate for a family portrait at Dale Studios. (One portrait certificate per family per year. Cannot be combined with any other offers or certificates. Two \$20 gift certificates good at all eight Rocco Altobelli locations. New clients only. One certificate per service. Expires 1/21/12.)

218 **Curious Cats Mosaic Panel**

Value: \$275

Donor: Dennis Nemoek and Associates

Curious cats play in every corner of this 20" x 40" hand painted glass mosaic panel from Anna Studios.

CHILDREN

300 **Mall of America Family Pack**

Value: \$265

Donor: Mall of America

What's the only Minnesota attraction that has more annual visitors than Como? The Mall of America. This package includes four tickets to Nickelodeon Universe, Sea Life Aquarium, Moose Mountain Adventure Golf, and Ghostly Gangplank Ropes and Adventure course. There's also an MOA coupon book when Mom needs some "Me Time."

301 **Read With Me!**

Value: \$164

Donor: Perseus Distribution, Friend of Como

For the young reader in your life, this gift basket of five children's science titles will be the beginning of a life-long learning library. Carry them anywhere in this eco-friendly book bag, made of recycled banners.

302 **8 Tickets to the Science Museum**

Value: \$170

Donor: ECOLAB, Perseus Distribution

Enjoy eight great tickets to the Science Museum of Minnesota, the most popular museum in the Upper Midwest, valid through 9/30/2011. This package also includes a book about BODYWORKS, the popular touring exhibit, and Fossils: An Extraordinary World Revealed Close Up.

TREASURE CHEST: COULD YOU HOLD THE KEY?

The fluid lines of the Chilean flamingo were the inspiration behind this year's Treasure Chest jewelry, designed by Minneapolis master goldsmith Stephen Vincent. A forge artist, Vincent uses hammering and milling to bring each piece to its finished form—a process that ensures his one-of-a-kind creations keep their shape forever.



“Stephen’s design aesthetic is very European with very clean lines,” explains jewelry partner Catherine Lehman. “It’s not frilly, but he definitely plays with the flamingo’s lines in the earring, with the eyes at the top, and a long red neck, and this pink tourmaline tummy. He wanted to create something that’s very elegant that you can also wear anywhere.”

Handcrafted in palladium, 18K pink and yellow gold, 24K gold, pave Black Diamonds and Pink Tourmaline, these flamingo-inspired pieces are valued at \$4,950. Only one \$50 key will unlock the Treasure Chest containing these unique pieces—buy yours today by calling Caroline Mehlhop at 651-487-8235, or purchase from one of our volunteers on the evening of Sunset Affair. Donated by Stephen Vincent Design.



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A SINGULAR ADVENTURE IN SOUTH AMERICA

VALUE: \$9,800

Check Chile's wild coast off your list of once-in-a-lifetime adventures with this trip for two created especially for guests of Travelers Sunset Affair by local company Schulke Travel, partnering with Ladatco Tours, and The Singular Hotel Patagonia. Airfare is provided by US Bank and LAN Airlines.

Your eight-day journey begins with three days in Santiago, the old world city where you'll explore Pre-Columbian art and spend a day sampling renowned Chilean wines all against the backdrop of the snow-capped Andes. Next, you'll venture to Puerto Natales, gateway to Patagonia's Torres del Paine National Park, famous for its striking rock formations and ice field glaciers. During your five-day adventure in Patagonia, "where the world ends," you'll stay at The Singular Patagonia, opening November 2011. The region's newest luxury hotel will serve as home base as you set out for day trips designed for every fitness level, from bird-watching in Cerro Castillo, to horse-back riding to the Mylodon Caves, to kayaking the Obstruccion Sound. In the evenings, relax in one of Latin America's leading spas, or savor local food such as Magellan lamb and King Crab.

Trip must be used between November 2011 and April 2012.

Valued at over \$9,800, this memory-making trip for two includes all lodging and taxes; private city tour in Santiago; meals, beverages, activities and excursions in Patagonia; in-country travel and coach airfare.



PARTY AT COMO

VALUE: \$15,000

Imagine having Como all to yourself for the ultimate after-hours party.

This "Super Silent Auction" package for 100 guests would be perfect for your next corporate retreat or company picnic. It would also make for an unforgettable family reunion, wedding reception, or milestone anniversary party.

This "Only at Como" auction package will provide you and your guests a unique after-hours experience of Minnesota's most beloved destination, with unprecedented access to your favorite attractions. The top bidder will receive exclusive use of the Zoo grounds, with a Sparky Show and polar bear demonstration put on especially for you. Each of your guests will be treated to unlimited ride wristbands to Como Town and a picnic dinner served by D'Amico Catering. As a bonus, the Party at Como includes the services of a party planner to handle all the details for your special event.

The package must be used at a date mutually agreed upon before September 30, 2012 by Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, D'Amico Catering and the winning bidder.

Party at Como provided compliments of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, Como Town, D'Amico Catering and SP Planning.

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303 Monkey Around Gift Basket

Value: \$100

Donor: Stephen Joseph Inc.

Reduce your kid's carbon footprint with this cheeky little monkey lunch-box and reusable stainless steel bottle. This cute-as-a-button gift basket also includes a wallet, doodle pad, frame, t-shirt and hat.

304 Two Weekends Worth of Family Fun

Value: \$164

Donor: The Minnesota Raptor Center, Great Clips IMAX Theatre, Three Rivers Park District, Vertical Endeavors, Izzy's Ice Cream Café, Italian Pie Shoppe

Put this package in the mini-van and set out for two weekends of family fun. Enjoy four daily passes to the Landing, and rentals for two at Three Rivers Park District, scale the climbing walls at Vertical Endeavors, stop off for \$30 worth of deep dish at the Italian Pie Shoppe, and do dessert at Izzy's, St. Paul's ultimate ice cream shop, with a gift certificate for four sugar cones. Rainy day? Meet "The Raptors of Minnesota," and enjoy two tickets to an IMAX film of your choosing.

305 Just Duckie!

Value: \$100

Donor: Flo Dougherty

The littlest duck in your family will warm up to bathtime and bed with this cozy soft bath blanket, pj's, blanket and plush.

306 Curate Your Own Miniature Menagerie

Value: \$152

Donor: Safari LTD, Perseus Distribution

Start your own menagerie of museum quality miniatures with this eight-species ark, which includes the Elephant, Giraffe, Male Lion, Tiger, Zebra, Gorilla Silverback, Polar Bear, Black Jaguar, Hippo, Rhino, and Orangutan. This package comes complete with two books, Animal Kingdom and Amazing X-Rays Wild Animals.

307 Mercedes-Benz Pedal Car

Value: \$315

Donor: Sears Imported Autos

Hot Wheels! This pedal-powered import is perfect for the preschooler on the move.

ESPECIALLY FOR MEN

400 Teach a Kid to Fish

Value: \$185

Donor: Joe's Sporting Good, Jackie Sticha, Janel Russell

Give a kid a fish and he holds his nose—teach a kid to fish and you've got a boat buddy for life. This introductory tackle box comes complete with lures, hooks, and jims, and with this Mitchell rod and reel combo, the big ones won't get away. Be sure to put the boat keys on the included Father & Child® key chain, designed by Sunset Affair donor Janel Russell.

401 Dress Shirt, Tailor Made for You

Value: \$150

Donor: Judd Frost Clothiers

Experience the best in bespoke style with this gift certificate for a custom-made men's dress shirt from Wayzata's renowned Judd Frost Clothiers.

402 Car Care Basket

Value: \$175

Donor: Bob Palmgren

Enjoy a complete line of Lube-Tech products designed to clean and shine every surface of your car.

403 Father & Child® Family Pack

Value: \$180

Donor: Janel Russell

Who says you can't wear your love on your sleeve? Donor Janel Russell designed this evocative Father & Child® insignia to symbolize the love you have for your children, whether young or old! Package includes a bracelet, dog tag, key chain, and money clip, all packaged in handsome blue gift boxes.

404 Wild Fan Fantasy Pack

Value: \$500

Donor: Wells Fargo Bank

Get a little closer to Minnesota Wild's hockey greats with this traditional hockey sweater signed by Mikko Koivu, the Wild's first ever permanent captain, and helmet autographed by Minnesota Wild forward Guillaume Latendresse. Also included, a Minnesota Wild Gift Bag for sporting around.

405 Protect Your Wheels

Value: \$125

Donor: Roseville Abra Auto Body and Glass

Make your wheels hot again with this gift basket full of buff and shine, Roseville Abra Auto Body and Glass \$100 dent repair gift certificate and car care product bucket.

406 J. Novachis Men's Clothing store

Value: \$200

Donor: J. Novachis

Enjoy a \$200 shopping spree at this fine men's clothier located at Edina's very stylish 50th and France. This package includes a pair of life-changing socks you won't find anywhere else in Minnesota.

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ESPECIALLY FOR MEN (CONTINUED)

407 M-Clip Money Clip

Value: \$105

Donor: Janel Russell, Haskell's, The Wine People!

The blue and black M-Clip Money Clip is a multi-patented product designed to hold cash and credit card more securely and with less bulk than any other money clip or wallet on the market. Also, includes a one year membership in Bacchus – The Minnesota Wine Society.

408 Manly Wine!

Value: \$195

Donor: Janel Russell, Haskell's, The Wine People!

Real men drink wine with this manly package which includes a tool box, four bottles of wine, and a Father & Child® dog tag and bracelet designed by donor Janel Russel. Also, includes a one year membership in Bacchus – The Minnesota Wine Society.

409 Special Occasion Starter Kit

Value: \$126

Donor: Lexington Floral, Café Latte, Bibelot, Abdallah Candy and Gift Shoppe

Celebrate a special occasion or make up for a serious screw-up with this sweet package sure to win her heart. This package includes a \$20 gift certificate to Lexington Floral, a \$20 gift certificate to Abdallah Candy and Gift Shoppe, \$50 worth of gift certificates at Bibelot, a certificate for one full Café Latte dessert (expires 7/31/2012).

410 Full Car Detail

Value: \$300

Donor: Kline Volvo

Get that new car feel again with a full car detail, including cleaning and shampooing at Kline Volvo.

411 M-Clip Money Clip

Value: \$200

Donor: Janel Russell

Golf inspired money clip M-Clip Money Clip is a multi-patented product designed to hold cash and credit cards more securely and with less bulk than any other money clip or wallet on the market.

412 Renew Your Ride!

Value: \$125

Donor: Roseville Abra Auto Body and Glass

Make your wheels hot again with this gift basket full of buff and shine, Roseville Abra Auto Body and Glass \$100 dent repair gift certificate and car care product bucket.

413 Eco- Friendly E Cycler Lawnmower

Value: \$419

Donor: The Toro Company

No gas, no oil, no emissions, this Toro e Cycler mower is the most earth-friendly way to a good lawn. The 36-volt cordless system cuts more than 7,000 square feet on a single charge.

SPORTS & RECREATION

500 Golf at White Bear Country Club

Value: \$400

Donor: Marla and John Ordway

Enjoy dinner for two at the historic White Bear Yacht Club with John and Marla Ordway, after a round of golf. White Bear Country Club's course has recently been restored to reflect the century-old original design of Donald Ross, the Scottish designer known for his work at Minnikahda, Interlachen, and Woodhill.

501 Private Dance Lessons

Value: \$120

Donor: Dancers Studio

Transform those two left feet with this gift certificate to the Dancers Studio. Package includes one private lesson, one group class, and one dance party.

502 Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Value: \$380

Donor: Space Center

Sit right behind the dugout wit these four tickets when the Minnesota Twins take on the Boston Red Sox on August 8 at 7:10 p.m.

SPORTS & RECREATION (CONTINUED)

503 Golf Tech Package

Value: \$225

Donor: Bob & Lynette Palmgren, Golf Tech

Fine tune your golf game with this gift certificate for a 90-minute swing analysis from Golf Tech. Also included, a book on golf basics, a divot tool, and golf balls to make par.

504 Jawaahir Dance Company

Value: \$280

Donor: Jawaahir Dance Company

Teaching Middle Eastern and belly dancing for thirty years, the Jawaahir Dance Company will get you in the groove. This gift certificate is good for a 10-week session of beginner dance classes.

505 50 percent off your next foursome at Cragun's

Value: \$480

Donor: Cragun's Golf Resort and Conference Center

Named one of Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play," Cragun's 5-star Legacy course is midwest golf at its best. This 50 percent discount for a foursome includes the use of a GPS golf cart.

506 Park Tavern Bowling Party

Value: \$600

Donor: Park Tavern

Strike it big with a bowling party for up to 40 people at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park. Bowling shoes included! (Advance reservations required. Maximum 6 lanes. Minimum 6 people per lane and party time up to 2 hours.)

507 One-Year Pool and Yacht Club Membership

Value: \$2,110

Donor: Pool and Yacht Club

Located on the shores of the mighty Mississippi in Lilydale, the Pool and Yacht club calls itself "the best kept secret in the Twin Cities." Enjoy a one year membership with all its privileges. (Certificate MUST be redeemed within 60 days of issue. One-year Complementary Membership available only once per household.)

508 Golf Gift Certificate

Value: \$196

Donor: Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Golf Gift Certificate for a round of golf for four with cart, good at any St. Paul golf course including Como, Phalen and Highland National.

509 Show your Purple Pride

Value: \$258

Donor: Space Center

See it all happen with these two tickets from the 50-yard line when the Vikings play the Denver Broncos on December 4 at 3:05 p.m. Because of the current uncertainty of the NFL season, Como Friends will refund the winning bidders payment should the game not be played.

510 Sailing on White Bear Lake

Value: \$500

Donor: White Bear Boat Works

Take a ride of a lifetime for four people on the world famous A Scow designed and built in 1896 from Johnson Boat Works in White Bear Lake. This 38 foot sailboat ride will be something to write home about!! Water skiing is optional.

GETAWAY

600 White Bear Country Inn

Value: \$120

Donor: Best Western White Bear Country Inn

Get away close to home with this one-night stay at the Best Western White Bear Country Inn and gift certificate to Rudy's Redeye Grill.

601 Sleep and Sip Margaritas on the Mississippi

Value: \$354

Donor: The Covington Inn, Padelford Packet Boat Co.

The Covington Inn is one of America's few floating bed and breakfasts, buoyed and buffered by the Mississippi River. Whether blanketed by snow or passed by summer's silent barges, its riverside setting soothes and captivates. Enjoy a one-night stay Sunday-Thursday. Expires July 2012. Also enjoy gift certificates for four adults for the Padelford Packet Boat's sightseeing cruise as well as the Padelford's Margaritas on the Mississippi happy hour cruise.



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602 Live in a Lighthouse

Value: \$170

Donor: Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast, Minnesota Historical Society

Built in 1892, the Two Harbors Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During your one-night stay on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior, you can contribute to the historic preservation of this working landmark as an Assistant Lighthouse Keeper. Also included, four free admission passes from the Minnesota Historical Society, valid for more than twenty historic sites including Split Rock Lighthouse.

603 Romance in Rice Park

Value: \$477

Donor: The Saint Paul Hotel and Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

Experience an evening of old-world charm and European elegance in Minnesota's Landmark Hotel, after taking in the opening night of "Cinderella" at the Ordway. This package includes deluxe overnight accommodations for two, dinner for two in the Saint Paul Grill (up to \$100 value), and two tickets to the December 13, 2011 performance of "Cinderella" with a "behind-the-curtain" tour of the Ordway.

604 North Shore Nights

Value: \$700

Donor: Jill Sadler, New Scenic Café, Nokomis Restaurant and Bar, Ledge Rock Grill

Inspired by traditional Scandinavian fishing villages, the Larsmont Cottages of Lakes Superior are tucked away in 40 acres of private woods, south of Two Harbors, MN, with 1,300 feet of Lake Superior beachfront shoreline. Enjoy two nights of lodging*, along with a \$50 gift card to New Scenic Café, a \$50 gift card to Nokomis Restaurant and Bar, and \$50 gift card to Ledge Rock Grill.

*Accommodations include 1 bedroom, 2 nights, sleeps 4, living room w/ Queen Sofa Sleeper, Gas Fireplace, Kitchen, Dining, One bedroom King Bed, 1 1/2 baths with whirlpool bath, Lakeside patio. Select weeks from Nov 2011-May 2012, Sunday - Thursday evenings (subject to availability). Resort has indoor pool, outdoor hot tub, wood burning sauna and massage (added cost).

GETAWAY (CONTINUED)

605 Play and Stay at Grand Casino

Value: \$169

Donor: Grand Casino

Enjoy a one night stay in a standard room, \$20 in Grand Play , and \$20 off any food venue (Expires 10/2011. May not be used with other coupons). Tax, Alcohol and Gratuity not included. Grand Rewards Membership is required to use any of the certificates.

606 Sun Country Airline Tickets

Value: \$1,000

Donor: Sun Country Airlines

Fly your hometown airline with these two tickets to fly to any domestic location served by Sun Country.

HOME & GARDEN

700 Antique Weathervane

Value: \$250

Donor: Joe Scheunemann

Find out which way the wind is blowing with this classic weathervane featuring a horse-drawn fire engine.

701 Plant some of "Como" in your garden

Value: \$90

Donor: Bailey Nurseries

Take home 3 Rosa 'Como Park' plants, great for beginning rose gardeners and a consistent performer in Minnesota, with dark green foliage that unfurls with a touch of red and stays clean all season long. Plant in groups for a bright garden accent.

702 Frasier Fir Gift Basket

Value: \$90

Donor: Thymes

Minneapolis-based Thymes created this Frasier Fir gift basket with a familiar Minnesota scent of pine needles warming in the woods. This package includes two bars of soap, poured candle, votive candle set, dishwashing liquid, and all-purpose cleaner with the same brisk, fresh scent.

703 Jingle All the Way

Value: \$575

Donor: Custom Christmas Lighting, Divadish Kitchen & Catering

Make your season bright with this \$500 gift certificate toward a \$1,000 custom Christmas lighting design. (Valid for new clients only; must contact by 9/10/2011). Then serve your guests some holiday treats with this \$75 gift certificate on any menu item at Divadish Kitchen & Catering. (Please allow 2-3 days for preparation, expires January 1, 2012.)

704 J.R. Watkins Naturals

Value: \$80

Donor: J.R. Watkins Naturals

As America's original natural apothecary manufacturer, J.R. Watkins Natural Products uses only the finest natural ingredients in its diverse line of products. This exceptional assortment includes a selection of J.R. Watkins' most popular home and personal care products, as well as Watkins Famous Spices.

705 Garden Variety Pack

Value: \$105

Donor: Bailey Nurseries

Plant three great bloomers perfect for Minnesota gardens—the Rosa 'Como Park', Hydrangea Bella Anna, Hydrangea Twist n Shout

706 Faerie House

Value: \$90

Donor: Faerie House

Add a little whimsy and wonder to your home with this charming ceramic fairy house, with curled copper piping perfect for hanging from a porch or trellis.

707 Red and Yellow Wreath

Value: \$125

Donor: Jan Moser

Capture the colors of nature indoors with this 24-inch hand-crafted wreath, made of red and yellow silk flowers, grape vines, and greenery.

HOME & GARDEN (CONTINUED)

708 **Hydrangea Bella Anna**

Value: \$120

Donor: Bailey Nurseries

Plant a trio of Bella Anna, a remarkable reblooming magenta-pink Hydrangea Arborescens ('Annabelle'). This hot, new hydrangea blooms from summer all the way through fall.

709 **Mom's Landscaping**

Value: \$1,500

Donor: Mom's Landscaping

Lavish yourself in casual luxury with this \$1,500 gift certificate for Mom's Landscaping. Their team of designers share the dream of transforming ordinary yards into dynamic outdoor living spaces.

710 **Get Organized!**

Value: \$200

Donor: Darcy Schatz, Caroline Mehlhop, HOM Furniture

Don't put it off when you can get Organized Today! This gift certificate includes two hours of organizing services at your home or office, including a six-month follow up by phone or e-mail. Also included is a \$50 gift certificate to the Container Store and a \$50 gift certificate to HOM Furniture.

711 **Make Your Garden Gorgeous**

Value: \$175

Donors: Gypsy Moon, Tangletown Gardens, Coynes and Company

Give your garden walls a dash of flash with this bright-green garden iron, perfect for climbing vines, and colorful ironwork cricket. The ultimate goodie-bag for green thumbs, you'll also find a charming bronze lawn bunny, two galvanized planters, notecards, a garden bag and gloves, and a \$20 gift certificate to Tangletown Gardens. Also included is a daisy umbrella with a wall plaque about the benefits of rainy days.

712 **Plant some of "Como" in your garden**

Value: \$90

Donor: Bailey Nurseries

Take home 3 Rosa 'Como Park' plants, great for beginning rose gardeners and a consistent performer in Minnesota, with dark green foliage that unfurls with a touch of red and stays clean all season long. Plant in groups for a bright garden accent.

713 William-Sonoma Cookbooks

Value: \$120

Donor: Simon and Schuster, Haskells, The Wine People!

Williams-Sonoma is synonymous with good food, and these three hardcover cookbooks are packed with great ideas for weeknight cooking, and preparing the perfect dinner party. Titles include: Fresh and Fast, Cooking Essentials, and Wine and Food. Also, includes a one year membership in Bacchus – The Minnesota Wine Society.

714 Stoneware Bowl and Pitcher

Value: \$75

Donor: Sallie O'Brien

This earthy, artful stoneware bowl and pitcher set is practical as well—both pieces are oven, microwave, and dishwasher safe.

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HOME & GARDEN (CONTINUED)

715 Vet Services and Gift basket

Value: \$325

Donors: Arta Cheney, Arden Shoreview Animal Hospital:
Louise and Rich Routhe

Arden Shoreview Animal Hospital gift certificate entitles your cat or dog to a comprehensive annual checkup valued at \$285, along with a doggie treat jar with goodies and a cuddly dog blanket.

716 Purple and White Wreath

Value: \$125

Donor: Jan Moser

Capture the colors of nature indoors with this 24-inch hand-crafted wreath, made of purple and white silk flowers and greenery.

717 Send Roses

Value: \$75

Donor: Roseville Visitors Association

Make someone's day with this \$75 gift certificate to Hermes Floral.

718 Hydrangea Twist n Shout

Value: \$105

Donor: Bailey Nurseries

Plant a trio of Hydrangea Twist-n-Shout, a reblooming lacecap hydrangea with amazing pink or perwinkle flowers that bloom from early summer all the way through fall.

719 Home Inspections

Value: \$300

Donor: Scheunemann Home Inspections

It's time for a Home Check-up! Mechanical systems and structural components deteriorate slowly in every home. It is easy for an untrained eye to overlook the gradual decline in the efficiency and safety of a home's systems. Take advantage of our years of experience and let us evaluate your entire house. You will receive a detailed report that explains the condition of your home, which includes recommendations for maintaining, repairs, improvements and replacements as needed.

720 Interior Design

Value: \$250

Donor: Joy and Co. Interior Design

Imagine how beautiful your home or office could be with two hours of design time from Joy and Co. Interior Design.

721 Zen Fountain

Value: \$119

Donor: Lotus International, LCC

Create a tranquil space in your own home with this working water fountain of ceramic and river rocks.

722 Handmade Christmas

Value: \$210

Donor: Jan Kurhajetz

Make the season a little brighter with this handmade holiday accessories. Package includes a felted snowman centerpiece, felted wall decoration, felted ornaments, beaded framed tree scene, hand knit placemats, and gift bags.

723 Snow Leopard Basket

Value: \$110

Donor: Arta Cheney

Learn all about this elusive large cat with this themed gift basket which includes an autographed copy of Sy Montgomery's Saving the Ghost of the Mountain, two plush snow leopards, and a handmade camel wool mitten and hat set crafted by women in rural herding communities in Mongolia.

724 Birdhouse Gnome

Value: \$40

Donor: Red Carpet Studios, Ltd.

Small birds can nest right up the nose of this whimsical wooden gnome that creates the facade of this clever a-frame birdhouse.

HOME & GARDEN (CONTINUED)

725 Plant some of "Como" in your garden

Value: \$90

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726 Funky Flamingos

Value: \$100

Donor: Lynette Palmgren

Make a serious style statement with this trio of tin flamingos, a fun update of the ubiquitous 1950s lawn ornaments.

PAMPER YOURSELF

800 Vera Bradley Fun in the Sun Basket

Value: \$175

Donor: Nicky Nagle

This stylish Vera Bradley basket comes packed with all you'll need to have fun in the sun. Includes Sun hat, flip flops, beach towel, travel pouch filled with nail polish and sunscreen, bracelet, water bottle, book, iced tea, and snacks!

801 Juut/Aveda basket

Value: \$150

Donor: Juut Salon Spa

Enjoy a \$50 Gift card to Juut Salon, the Twin Cities' premier Aveda salons. Also included, Caribbean Therapy Candle, Body Scrub, and Moisturizer scented with Caribbean mango, cocoa butter and warm island aromas to leaves your skin soft and conditioned, your senses rejuvenated.

802 Health Package

Value: \$195

Donor: Angelic Beauty, LLC, Ecopolitan Raw Food Restaurant, Balance for Life Fitness Center

You'll be glowing with health with this certificate for an Angelic tranquility facial from Angelic Beauty, LLC, an Ecopolitan Raw Food Restaurant sauna certificate for one infrared sauna session, certificate for three one hour pilates reformer group classes from Balance for Life Fitness Center.

803 Jewelry Box

Value: \$200

Donor: Earth Dreams Jewelry, Left Hand Studios, Janel Russell

This charming jewelry box is already filled with treasures—a dragonfly earring and necklace set with glass beads, three pairs of earrings, and Father & Child dog tag and bracelet.

804 Landre Gifts

Value: \$45

Donor: Landre Gifts

For a stylish evening, or a hot Chilean night, long light weight scarves are a must have wardrobe item. This package include two tie-dyed silk scarves.

805 Therapeutic Harp and Reiki

Value: \$165

Donor: Terrie Tacheny and Nancy Feintheil

The favorite harpist of Como's Primates, Terrie Tacheny will play soothing songs during this 45-50 minute Reiki Healing Session. Expires July 31, 2012

806 Andrew Bugher Design

Value: \$350

Donor: Andrew Bugher Design

Jewelry designer Andrew Bugher captures the spots and stripes of African animals with this pendant, earrings, and set of two rings from the Safari Line.

807 Treat Yourself

Value: \$75

Donor: Big Bowl and Rosedale Center

Enjoy an afternoon out at Rosedale Center of lunch and shopping, with a \$25 gift card to Big Bowl and a \$50 gift card to Rosedale Center.

WINE & DINE

900 Assortment of Beers in beverage container

Value: \$80

Donor: Jackie Sticha

Invite the neighbors to the backyard to sample craft brews from Vermont, Oregon and Alaska. With this over-sized beverage tub, all you'll have to do is add ice.

901 Dinner at the Fire House

Value: \$500

Donor: Diana Allen

Tuck in to a fabulous dinner for six prepared especially for you and your guests by the best cook on the St. Paul Fire Department. The evening includes a tour of the recently completed Fire Station #1 and its very impressive green roof.

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902 Barbeque Basket

Value: \$300

Donor: Nicky Nagle

The ultimate tool kit for your summer barbeque, this basket includes a clever mini-grill that can travel wherever the meal takes you.

903 Bagels for a Year

Value: \$156

Donor: Panera Bread Co.

Bite into a baker's dozen bag of bagels every month of the year with this package, complements of Panera Bread Co. Two tubs of spread are also included.

904 25 Pound Nut Roll

Value: \$150

Donor: Pearson Candy Company

With a nougat center surrounded in a layer of caramel and then covered with salted Virginia peanuts, the Pearson's Salted Nut Roll is a uniquely Midwestern confection. But 25 pounds is probably more than you should eat alone. Invite friends.

905 Wine Expert

Value: \$500

Donor: Meritage, Nicolas Giraud, Solo Vino

Enjoy a lunch for two and wine tasting at Meritage, one of St. Paul finest restaurants, to be followed by an exclusive wine shopping experience at Solo Vino (with \$100 gift card), with wine expert Nicolas Giraud, winner of best wine list in the Twin Cities.

906 Four Bottles of Wine

Value: \$135

Donor: Shane & Leslee Boyd, Paul & Elizabeth Rauker

Savor some great recent vintages from Australia, Spain, and France. Wines include 2004 Draycott Premium Barossa Shiraz, 2004 Spanish Rioja Reserva, 2003 Jacob's Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 French Grand Vin de Bordeaux Chateau Lafleur-Vauzelle

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907 **Be an Italian Food Critic**

Value: \$120

Donor: al Vento, Luci Restaurants, Mama Maria's, Carmelo's Ristorante

Which Italian restaurant makes marina the way your Nonna did? Find out with this fun flight of gift certificates to al Vento (\$25), Mama Maria's(\$15), Carmelo's Ristorante (\$40), and Luci Restaurants (\$40) redeemable at either Luci Ancora or Ristorante Luci.

908 **Bread for a Year**

Value: \$81

Donor: Breadsmith

Enjoy a dozen European-style hearth baked breads, baked fresh from scratch daily with only the finest ingredients. (Package includes 12 free loaves, each with a maximum value of \$6.75. One loaf per visit.

909 **Cheerios Gift Package**

Value: \$75

Donor: General Mills

The wholesome goodness of Cheerios—now in an extravagant gift package. Inside you'll find a Cheerios T-shirt (size large), Honey Nut Cheerios golf shirt (size large), a Cheerios gym bag and tote, key chain, note pad, pencils and pens, plus a sleeve of golf balls. Also included, a box of Cheerios, a box of Honey Nut Cheerios, and three coupons for one free box of Cheerios, Multigrain Cheerios, and Honey Nut Cheerios.

910 **Family Pack**

Value: \$195

Donor: Green Mill Restaurants, LLC, Key's Café, Punch Neapolitan Pizza, The Big Bowl, The Cheesecake Factory, Janel Russel

Don't know what's for dinner? Take the family out for five nights of family dining with \$175 worth of gift cards to such kid-friendly restaurants as Green Mill (\$30), Key's Café (\$15), Punch Neapolitan Pizza (\$30), Big Bowl (\$25), and The Cheesecake Factory (\$50). Also, included is a Father & Child money clip.

911 **Get Surly**

Value: \$60

Donor: Surly Brewing Co.

Experience the power of the pint with this gift basket from the Minnesota craft-brewer that makes beer for a glass from a can. Package includes a hat, his and hers t-shirts, four pint glasses, and four pack.

912 Date Night

Value: \$320

Donor: 128 Café, Great Waters Brewing Company, Hell's Kitchen, Joe's Garage, Sunsets, Tryg's An American Restaurant, The Hubbell House, Herkimer Pub & Brewery

Enjoy eight great evenings out with more than \$300 worth of gift certificates to such favorites as 128 Café (\$50), Great Waters Brewing (\$50), Hell's Kitchen (\$15), Joe's Garage (\$25), Sunsets (\$50), Tryg's An American Restaurant (\$50), The Hubbell House (\$30) and, Herkimer Pub & Brewery (\$50). All you have to do is hire the babysitter!

913 Case of Wine

Value: \$216

Donor: Chicago Lake Liquors

Stock the wine cellar with this full case of Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, a light to medium bodied aromatic wine from Auckland, New Zealand.

914 Kitchen in the Market

Value: \$1,040

Donor: Tastebud Tart, Midtown Global Market

Gather your foodiest friend for this unique cooking class for up to 16 people. Start with a tour of Midtown Global Market, pointing out many great finds and ideas to spark inspiration for our creative meal. Then we'll sample an assortment of cheeses from grassroots gourmet, led by owner Vicky Potts. And then, we cook. And, of course...eat! \$100 in market money to shop during the class (for ingredients).

915 Summit Brewing Company

Value: \$75

Donor: Summit Brewing Company

Bring home a gift pack of great beers and Summit t-shirts and hats from St. Paul's favorite hometown brewery.

916 Five Fantastic Breakfasts

Value: \$125

Donor: Grandview Grill

Enjoy the most important meal of the day at with \$125 worth of gift cards to five breakfast hotspots--Grandview Grill (\$25), The New Uptown (\$25) The New Woodbury Café (\$25), The 50th Street Café (\$25), and The New Louisiana Café (\$25)

WINE & DINE (CONTINUED)

917 **It's 5 o'clock somewhere...**

Value: \$195

Donor: 45th Parallel Distillery, Caroline Mehlhop

Experience the hands-on approach the 45th Parallel Distillery takes with every bit of grain that goes into their hand-crafted line of vodka, made right in New Richmond, Wisconsin. This basket of cocktail items also includes snack bowls, four hand-blown cocktail/martini glasses, wooden appetizer plates, shot glasses, martini mix, olives, nuts, and napkins.

918 **Around the World**

Value: \$285

Donor: Christos Greek Restaurant, Everest on Grand, Fuji Ya, Gardens of Salonica, Holy Land Brand, Peninsula Malaysian Cuisine, Taste of Scandinavia

Set off for an adventure in global cuisine with these gift certificates to some great ethnic restaurants including Christos Greek Restaurant (\$50), Everest on Grand (\$25), Fuji Ya (\$35), Gardens of Salonica (\$100), Taste of Scandinavia (\$35), Holy Land Brand (\$20), and Peninsula Malaysian Cuisine (two lunch specials, good weekdays only). When you're finished with this whirlwind of fine dining, look up your favorite recipes in The World Kitchen Cookbook from Williams-Sonoma.

919 **Wine Basket**

Value: \$165

Donor: Nicky Nagle

Get ready to entertain with these six handpainted wine glasses with coordinating serving tray, 4 bottles of wine and other "goodies" perfect for savoring a summer evening.

920 **Midtown Global Market**

Value: \$50

Donor: Midtown Global Market

Those hard-to-find herbs and spices are easy to pick up at Midtown Global Market's ethnic grocers and specialty shops. Enjoy 10 \$5 Market Dollars at the Twin Cities' most worldly shopping center.

921 Living Well

Value: \$105

Donor: Peoples Organic Coffee & Wine Café, Linden Hills Co-op, Simon and Schuster, Mushrooms for the Masses, LLC

Learn to savor “greener” groceries, with this \$50 gift card to Peoples Organic Coffee & Wine Café, a \$10 gift certificate to Linden Hills Co-op, a Mushrooms for the Masses growing kit, and this fabulous Farmers’ Market Cookbook.

922 Great Harvest Whole Grain Gift Box

Value: \$70

Donor: Great Harvest Bread Co

A wonderful sampling of fresh bread, cookies, and other goodies along with a gift certificate good for one free loaf for the next six months.

923 Blue Plate Special

Value: \$100

Donor: Blue Plate Restaurant Company

Experience “passionate hospitality and flavors” with this gift certificate good for any of Blue Plate’s great local restaurants including the Long-fellow Grill, the Groveland Tap, Highland Grill and Scusi.

924 Green Giant Package

Value: \$75

Donor: General Mills

Ho! Ho! Ho! Bring home Minnesota’s most iconic brand with this Green Giant gift bag from General Mills. Package includes a Green Giant backpack, beach towel and hat, golf balls and towel, water jug and plastic Sprout doll. Also included: coupons for three free Green Giant Boxed Vegetables and three free bags of Green Giant Valley Fresh Steamers vegetables.

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