



27th Door County Folk Festival

GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR!

Thursday-Sunday, July 6-9, 2006 - Sister Bay & Ephraim, Wisconsin

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Silent Auction - Scholarship Fund Benefit

The Silent Auction

Since 1995, DCFF has held a Silent Auction in the basement of Sister Bay Village hall. Participants and "Friends of the Festival" donate all sorts of items to this activity that directly supports twelve (12) Work Scholars required for the Administrative Staff. Auction proceeds have subsidized up to four (5) Work Scholars. DCFF subsidizes the others. We'd like your help in increasing that number this year. Recently, interest has taken off and there have been over 100 items placed in the auction. You can find some great items at bargain prices.

Background

Like many other DCFF activities, the Silent Auction originated with a suggestion from a participant. Marilyn Bergstrom, a dancer in Chicago, donated her Bulgarian costume to the Festival and suggested that we raffle it off to raise money for scholarships.

Taking that concept a step further, the planners recognized the potential to broaden the scope of participation to include others. Thus, the DCFF Silent Auction idea was conceived as a way to:

- provide a means for donors to contribute to the Festival
- promote recycling within the community
- help folks find things that they can use
- add another activity that promotes interaction and conversation between participants
- raise money for the work scholarship fund

How Do I Make a Donation?

Check your closets, cabinets, attics, bookshelves, etc. for ethnic and folk related things that you no longer use. Do some "Spring Cleaning" and donate items that are still serviceable, wearable, usable, etc. The silent auction is a way to help these items find a new life in a new home. Articles for the auction can include ethnic clothing, shoes and accessories, items related to ethnic dance, music or singing, international travel, ethnic cultures, foreign languages, music collections, dance notes/descriptions, etc.

- Please complete an Auction Form for each donated item including donor name (optional), item description and suggested minimum bid. You can download this form from:
 - www.dcff.net/downloads/silent_auction_short_form.pdf
 - www.dcff.net/downloads/silent_auction_long_form.pdf
- Donors attending the Festival should bring their items to the Auction Manager at Sister Bay Village Hall
- Donors unable to attend the Festival should make prior shipping or drop-off arrangements with the Auction Manager

What Do I Donate?

One never knows what participants, will find interesting, exciting, and/or desirable. Each year people donate lots of items and the bidding ranges all over the place - sometimes high, sometimes low. Auction items in past years have included ethnic costumes, a 20-plus year collection of Viltis (Folklore/Folk Dance Magazine), dance records, tapes and CD's, new and used dance clothing, T-shirts from other dance workshops/camps, new and like-new dance footwear including Opanki (Balkan footwear), cell phones, travel books, grass mats, herbal teas, jewelry, hand strung beads, wall hanging, paintings and small costumed dolls. The variety of items seems to meet the interests and needs of the auction participants, especially the regulars, who seem to sense that they will discover "something special". Check your closets, corners and storage areas for forgotten "treasures" and donate them to the DCFF Silent Auction.

How Does the Auction Work?

During registration on Thursday, the items are put on display. The bidding for the silent auction opens at the Thursday night party at 8:00pm and closes at the Saturday night party at 11:30pm. The auction manager will review the bid sheets and certify the last entry and highest bidder of each item as the winner.

- Bidding begins at the suggested minimum bid and may be increased by full dollar amounts only. There are no penny raises.
- Highly contested items will be setup for "blind bidding", meaning that the bidders put down what they are willing to pay for such an item. Blind bids will be kept sealed until end of auction. The highest bidder may then purchase the item
- Browse the Auction and bid generously on newly discovered treasures!
- Donors to please re-claim any non-bid items after the auction closes

Contact Information

To donate items or for additional information, the Auction Manager - Mercedes: mercedes@dcff.net, (262)-632-2986