

# Mesquite Madness

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Bidder # \_\_\_\_\_

## Read, Print and Bring this Catalog to the Auction

A **Bidder Number is required.** Register at the Auction Table.  
Use INK to bid.

**Bid Form:** Each bid form has several **pre-assigned** price levels. The number of open lines matches the number of *seats/offers* for an item. *Example:* A GIFT CARD bid form has **one** line per price level--there can only be **one** winner. A DINNER bid form with **six** seats has **six** open lines at *each* price level.

**For Couples:** If you *both* want an item with multiple *seats/offers*, write your Bidder number on **two** lines.  
No ditto marks please!

**Buy It Now:** When you bid at this highest level, you are guaranteed to win. When all lines in the *Buy It Now* price level are full, the item is Sold Out.

**Monitor your bids after they are made.** The *Bid Monitors' job is to make sure the Number of Bids* anywhere on the bid sheet does not exceed the **Number of Places** available. Higher bids *may* cancel out lower bids, depending on *how many* bids have been placed.

If a Bid Monitor has crossed out your Bidder Number, you have been **outbid**. You may always bid again in a higher price level if the item is not Sold Out.

Auctions will **close** about 3 p.m. for **Articles, Pies, and the Gift Card** so the winners can be notified. Winners will be asked to sign for it before they take it home.

**Check Out:** *There is **No Check out*** at the Auction.  
Payments **cannot** be accepted.

**Winners** will be notified later with...

- A printed *Bidder Statement* that shows what items you won and the amount you owe.

**Pay...** (CHANGES from last year)

- By cash or check, (no credit cards) at Mesquite Madness Table on January 21 and January 28.

**OR**

- Use the **Online Giving to MVUU** button on the *MVUU.org* website. Accepts credit cards or your personal *PayPal* account. (2.2% fee).
- MVUU incurs fees for credit card payments. Consider adding that fee amount to your Balance Due.

**Donors** will receive...

- A printed *Donor Statement* which includes the Sold Prices  
**and**
- A list of the Winners to your Event(s) with their contact information.

**Please...**If you win a bid but can't attend the event, contact the host, then **donate** your spot to another or ask our Office Administrator to do so. No refunds can be given.

All proceeds go to MVUU and portions that exceed the *fair market value* of the item *may* be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor as needed.

## **EVENTS in DATE order**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b># of seats</b>
<b>1/25</b>	5:00 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>Cowboy Mah Jongg Party:</b> Have a Cowboy dinner, drinks, and play Mah Jongg at Jill Phares' home. Come dressed in your best cowboy/cowgirl outfit.	7
<b>2/6</b>	11:00 AM	<b>31</b>	<b>Seven Cups-Tucson Tea House Ceremony:</b> Enjoy a relaxing and informative Tea Ceremony with MVUU friends. The nuanced intricacies of each action will be explained by Chu Ping. Small delicacies like moon cakes served. 2516 E 6th Street. <a href="http://www.sevencups.com">www.sevencups.com</a>	10
<b>2/10</b>	5:00 PM	<b>44</b>	<b>Indian Vegetarian Dinner:</b> Let Sunny and Dru Aslam show you what a <i>Mostly Indian Vegetarian meal</i> is all about. Enjoy an Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert	4
<b>2/16</b>	11:00 AM	<b>47</b>	<b>Chili and Games at Hobie's Casita:</b> Near Saguaro National Park West. Play random desert croquet, home-made chili for lunch (meat or no meat) Then play a round of Bocce Ball on a challenging court.	5
<b>2/17</b>	5:30 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>Basque Shepherds' Dinner in FEBRUARY:</b> Join Betty and Ron Meikle for Pintxos (appetizers), French Onion Soup, Grilled Lamb Chops, Roasted Potatoes, Green Veggies, Salad, Shepherds' Bread, then Dessert of a delicious Flan.	6
<b>2/25</b>	7:30 AM	<b>8</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Bird Watching:</b> begin or improve your skills with <i>Tucson Audubon Society</i> bird walk leaders Jim Gessaman and Ray Deeney. Meet at Jim's home for Starbuck's coffee, and a 1 hour introduction to bird field guides, eBird, Merlin, Listserv and the Tucson Audubon website. Then take a 1.5-mile bird walk at Arthur Pack Park (close by) where you can expect to see 25+ species to help you improve your bird identification skills. No Make-Up sessions.	15
<b>3/10</b>	Noon	<b>35</b>	<b>Minnie and Cora Phares</b> will put on a Tea Party just for Grandmas. Their Grandma Jill will supervise. After tea, everyone gets to do a craft project.	6

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3/17	6:00 PM	41	<b>Guinness and Blarney!</b> A St. Patrick's Day dinner with Deb Roberts and Tom Sawyer (whose ancestors hail from Donegal). Each course features a dish containing the Irish nectar of the gods - Guinness! Amazingly, that includes chocolate cake. Party games will give you the chance to throw around the blarney.	8
3/23		24	<b>Tohono O'odham Museum Field Trip:</b> The Tatums will drive you to the museum in Topawa, AZ for a docent talk and catered lunch.	8
3/24	8:30 AM	40	<b>Bird Watching in Madera Canyon:</b> Barbara Gates and Ray Deeney will drive, lead a morning walk and birdwatch and provide a picnic lunch. Depart from BSLC, bring binoculars, sunscreen.	6
3/24	11:00 AM	15	<b>Hen Party:</b> Hens/Ladies/Women: Come, relax, and enjoy a tasty lunch with good conversation at Cathy Becskehazy's home. Cathy will provide more info, including <b>what object to bring.</b>	13
3/25	4:30 PM	4	<b>Penstemon Picnic:</b> Enjoy casual fare and Jane and Conrad's desert landscape at its peak with a pink-mountain sunset. Food restrictions OK	6
3/31	6:30 PM	38	<b>Beer Pairing Dinner:</b> Enjoy a four course meal of Gazpacho, Grilled Vegetable Salad, German Pot Roast, and Apple Pie paired with brews specially chosen by Theda and Warren Ellis. Dinner will feature some familiar brews and some new ones.	6
4/5	6:30 PM	50	<b><i>The Elwha Undammed: What's a River For?</i></b> This 30 minute film documents the largest dam removal in American history and the restoration of a river. This film has shown internationally, on PBS, and two Film Festivals. Join Jan Mulder and Greg Bedinger for appetizers and discussion. Greg's non-profit organization produced this award-winning film.	10
4/7	6:00 PM	3	<b>Foreign Favorites:</b> Conrad and Jane Paul will begin in Italy for <i>Baked Gorgonzola Bites</i> then sail to Greece for <i>Salad</i> and <i>Tiropitas</i> . On to Turkey for the Main Course of <i>Bourek</i> . Finally to France with a <i>Dacquoise</i> for dessert. Food restrictions OK	8

Date	Time	Item	Description	# of seats
4/14	5:00 PM	11	<b>April in Paris:</b> Michelle and Ray Deeney will provide a <i>healthy</i> French dinner, including Onion Soup, Chicken Provencal and more! Come sip wine and enjoy the food and great company.	16
4/15	5:00 PM	18	<b>Farewell Formal Dinner Party:</b> Last chance to dine at their house on a table set with elegant china and Waterford crystal. Connie Armstrong and Chuck Grabiell will be passing these favorites to their next generation to begin their downsizing. Hors d'oeuvres, then Salmon Scallops with herb dressing, Nutty Wild Rice, Party Peas, and Salad. Finish this exceptional evening with a Bundt cake. Fine wines of course.	8
4/28	6:00 PM	30	<b>Divine Dinner:</b> An evening of conversation, delicious food and entertainment. The Castriottas and the Grant Bairds hope it will be an evening you will fondly remember.	10
5/13	10:45 AM	7	<b>Mother's Day Tea:</b> Come enjoy a selection of finger sandwiches, fresh homemade scones and jam with clotted cream, and an assortment of sweets from the dessert tray, with various teas.	9
9/22	5:30 PM	29	<b>Howl at the Harvest Moon at Paula's:</b> Enjoy dinner prepared by the Dynamic Trio of Bill Casey, Elizabeth Reed and Paula Lipsitz. Appetizers - Board of Harvest Delights including Cheeses and Olives, Harvest Salad, Braised Chicken in White Wine, Smashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussel Sprouts and Paula's Famous Cheese Cake for dessert. Variety of wines, sparkling water.	7
10/3	6:00 PM	1	<b>Taste of Texas:</b> Jane and Conrad Paul offer hot Queso and chips to start. Then enjoy the BBQ Brisket - which has been cooking all day - with Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, and the famous (at least in Texas) Sheet Cake with ice cream. Food restrictions OK	8

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11/3	6:00 PM	42	<b>Olive Branch Experience 2018:</b> Middle Eastern Dinner under the olive tree with Tom and Ruth Bunch. For 10 guests; (5 seats were presold) Vegetarian dinner: Grilled Shrimp, Olives, Dates, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Baba Ganoush, Hummus, Falafel, Tabouli, Pita. Baklava for dessert. Bonus: a quart of cured olives to take home.	5
11/7	1:30 PM	46	<b>La Dolce Vita! Bocce Party:</b> An afternoon of Bocce, a wonderful Italian lawn game for all ages and abilities (Deena and Avery Gentle will teach you - it's easy-peasy!) To be played on Sunflower Community Bocce courts. After you've worked up your appetites with fun and laughter, relax over a dinner of Italian-themed delights in our home.	8
11/10	5:30 PM	28	<b>Basque Shepherds' Dinner in NOVEMBER:</b> Join Betty and Ron Meikle for Pintxos (appetizers), French Onion Soup, Grilled Lamb Chops, Roasted Potatoes, Green Veggies, Salad, Shepherds' Bread, then Dessert of a delicious Flan.	6
11/17	6:30 PM	10	<b>Wine Tasting Party:</b> An evening at Bonnie and Chris Baird's. Observe the color, aroma and taste of 3 white and 3 red wines. Appetizers to cleanse palate: Cheeses, Chocolate-dipped Almonds, Buttered Crostini, Popcorn with Pistachios, Homemade Cheese Straws, Baked Brie, Smokey Fondue.	10
12/23	5:00 PM	32	<b>Festivus for the Rest of Us!</b> Celebrate with Elizabeth & Bill this alternative shown to the world on Seinfeld. <b>Dinner and Festivus activities:</b> Airing of grievances, Feats of strength, Singing around the Festivus pole, and Sharing of miracles. Assorted appetizers, George's Nazi Soup, Elaine's Big Salad, Entrée: Baked Ham plus Green Bean Casserole, Scalloped Potatoes. Dessert: Chocolate Babka and more.	6

## *Everything Else in Item # order*

Item #	Description	# of Offers
<b>5</b>	<b>Sermon on a Topic</b> of your choice by Rev. Ron Phares for April, June or Sept. thru Dec. 2018.	1
<b>6</b>	<b>Conrad's Famous Chili:</b> 1 gallon of the recipe of your choice, delivered to you. Conrad will package the chili in smaller quantities for freezing. Choose the ingredients and level of heat. Vegan, Vegetarian, or Carnivore - no problem.	2
<b>12</b>	<b>Sermon on a Topic</b> of your choice by Rev. Christiane Heyde for February or May 2018	1
<b>13</b>	<b>Dinner at The Fountains:</b> Join Evalyn and Leon for dinner prepared by skilled chefs at <i>The Fountains Retirement Community</i> . Order from the daily menu. Food Restrictions OK. Give one week notice. Not Thursday or Sunday.	4
<b>14</b>	<b>Coca-Cola sign</b> - a reproduction of a Collector Metal Sign. Lithographed sheet metal, 12" round	1
<b>16</b>	<b>Photo Restoration:</b> Gary Kern can restore your old, faded photos! You'll get a digital file ready for printing. Limit 5 photos, up to 8.5" x 12." Especially effective with "browned-out" Kodacolor prints from the '50s and black/white photos.	3
<b>17</b>	<b>Pickleball Lesson for TWO:</b> primarily for beginners but anyone can benefit. A one-hour lesson on a champion's private court. Winners must select a date between January 8-18 OR between February 5-10. Time of lesson between 9-4 pm.	3
<b>19</b>	<b>Homemade Bread Six Times a Year:</b> Made by with love by hand. Kaaren Boothroyd will deliver a freshly baked, hand-kneaded loaf using her favorite recipes and the best ingredients.	1

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20	<p><b>Vacation in the South of France:</b> The Boothroyds offer 6 Days-5 Nights at Authentic French Village House in Pennautier near the Medieval town of Carcassonne. Newly decorated, all linens, full kitchen. 4 Guest Maximum, Not suitable for children or those with mobility issues. Check it out: <a href="http://www.airbnb.com/rooms/20131292">www.airbnb.com/rooms/20131292</a> Available: February, March, April 1-22, May 20-31, June, Sept, Nov, and Dec. <b>Winner: DO NOT BOOK ON AIRBNB SITE</b></p>	1
21	<p><b>Four Hour GoFor:</b> Catalina will do just about any job that is legal, moral, or fattening. Do you have a dirty refrigerator? Loose buttons or mending? Junk drawer needs de-junking? Ride to the mall and back? <b>Catalina is your man.</b> Limitations will be discussed. Use by July 1, 2018.</p>	1
23	<p><b>Starbucks Gift Card: \$25</b></p>	1
25	<p><b>Broccoli Cheddar Cheese Soup:</b> Bonnie Grant Baird, being from Wisconsin, knows all about cheese. She will deliver, upon a 4 day notice, a quart of this incredible soup to your door.</p>	4
26	<p><b>Dutch Apple Pies:</b> Homemade by Carol DeGutis - Take home a Mesquite Madness tradition.</p>	6
33	<p><b>Small Dreamcatcher 3" diameter,</b> handcrafted by Gail Powell. These originally were to ward off evil spirits from infants and later became a symbol of unity among the various Native American cultures.</p>	1
34	<p><b>Jill Phares will bake pies for any occasion.</b> Throughout the coming year Jill offers to make 12 pies. Buy one or as many as you like. She needs a one-week notice.</p>	12
36	<p><b>Large Dreamcatcher 6" diameter,</b> handcrafted by Gail Powell. These originally were to ward off evil spirits from infants and later became a symbol of unity among the various Native American cultures.</p>	1

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37	<b>River Ridge Guest Ranch Getaway</b> - Jill Phares offers 2 nights in a one bedroom Guest Cottage in Palominas (near Sierra Vista). Great for Birders. On the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. Arrange your own dates. <a href="http://www.riverridgeguestranch.com">www.riverridgeguestranch.com</a>	2
39	<b>Abstract Painting on Canvas</b> by our own Hanna Coy. 16" x 21" Preview at <a href="http://hannacoy.com/artwork/4280359_Drive_1.html">hannacoy.com/artwork/4280359_Drive_1.html</a>	1
43	Jayne and John Leet invite you to the <b>Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum</b> for a tour and lunch. <b>Trip Advisors' Ninth Best Museum in the USA.</b> Winners will find a mutually agreeable date.	2
45	<b>Dinner and a Movie with Julie Slayton-Frank and Andy Frank</b> at <i>The RoadHouse Cinemas</i> at Grant and Swan. Tucson's only locally-owned and operated, first-run movie theatre that includes fine wines, brews, and dining in your overwhelmingly comfortable recliner while you watch a movie! Winners will find a mutually agreeable movie and date.	2
48	<b>Pants too long?</b> Debi Roberts will shorten your pants or skirt (no pleats) to the length you need.	4
49	<b>Homemade Pies:</b> by Jill Phares - Take one home today	2
51	<b>Colored pencil portrait:</b> Vieja (old woman)18" x 22" by Lorrie J.H. Montagino, a former Sun City Resident. Matted and framed.	1
52	<b>Knife and Scissor Sharpening:</b> Steve Bottorff will sharpen 5 of your kitchen knives and/or scissors between Jan. 20 and April 15 at a time and place to be mutually determined.	4

***Thank You for your Generosity!***