

Auction Alternatives

An Ask (led by Robin Goldston)

This is simply asking each member to give whatever they can to the Trust for the use in our mission.

Online Auction (led by Paul Brisson - working closely with Susie Burdick and Rosemary Shaw)

This is an online peer to peer sale utilizing a **fundraising software to create an engaging, integrated, and exciting donor giving experience**. Take a look at it here:

www.givesmart.com

1 - Donors go online and post an item(s) with photos principally using their smartphone.

2 - Volunteers curate the item descriptions making them “ready for sale.”

3 - Buyers go online, shop for items and arrange for pickup with the donor.

With this online auction, we have a strong opportunity to help our neighbors and supporters who were **counting on the Auction to empty their garage** or shed. This online event has the ability to evolve and become a complementary element for our regular Auction year after year.

Celebrity Auction (led by Rotarian Alumnus Allen Ferris working with Christy Givans and John Spuller):

This will be an online live bid auction. The auction items will be 30-40 mini events, experiences, and adventures sponsored by local/regional iconic personalities.

Each mini event will be managed by one Rotarian, thus simplifying logistics. There will be diversity in bid price points to ensure an “all community” opportunity to participate. The time frame will be based on our local/state “COVID” and “social distancing” guidelines. Target is early Spring 2021.

Here are a just a few examples of what bid items **could** include: a dinner opportunity with our governor, senator, mayor; dinner/lecture with a noted author ; Sail the Sound with President Ed or Jim Laws; Bike Ride to Pt. Townsend with a trip leader from one of our local bike shops.; Tour & Dinner at Baywater Shellfish; Create and name your own pizza at Bruciato (which then becomes a menu item); Hike the Olympics with a noted environmentalist; Create a garden with the island’s best garden designer .

The list of ideas being generated is impressive and growing.

Both the [Online Auction](#) and [Bainbridge Celebrity Auction](#) will be supported by a proven and affordable software ([GiveSmart.com](#)). This software includes a provision for sponsorships, which could add to our revenue stream and offset up front, nominal costs.