



SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEAK

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Be there to bid and win!

And don't miss the special Nature Center packages at the end of the list!

Cocktail Cruise & Dinner for Six

Step on board Darien local Martha Rhein's **27 foot World Cat power boat** for a smooth and luxurious **sunset cruise for six**, followed by a delicious **dinner and drinks** at the exclusive, members-only, **Noroton Bay Yacht Club**.

A Relais & Chateau for your Beau!

Escape with your significant other for an evening stay at the latest Mystic luxury boutique hotel, **Spicer Mansion**. Ladies, before you go, don't forget to make your appointment at **Andrew Stefanou Salon & Spa**, and make one for your man at **Vlas Barber Shop**. You can surprise him with the **Vineyard Vines** tie on the way, but wait until after your stop at **Frank Pepe's Pizza!**

Golf with the President (of the Nature Center, that is!)

Fore! Play **18 holes at Wee Burn Country Club** in Darien as a threesome with local resident, Taymore Zarghami, or with your spouse joining Taymore and his wife, Rachel (Nature Center Board President, who alleges she is a very bad golfer, so be wary about this option!), **carts and caddies** included. Enjoy **lunch on the patio** following the round. As a bonus, before you tee off, fine-tune your swing with a **30-minute high tech golf analysis at Tri-Fit Custom Golf** in Darien, rated one of "America's top 100 golf shops" by Golf World Business.

Dumpling Class with State Representative William Tong

Enjoy a **2 hour dumpling wrapping cooking class** with **Representative Tong** (candidate for Connecticut Attorney General) in your home for **up to eight people**, including children over the age of 10. Plan a night with friends or enjoy with family. You will spend two hours prepping, wrapping, and sampling delicious and healthy Asian cuisine!

Boat Cruise to Dinner

Grab a few couples (up to **8 people**) and escape the summer heat as you climb aboard a privately-owned **power boat** with Darien local Martha Rhein and her first mate. Use a **\$100 gift certificate to Darien's Wineport** to bring your favorite libations and enjoy a **2-hour cocktail cruise** as you explore the beauty of the Connecticut coastline and catch a glimpse of the sunset over Manhattan. An evening of laughter, relaxation, and gorgeous vistas...it's the perfect retreat after a hot summer day. Conclude your evening getting dropped off at **Prime** in Stamford and use your \$100 gift certificate towards dinner. It will be a night to remember!

Midwinter Retreat

Escape to the **Ocean House**, perched high on the bluffs of Watch Hill. This iconic New England seaside resort is the first and only AAA 5-diamond and Forbes 5-star hotel in Rhode Island. Pack your new **Bespoke duffle** with lovely **pampering items for two**, and settle in to your luxury hotel room for the ultimate relaxing getaway!

Family Glampout at the Darien Nature Center

An unforgettable night of fun camping out at the **Darien Nature Center for up to two families**. Arrive at an **all-inclusive "glamp site,"** and enjoy a guided nature hike, campfire, dinner, games, and of course, s'mores! After an evening outdoors catching fireflies, reading stories by lanterns, and sleeping in the fresh air, you will open your eyes to a delicious breakfast. No set-up or clean-up involved - just priceless family time in the great outdoors!

Entertainer's Delight

Enjoy an evening at home with prominent **New York caterer, Amanda Smith**. Ms. Smith will conduct a **cooking lesson at your home** for you and 5 guests and will provide all the delicious ingredients for a wonderful meal. Inspired by Amanda? Join Julia Deane for 2 cooking classes at **CulinaryWorks**.

Enjoy A Taste of Darien

Whether you are new to town or just want to experience the best of Darien, this all encompassing taste of the town has you covered. Enjoy multiple nights out at a **selection of restaurants**, and your babysitting will be covered by **Wee Care Sitters**. Don't feel like driving? Enjoy a round-trip transportation provided by **Uber**, and for the adventurous, a ride anywhere in town in a **Ural sidecar**.

Peace(s) to the Good Life: Cleaner, Safer, Healthier and Happier

Make peace with the good life by embracing cleaner, safer beauty products through a consultation and gift of **Beautycounter** products by Jayne Jepsen; become healthier, through a **wellness consultation** and **fridge/pantry cleaning** by health coach **Julie Vincent**; enjoy better nutrition with 5 days of power bowls delivered by **Maikana Foods**. And polish it all off with 5 manicures and pedicures at **To and From Nail Salon**.

Julia Arstorp Framed Photograph

Handcrafted original **platinum palladium photograph of Tilly Pond** on platinum rag paper. A collector's piece for your walls.

Jumpstart 2019 with a Healthier You!

Transform your body and your mind with a month of unlimited classes at **Pure Barre**, a 1-hour consultation with a holistic health nutritionist at **Embody Wellness**, and 5 express sessions at **Inner Light**. Then, treat your skin to the latest in green beauty products by **Sherwood Green Life**.

What's Hotter than Health?

Turn up the heat in your healthy lifestyle by incorporating the hottest classes out there. Enjoy 3 private workout sessions with **Countdown Fitness**, 5 adult dance classes at **Dance on the DL**, and top it off with a **private yoga session** with certified **yoga instructor Danielle Santoro**.

Word to Your Mother (Nature!)

There is nothing more flattering to Mother Nature than sustainable brands that are eco-friendly. Enjoy life's great moments in some new **Flaherty Brand** digs and a few new pairs of **Allbirds**, the world's most comfortable shoe. Then, hop in a new **Ural sidecar** to and from **Baldanza Bistro**, the latest organic restaurant to hit the Darien scene. Date night tested, Mother approved.

Get Your Girly On

Spend two hours with **The Girl Guide**, Connecticut's fashion influencer and local Darien mom, Stephanie Trotta. Stephanie will take you through a **style consultation**, helping you feel your best for the fall and beyond. Afterwards, one hour will be devoted to a closet spruce up: sorting through clothes to donate, sell or style in a new way. Walk out looking your best with a dry cleaning gift card by **Imperial Dry Cleaners**, and head over to **Serpentine Jewelers** for a design consultation!

Skip The Workout and Ride in Style

Travel green and in style with a **folding bicycle from Mini of Fairfield** and then fold it up to fit just about anywhere! Combine exercise with your errands or ride to the train and then to the office!

Greening Your Lawn

Go green and pristine! **Alan Hyatt Landscaping** will take care of your grass and shrubs so you can spend 2 hours with **NOFA Certified Organic Property Management Specialist**, Deepika Saksensa, to create a vision of adding native species to your property to benefit our pollinators. Then, rid yourself of those nasty ticks in a child and pet friendly way (no scary chemicals) with 4 treatments from **Plantscapes Organics**.

Mind Your Manners!

Do you have a jumpy four-legged friend, or planning on a puppy joining your family in the future? **Dog whisperer**, Boo Millet, will have your dog ready to accept a visit from the queen. Boo will come to your home to provide **2 sessions of training**. Reward your pup with sudsy spa baths at **Pet Valu** in Goodwives!

Fire Truck Ride To School

Is there anything cooler than **arriving to school on a fire truck**? Make this priceless experience an unforgettable part of your child's school year. The **Noroton Fire Department** will arrive at your home

and whisk your child off to man the horn. (Adults welcome, too.) Schedule it for a birthday, last day of school, or just to have something to look forward to in the chilly winter!

Firefighter Birthday

Stop drop and roll into your child's **birthday party at the Noroton Heights Fire Department!** Up to 25 kids will meet firemen, learn fire safety, and tour the Firehouse and trucks.

Rainy Days Solved!

Look forward to rainy days knowing that you have something in your pocket for every mood! A year's supply of rainy day activities including **bowling at Bowlmor, ice skating at Twin Rinks Stamford, go-cart driving at RPM Raceway, pottery painting at Hands On Pottery,** a playdate at the **Salt Cave of Darien** and more! For that cozy rainy day at home, make yourself a cup of tea and organize your child's art in a beautiful keepsake book by **Plum Print.**

Whooh's up for a Moonlight Sleepover?

Treat your children to the sleepover of their dreams! Invite **four friends for an overnight,** unforgettable indoor tent experience equipped with dreamy **individual tents,** cozy beds, fleece blankets, and more. **Barrett's Bookstore** will provide the recommended evening's read, "Owl Moon" (or book/s of your choice).

Style Your Child

Get your little ones styled, happy and comfortable this year! **Bitsy Style** will edit your kids' closets so it becomes easier and fun for your munchkins to step out in classic, yet modern outfits all year long! Then, take Bitsy along to assist in your choices when using your accompanying gift certificates from **Wee Mondine** and **CPC Childrenswear!**

Kumon...Chocolate Works!

Reward your child with special chocolate treats from **Chocolate Works** after they crack the code to their mathematics and reading assignments with sessions at **Kumon.**

Namaste and Play

"Ommm..." Breathe easy as you plan your child's next **birthday party at the Darien Nature Center.** This one is all about children having fun with yoga as they make shapes and share smiles. The class will be taught by **ThumbSUP yoga** instructor, Danielle Brown, which can be followed by a playful trip to the **Darien Toy Box.**

Patisserie, Petals and Pals

Invite your friends over for a specially delivered brunch from the **Roost,** including the best freshly baked croissants in Fairfield County, a frittata, fresh fruit, and coffee. Enjoy this with a beautiful flower arrangement by **JoyFleur.**

Know Your Worth and add a little Joy & Cheer to this Holiday Season!

Wrap yourself in a cozy new scarf by **W by Worth** and get ready to be styled for the holidays by Jayne Jepsen. Dress up in your latest W outfit and decorate your coffee table with a beautiful holiday

arrangement by **JoyFleur**. Then, invite your friends over to cheers the holidays with a glass of vino from this month's latest **Sipstirs** delivery.

Waterscape Art

A 30" x 40" framed photograph from **Katherine Eberly Spellane's** waterscape series.

Paddle Party Anyone?

Gather your friends in April 2019 to hang out in the fresh air and **paddle hut at Weed Beach** and play on **all five paddle courts!** **Paddle Tennis professional Steve O'Connell** will be on hand for a group clinic, a private instruction, or overseeing a round robin. Then, enjoy a delivered meal around the fire with a **\$100 gift card to Heights Pizza**.

And, don't miss these special Nature Center items and once-in-a-lifetime experiences with our incredible program staff!

Guided Forest Hike with Miss Emily

Nature Center Program Director, Emily Ciffone, will lead a group of **up to 10 people on a 90-minute hike** through the forest of your choice in Fairfield County, stopping along the way to explore and learn about the surroundings. This experience can be tailored for all ages.

Animal Caretaker for a Day with Miss Molly

Spend exclusive, one-on-one time with the Nature Center's Animal Curator and Teacher, Molly Robertson. Miss Molly will arrange a **90-minute private encounter and playtime with the animals** of your choice, and you will learn all about their care, habitats, and favorite snacks!

Science & Sundaes with Miss Emma and Miss Vikki

Preschool program teachers Emma Villavicencio and Vikki Campbell will guide **up to four children ages 2-8** in making their own slime and playdough from natural materials. Then, we'll switch from **sensory to edible creations** - ice cream sundaes with all the fixings!

Nature Picnic with Miss Lindsay

Preschool program teacher Lindsay Warnke will host a **2-hour picnic party for up to 8** at the Nature Center. Guests will be treated to Miss Lindsay's famous homemade biscuits and jam before exploring the outdoors.

Butterfly Expedition with Miss Nina

Nature Center program teacher Nina Miller will give a **one-hour presentation** about the life and migration cycles of monarch butterflies. You'll go outside on the trails and in the community garden to search for the native milkweed plants these creatures need to survive. Take home a lift-the-flap **book "Bug Hotel"** to get ready for your adventure.

S'mores Party with Miss Marie

Nature Center Program teacher and birthday party host Marie Bryan will host a **s'mores campfire party** on our grounds for **up to 20 children**. All supplies included, no set-up or clean-up required on your part - just a fun hour of s'mores and fresh air around the campfire!

Name an Animal

Whoooooo will be the next Nature Center animal to join our collection? We don't know yet, but when it happens, **your child will have the naming rights!** Always a favorite for local papers, this is sure to create an unforgettable photograph as well as a lovely bond between your child and a special creature.

#1 in Line for Summer Camp Registration

Yes. Really. A no stress, **assured spot in our popular summer camp**.

The Darien Nature Center relies on your charitable gifts to fulfill our mission to provide quality educational programming for the families in our community in order to foster a better understanding of, and love for, the natural world.

Thank you for your generosity and support!