

2025 Live Auction

Number	Donor	Title	Description	Quantity	Value	Date and Time	Starting Bid	Increments
1	Randy Steele & Dave Carter, Rod Belshee & Fran Hoag, Katy Faas, Roger & Margaret Beaman, Karen & Rod Goodyear, Jonathan & Barbara Fast, Joni Paddock & Bill Masco	Generosity Challenge	Donors will match up to \$2000	40	\$2,000.00			\$50.00 set price
2	Meagan Beaman Jacinto	East Valley Social 'Injustice' Tour	Megan is a civil rights attorney well acquainted with East Valley issues, especially those of farmworkers. Megan will narrate this tour which visits sites that demonstrate the challenges, but also the victories, resilience and beauty of East Valley communities. Tour includes a lunch at a local restaurant. You'll tour in a car with other winners. Tour takes about 4 hours. Price per person. Keep in mind that if you did the tour in the past some of the sites you may already have seen.	3	\$100.00	A Saturday in Jan or February.	\$70.00	\$10.00
3	Dave Emmerson	Bird Walk in the Desert	Guided walk(s) to identify birds on the Coachella Valley.	12	\$10.00 set price	Likely a Saturday morning, but other days are possible.	\$10 set price	
4	Carol Lavoie	Taking of the Waters at The Spa at Séc-he	A day pass for one at the new Spa at Séc-he in downtown Palm Springs. Located on the site of a sacred hot mineral spring. Your Taking of the Waters pass allows access to all spa amenities including: private tour of the bath experience, private mineral baths, eucalyptus steam bath, grounded tranquility rooms, zero edge pool plus more. 2 halo therapy salt caves connect all areas. Available Mon-Thurs. (excluding holidays). Reservation required.	1	\$125.00	Monday-Thursday excluding holidays.	\$65.00	\$5.00
5	Karen and Lou Yanney	Brunch at PGA West	Join Karen and Lou for great views and great food at PGA West. Enjoy a breakfast/brunch at Ernie's Restaurant in the stadium clubhouse in LaQuinta.	4	\$45.00	To be used prior to March 15, 2026	\$35.00	\$5.00

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6	Bill Masco and Joni Paddock	Annual Auction Pool Party & BBQ	A long standing tradition! Pool Party & BBQ at Bill & Joni's house. They will have food to meet all dietary preferences (Vegan, Vegetarian, Pescatarian, Omnivores), restrictions & allergies. Beer, wine, water & soft drinks will also be provided.	12	\$60 per person	May 10, 2026,	\$50.00	\$5.00
7	Rev. Ian W. Riddell	Choose a Sermon Topic	Rev. Ian will talk with you about your questions and passions. He will design and deliver a sermon and service on a topic of your choosing. Sermon to be delivered by the end of May 2026.	1	\$350.00	TBD	\$125.00	\$10.00
8	Jane Hillegas-Stommel and Mark Stommel	Spain On A Plate: A Tapas and Paella Dinner	Mark and Jane love to entertain. Their favorite thing this year is Spanish cuisine. They would be delighted to host a dinner at their Palm Springs home for eight guests on January 31 at 6:00. The multi-course dinner will include Spanish wines, tapas and a seafood paella.	8	\$125.00 per seat	January 31, 2026 at 6:00pm.	\$85.00	\$10.00
9	Barb Storms and Sarita Gonzales	One Year Membership to the Living Desert for 2	Enjoy 365 days of free admission to the zoo and botanical gardens as well as member discounts to special events like Glow in the Park. 2 guest passes for daytime admission included.	1	\$180.00	One year from issue date	\$110.00	\$5.00
10	Trish Ewoldsen	Stollen Making Demonstration & Sampling!	Come learn how to make a holiday treat with our own baking enthusiast, Trish. She will demonstrate how to make her famous German Stollen-a delightful to give as a gift or enjoy yourself. Following the demo you will feast on a warm piece of stollen with coffee or Prosecco. Recipe included.	6	\$50.00 per person	Dec 13 - 10 am to noon at UUCOD	\$35.00	\$5.00
11	Joni Paddock & Bill Masco	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Feast on an authentic 3 course Irish meal with traditional Irish beverages while enjoying Joni and Bill's hospitality.	6	\$75.00	Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6 pm	\$60.00	\$5.00
12	Jane Zaun and Mel Wilkinson	Tour of Sunnyland's Estate	Join Jane and Mel in a guided shuttle tour across Sunnyland's historic 200-acre estate. You will explore the estate's landscape, art, and golf course plus a stop at the doorstep of the Annenberg house. Following the tour, you will be treated to lunch at the Sunnyland's cafe.	2 spots	\$46 per person	TBD	\$40.00	\$5.00
13	Jesse Hodge	3 Days/2 Nights in Condo in Palm Desert	3 Days/2 Nights in Palm Desert condo It's an upstairs unit in Desert Falls Country Club	1	\$885.00	Can be used up until 10/2026.	\$450.00	\$10.00

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14	Bryna Blum	Scrabble and Brunch	Come for brunch. Stay to play.	9	\$36.00 per person	TBD	\$25.00	\$5.00
15	Pamela Bibo	Chicken and Dumplings	Just like your grandma made (if she used the Joy of Cooking Cookbook)! Chicken and veggies (peas, carrots and mushrooms) in a creamy base with biscuit dumplings on top. A comforting meal to help survive the winter months in the desert.	1	\$75.00	A weekend day between January and April 2026.	\$60.00	\$5.00
16	Michael Allen	DJ service	DJ service for your client, party, wedding etc. Approximately 6 hours of full DJ service including lights and sound. Only in Coachella Valley.	1	\$1,000.00	TBD	\$450.00	\$10.00
17	Julia Bell	Palm Springs Art Museum Tour	This tour emphasizes the art of LGBTQ+ women. Discussion and questions are encouraged. You will see most of the museum.	10	\$40.00 per person	1/16/2026 at 1:00pm	\$25.00	\$5.00
18	John Ressler and Marty Gronewald	Original Pride Banner	"Rainbow Heard", the centerpiece of our entry in the Palm Springs Pride Parade. Designed by John Ressler; rendering by John and Marty Gronewald. Signed by both. 24" x 24" print on a vinyl banner	1	\$100.00		\$75.00	\$5.00
19	Rod Belshee and Dave Emmerson	Anza Borrego Wildflower Tour	This is a first and will be amazing! Dave and Rod, both certified Naturalists, will team up for a full day wildflower tour in Anza Borrego. They will rent a large passenger van to provide transportation to and from the church. There will be guided discussion both during the drive and at the various sites. Plan the full day, with lunch in Borrego Springs (not included). There are always great wildflowers in Anza Borrego, and some years even feature the rare Desert Lily (and we know where to look!). This will not involve walking more than a short distance from the van.	10	\$150.00	TBD, mid-March to early April. Full day.	\$90.00	\$10.00

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20	Shelly Gillmann	Beginning Wire-working Class	Make a beautiful beaded chain bracelet! All materials will be provided (lots of glass bead color choices plus either gold or silver copper-core wire). Loaner tools will be available, and a light snack will be served. You'll leave with the skills to make earrings and necklaces, too. This class will be taught by Shelly Gillmann at her home in Rancho Mirage.	4	\$60.00per person	Sunday, 1/11/26, 1-4pm	\$45.00	\$5.00
21	Julia Bell, Celia Grohmann, Carol Lavoie	SWOOP with Julia, Celia and Carol	Meet at the Palm Desert home of Carol Lavoie for snacks and a rousing game or two of the card game Swoop. Easy to learn and fun to play.	6	\$25 per person	Saturday, Feb. 7- 1-3 pm	\$15.00	\$5.00
22	Susan Hannon	Irish Seafood Chowder	2 quarts of Susan's famous seafood chowder chock full of vegetables and and assorted seafood delivered to your home at an agreed upon date and time.	1	\$40.00	TBD	\$35.00	\$5.00
Intermission								
23	Chuck and Denise Stevens	Limo to the Cheech Museum in Riverside	Cruise low and slow in a stretch limousine to the "Cheech" Museum in Riverside, CA. Arrive in style to the fabulous Cheech Museum for an exploration of the only Chicano Art Museum in the country. Complete your outing at one of Riverside's unique eatery's. After enjoying an authentic Mexican lunch return to your waiting limo and cruise home.	6	\$130 per person	Saturday, January 10. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:45.	\$65.00	\$5.00
24	Dr. Barbara Lippert	Psychic Reading	Redeem gift certificate for a one hour psychic reading with Reverend Barbara Lippert. Reverend Lippert has been providing direction and helping people connect with their spiritual source for 35 years.	1	\$125.00	TBD	\$85.00	\$5.00

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25	Margaret Manson and Sandy Sladen	Why did it come from outer space?: How SciFi films reflect social and political times.	Film Series: Come join us in our home for two in depth film discussions followed by a lovely homemade lunch. Participants will watch two pre-determined SciFi themed films on their own and come prepared to discuss. Margaret will provide background information on each film and facilitate the discussions. Participants must sign up for both sessions. This will be a fun, learning and fellowship opportunity. No worries, no homework, no quizzes!	8	\$50.00 per person	Thursdays, February 12 and 19, 2026 - 10:30am-1pm	\$40.00	\$5.00
26	Rev. Ian W. Riddell	Sacred Socks	Rev. Ian will make you your very own pair of stylish and comfortable hand-knit socks. He'll work with you to choose colors and patterns and then use your measurements to craft some well-fitting and fabulous footwear.	1	\$75.00	Delivered by Easter 2026.	\$50.00	\$5.00
27	Carol and Dan Scanny	Tour of Palm Springs Air Museum + Lunch	Tour the Palm Springs Air Museum with Dan and Carol. Special programs on Saturdays. Lunch following.	2	\$50.00 per person	TBD	\$40.00	\$5.00
28	Rob DuWors	Cooking Class at Kitchen Kitchen in Indian Wells	This will be the 2nd annual cooking class at Kitchen Kitchen in Indian Wells.	10	\$125.00 per person	TBD	\$70.00	\$10.00
29	Vikki Porter	Fused Glass Workshop: Create Your Own Holiday Votive	Spend two hours with friends making your own Holiday Votive at Old Town La Quinta Artisan Studios. Tools and glass provided. Bring your creativity! Price per person.	12	\$65.00 per person	TBD after January 2026	\$50.00	\$5.00
30	Fran Hoag	Winter Solstice Soundbath at the Peace Labyrinth	Join your Family and Friends for a candlelit Soundbath and Solstice Celebration at the UUCOD Peace Labyrinth. Start your holiday celebrations in recognition of the earth's cycles on our Sacred Grounds. Ridesharing will be arranged for those who prefer not to drive in the dark.	\$15.00	unlimited	Sunday, December 21 5 pm - 6 pm	\$15.00 set price	
31	Joni Paddock & Bill Masco	Homemade Lasagna	Joni will make a lasagna to suit your taste...beef, sausage, turkey, veggie (sorry, no Vegan offer on this item). Includes a bottle of red or white wine, a salad and garlic bread. Each lasagna serves 10. Delivered to you at a mutually agreed upon time.	2	\$100.00	TBD	\$65.00	\$5.00

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32	Dirk Sure and Denis Peters	Home-cooked German dinner	Dirk and Denis will prepare an authentic German meal served at their home. The menu will include: - Beef, leek and cheese soup - Roularden (Beef rolls) with red cabbage, potato dumplings, cucumber salad - German cheese cake, Beverages are also included.	8	\$60.00 per person	Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 at 6:00pm	\$50.00	\$5.00
33	Linda Savard and Ginger Hemingway	Super Bowl Party	Celebrate the end of the football season with friends, good food, drinks, games and prizes. Come cheer for your team and enjoy UUCOD camaraderie.	8	\$50.00 per person	02/08/2026	\$40.00	\$5.00
34	David Emmerson, Jack Fitzsimmons, and Walter Gendell	Wines of the World, Wine Tasting	Sample 6 delicious wines from different regions of the world. The tasting will be held at the home of Walter Gendell and Jack Fitzsimmons.	12	\$20.00 per person, set price	TBD	\$20.00 set price	
35	Katherine and Daljit Singh	Vegetarian Samosas	One dozen homemade (by Daljit) vegetarian samosas for you and ready to use! Can be used as appetizers, entrees or snacks. Chose between spicy or not	6	\$30.00 per dozen	Date: TBD- pick up at UUCOD at a mutually agreed upon time	\$20.00	\$5.00
36	Karen Isebrands Brown and Jim Brown	Driving Tour of Movie Star Homes	A personal guided driving tour through the old Las Palmas movie star neighborhood in Palm Springs. A tour of approximately 50 homes, including Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Elizabeth Taylor, Gene Autry, Katherine Hepburn, Kirk Douglas, Dinah Shore, Elvis Presley.	3	\$90.00 per person	TBD	\$50.00	\$5.00
37	Jerry L'Hommedieu and Rob DuWors	A Night in Paris: 5-Course French Dinner w/ Wine Pairings	Enjoy a homemade, 5-course French dinner & selected wine pairings along with other UUCOD Members & Friends. Dinner will include meat, dairy, sugar, and seafood.	10	\$125.00 per person	Saturday, February 7 @ 6:00 PM	\$75.00	\$5.00

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38	Rod Belshee	Hiking Wildflower Tour	Dave and Rod , both certified Naturalists, will team up to lead a Wildflower hike in the Coachella Valley. This has been a popular auction item for many years, but this year it will involve hiking several miles to go deeper in and see more i species. They will put together the best locations for so that you can experience as many species as possible. Typically, we tour for four hours in the morning and then meet for a lunch (not included). And we often have a free bonus afternoon plan for anyone who wants to keep going! Carpooling is suggested.	12	\$60.00	TBD. Mid-March to early April	\$35.00	\$5.00
39	Steve and Wendy Thornton	Exquisite UU Charcuterie Board	Epoxy inlays featuring a "Welcome" inscription matching the font used in our foyer Welcome sign along with the UU chalice. Details enhanced turquoise metallic powder in epoxy. Elegantly routed handles, silicone feel and finished with polyurethane. Measures 10"x16".	1	\$250.00		\$125.00	\$10.00
40	Steve Toporoff and Marty Hetland	Lunch at Mission Hills	Enjoy good food and good company at your lunch at Mission Hills Country Club .	8	\$40 per person	Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 12:30	\$35.00	\$5.00