

2023 FRIENDS OF
FONDREN LIBRARY GALA

Honoring Melissa Fitzsimons Kean '96, '00

Auction Program



The Friends of Fondren Library
and
Mary McIntire '75 and Jim Pomerantz, Gala Chairs
welcome you to
the 2023 Friends of Fondren Library Gala
honoring

MELISSA FITZSIMONS KEAN '96, '00

AUCTION PROGRAM AND GUIDELINES

To access auction bidding, please scan the bidding links that will be provided at the Gala. If you have questions, our on-site team is ready to assist you.

Payment in full by cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover is required at the end of the evening. You will be issued a receipt for your tax records.

All portable items must be removed at the conclusion of the evening. Arrangements must be made for the removal of any large items.

Neither the committee nor the Friends of Fondren Library assumes responsibility for the condition of the items. No guarantee, except that of the manufacturer if applicable, is either expressed or implied. All items in this auction have been donated for the Friends of Fondren Library Gala and **cannot be returned or exchanged.**

The advertised minimum bid is the lowest price at which a bidder can purchase the item. If the minimum bid or reserve price of an item is not met, the Friends of Fondren Library is under no obligation to sell the item.

Please note that many of the items are **for specific dates or have expiration dates.** These dates are firm.

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LIVE AUCTION



On the Road With Owls Football

Hop aboard the team charter for an exclusive Rice away game trip for two during the 2023 football season (game subject to mutual availability). The charter (bus or plane) will leave Rice University the day before the game and return immediately after. This special package includes two tickets to the game, a night in the team hotel and ground transportation. You also will enjoy a meal with Rice Athletics staff the night before the game. To remember your adventure, you will receive a Rice Owls “swag pack,” with department issued gear, including a hat, shirt and pullover.

Not included: Other activities, meals, beverages and tips

Donated by Rice Athletics



LIVE AUCTION

Utah Mountain Retreat

Enjoy a week at this modern, luxurious and light-filled townhouse at Deer Valley Resort in Utah, located in Little Belle, a midmountain, 20 townhouse community. Just a five-minute walk to Silver Lake Village, which features skiing, shopping and great restaurants, this townhouse is directly adjacent to Stein Eriksen Lodge, a five-star rated hotel and spa. During the winter, you can take advantage of Deer Valley's free ski storage services and walking from the house to the lifts is a breeze. During other times of the year, it is a great base for hiking, golf, fly fishing and mountain biking. This townhouse is less than four miles from Park City's Main Street, and the free Park City bus stops at Little Belle's driveway to take you to town for additional shopping, dining and entertainment.

This spacious 3,200-square-foot townhouse was fully remodeled last year and has breathtaking views of the mountains and ski slopes.



It has a wood-burning fireplace in the living room, a gourmet kitchen, a hot tub on the back deck and high-speed wireless internet throughout the house. Its three levels include a master suite on the third floor with a bedroom with a king bed, bathroom and sitting room and three additional bedrooms with attached baths, consisting of one bedroom with a king bed, one with a queen bed and another with two twin beds. This end unit townhouse provides ample parking and a one-car garage.

For the hardcore skier who likes variety, there are five other world-class ski resorts within 45 minutes of Deer Valley. Date to be mutually agreed on with availability for the next 12 months, including peak skiing times such as Christmas to New Year's Day. Excludes three weeks around July 4th.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Please note: Smoking, vaping and pets are not permitted in the home or on the grounds.

Donated by Catherine and Brian James '78

LIVE AUCTION

San Miguel de Allende at Casa Tecolote

Pack your bags for this quaint, historical village just a short two-hour flight from Houston. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, San Miguel is near the town of Delores where Mexico first initiated the fight for its independence from Spain and where the patriots who spearheaded the revolution, including Miguel de Allende, lost their lives, immortalizing San Miguel de Allende. Dating back to 1542, the town is in the very heart of Mexico and sits 6,000 feet above sea level in the Sierra Madre mountain range. In the last two decades, it has successfully beckoned chefs from all over the world, becoming a food mecca where visitors can experience just about every type of cuisine.



Your home away from home is Casa Tecolote (Owl House), a 150-year-old traditional colonial Mexican home located in the Centro Historico district of San Miguel, which is the original old town. The central Jardin (garden) is a mere four blocks away and the Mercado de Artisanias is a short, picturesque three-block walk.

Upon entering Casa Tecolote, you are ushered into a capilla (little chapel), complete with a hand painted, vaulted ceiling. From there, you step into the central courtyard, where the living

room, dining room and master bedroom all open on to the courtyard, which features an outdoor fireplace and built-in gas grill. There is a beautiful, well-equipped kitchen that is open to both the living and the dining room and is complemented by a small separate catering kitchen.

The first-floor master suite has a king bed. On the second level, there is another bedroom with a king-size bed and private bath. Adjoining that bedroom and bath is a cozy reading room. This room opens onto a lanai with chaise lounges — a perfect place to while away an afternoon with a good book. There is also a study on this level to complete all the creature comforts and needs of home.

A roof top terrace features a hot tub that has a stunning vista up the mountain side to the east and a beautiful view of four of the seven churches in San Miguel to the west.

Dates to be mutually agreed upon August 2023 through mid-October 2023 or for a date negotiable in 2024.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips

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Donated by Amy and Robert Taylor '74



LIVE AUCTION

Villa in Spain

Discover Frigiliana, the most beautiful village in Spain, while spending seven days in a restored villa just five miles north of the Mediterranean in Andalusia. There are two bedrooms, each with a queen-size bed, and two shower baths. The living room, dining room, kitchen and terrace have breathtaking views of the Sierras de Tejada, Almijara and Alhama Natural Park, and openings to ancient caves. Dates for your one-week visit to be mutually agreed upon.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Donated by Barbara Byrd



City Kitchen In-Home Dinner for 8

Imagine an elegant dinner for eight in your home, prepared by the incomparable City Kitchen Catering. Plan your three-course menu with their events team and sit back to watch true culinary artistry as they create an unparalleled dining experience, selecting the best seasonal ingredients and crafting creative new offerings that showcase exceptional flavors and contemporary presentations.

Date to be mutually agreed upon within one year of purchase date, excluding holidays and the month of December. This item is for food and staff only. Buyer provides rentals and beverages.

Donated by City Kitchen



SPECIAL OCCASIONS



101 Mark Twain: God's Fool

Rob Bruce

Dean, Glasscock School of Continuing Studies; Adjunct Professor of Humanities, School of Humanities

Mark Twain once mused that a person who carries a cat by the tail learns something they can learn in no other way. So it goes with the study and appreciation of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, a literary giant who is widely considered one of America's greatest writers. But are we now witnessing the demise of Twain's influence, stature and study, or is that greatly exaggerated? Join Rob Bruce and hosts Susie and Mel Glasscock for lively banter and discussion about Clemens. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the "trouble" begins at 8 p.m.

Hosted by Susie '62 and Mel Glasscock '61 at an area dinner club

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



102 Flood Analysis and Control in the Time of Climate Change

Phil Bedient

Herman Brown Professor of Civil Engineering, George R. Brown School of Engineering

Philip B. Bedient teaches and performs research in surface water hydrology, disaster management and flood prediction systems. He has worked on some of the largest and most devastating floods to hit the U.S., including Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Hurricane Ike in 2008, from which he formed the Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disaster (SSPEED) Center in 2009. He also developed the first radar-based flood warning system in the U.S. that has operated more than 20 years for the Texas Medical Center. Bedient is currently involved in analyzing three recent major floods in Houston, 2015, 2016 and Harvey in 2017, to come up with flood solutions that really work in a rapidly growing urban area like Houston. Additionally, he is working on several large computer modeling projects related to impacts and future mitigation from Hurricane Harvey.

Hosted by Paula and Reginald DesRoches at the Wiess President's House

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



103 Broadway's Megamusicals

Debra Dickinson

Stage Director and Retired Teacher of Opera Studies for Acting and Movement, Shepherd School of Music

The sensational long-running megamusicals of the 1980s brought about a major transformation on Broadway with far-reaching effects. We will explore “Cats” and “The Phantom of the Opera” in our celebration of this high-tech international phenomenon, with personal anecdotes from veteran actress and lecturer Debra Dickinson’s experiences performing in the Viennese production of “Cats.”

Hosted by Amy Sutton '89 and Gary Chiles '86 at Picos Restaurant

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Number of guests 16 • Price per ticket: \$300



104 Making Rice University Into a Hotspot for Urban Biodiversity

Cin-Ty Lee

Harry Carothers Wiess Professor of Geology; Professor of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Wiess School of Natural Sciences

Did you know that 268 species of birds, more than 800 species of insects and 400 species of plants have been recorded at Rice University? Despite Rice’s campus being surrounded by an urban jungle of concrete, its plentiful green and tree-covered acreage serves as a local oasis for wildlife. During spring and fall, thousands of birds pass through our area to and from their northerly breeding and tropical wintering grounds. Many of these birds migrate in the night, only to find themselves stranded over Houston when the sun rises. With nowhere else to go, many funnel down to our campus. Our speaker will take you through a natural history tour of Rice, complete with beautiful visuals and sounds of nature. In this presentation, you will also learn about ongoing efforts and challenges in preserving what natural habitats remain and making such areas accessible to the community.

Hosted by Barbara '73 and David Gibbs '70, '71 at their home

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



105 American Dream: The Cruz Family Life Journey

Jose Cruz Jr.

Bixby Family Head Baseball Coach, Rice University

Join the Rice Owls head baseball coach Jose Cruz Jr. to hear the story of the Cruz family and their pursuit of the American dream. Cruz is the first former Rice player to be named as an Owls head baseball coach since Harold Stockbridge, who lettered from 1946–48 and guided the program from 1949–52.

Hosted by Cara and Chad Michael '99 at their home

Date: Monday, Oct. 2, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



106 Thoughts on African American Practice of Disbelief and Its Meaning

Anthony B. Pinn

Agnes Cullen Arnold Distinguished Professor of Humanities and Professor of Religion, School of Humanities

The percentage of U.S. citizens claiming no particular religious affiliation has grown over the past few decades. This growth includes a significant increase in the number of African Americans for whom religious organizations are not the center of life. Pinn suggests that this development has significance that should be explored: What does this turn away from Black churches mean with respect to new approaches to social justice? What are the alternate modes of community forged by African Americans who do not attend church, go to the mosque or participate in African-based traditions such as Ifa? During this event, he will share some of his thoughts on these and related questions.

Hosted by Shelley and Art Gottschalk at a fine-dining restaurant

Date: Friday, Oct. 6, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



107 The Fed and the Big Challenge of Monetary Policy in the 2020s

Peter Rodriguez

*Dean, Jesse H Jones Graduate School of Business; and
Professor of Strategic Management*

The Federal Reserve must navigate an extraordinarily complex path in order to lead the U.S. and the world economy out of the COVID era. This talk focuses on the Federal Reserve's challenge in pursuing a monetary policy strategy that navigates the return to normalcy post COVID-19, reckons with the aftermath of its policies following the Great Recession of 2008–2009 and holds the U.S. in a stable position atop the world economy.

Hosted by Tracy '00 and John Dennis, III '93 at the River Oaks Country Club

Date: Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023

Number of guests 16 • Price per ticket: \$300



108 Athens, New York, Houston: Reflections on Teaching Greek at Rice

Harvey Yunis

*Andrew W. Mellon Chair in Humanities and Professor of
Classical Studies, School of Humanities*

Harvey Yunis will reflect on coming to Rice to teach Greek over 30 years ago and how the study of classical history and literature has progressed since those early days. He will also address the larger issue of how and why Greece remains thrilling as well as important for students of all ages.

Hosted by Liz '76 and Steve Crowell at their home

Date: Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



109 So Many Early Christians: A Historian's Personal Story of Discovery

April DeConick

*Isla Carroll and Percy E. Turner Professor of Religion,
School of Humanities*

Professor DeConick just published “Comparing Christianities: An Introduction to Early Christianity (Wiley-Blackwell, 2023),” for undergraduates about the history of the first Christians. In this talk, she will share with you her personal journey about why she wrote this textbook and what she discovered along the way. Rather than telling the Christian story from the perspective of the early Catholics, in “Comparing Christianities,” she integrates all of the early Christians and their literature into a compelling historical narrative, making it the first textbook of its kind.

Hosted by Paula and Reginald DesRoches and Sara Lowman at the Wiess President's House

Date: Monday, Nov. 6, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



110 artificial intelligence?

Richard Baraniuk

*C. Sidney Burrus Professor of Engineering and Professor of
Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science,
George R. Brown School of Engineering*

Chat bots writing college essays. Self-driving cars. Face recognition at the grocery store. Deep fakes. The progress of artificial intelligence (AI) is unrelenting and will be felt across all aspects of society over the next few years. This discussion will focus on how today's AI works, some of its false promises and perspectives for the future.

Hosted by Catherine and Brian James '78 at their home

Date: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

SILENT AUCTION

201 A First Look at the South Tower

This limited edition print was from the original “Programme for the Formal Opening of the Rice Institute,” and features an image of the South Tower of the first residential hall for men. The framed dimensions are 11 by 14 inches.

Donor: Woodson Research Center
Value: \$100

202 The Book of the Opening

An account of the academic festival held in celebration of the formal opening of Rice Institute, Oct. 10–12, 1912, this three-book boxed set includes inaugural lectures, lists of delegates, programs of concerts, dedication exercises and religious services.

Donor: Woodson Research Center
Value: \$100

203 JFK

Own a piece of Rice history with this custom-framed photo of John F. Kennedy taken at Rice Stadium, Sept. 12, 1962, on the occasion of his now-famous moon speech. The finished size is approximately 16 by 20 inches.

Donor: Kathleen E. and John A. Dobelman '79 and Village Frame Gallery
Value: \$500

204 Historic Rice by Buck Schiwetz

E. M. “Buck” Schiwetz is a beloved Texas artist and illustrator from the 1920s through the 1960s who found his passion illustrating Texas places. These two framed, signed prints show Lovett Hall and William Marsh Rice’s house.

Donor: Susie '62 and Mel Glasscock '61
Value: \$200

205 Maida in Texas

Maida’s Belts and Buckles is a fourth-generation family business built on tradition and commitment to quality which is easy to see in this finely detailed sterling silver money clip featuring a Rice Owl. Carry it with Owl pride.

Donor: Maida’s Belts and Buckles
Value: \$600

SILENT AUCTION

206 Rice Gallery Reminiscence

The Rice Gallery in Sewall Hall was well-known for its site-specific art. This set of Rice Gallery exhibition books are in excellent condition, and they will take you on a tour of the gallery's 22 years of commissions.

Donor: Rice Gallery
Value: \$200

207 Cozy Comfort

Curl up with a hand-crocheted lap blanket made in beautiful Rice colors by Doris Gombas, mother of Susan Garrison, director of Access Services at Rice. Approximate dimensions are 46 by 56 inches.

Donor: Susan Garrison
Value: \$150

208 Baker College China

Baker College was established in 1957 as one of the four original residential colleges. These eight elegant cups and saucers are marked Syracuse China, and each piece features the Baker College crest in red, black and silver.

Donor: Judy and Steve Howell
Value: \$50

209 Sweets for Your Sweet

These vintage serving items are perfect for afternoon tea or dessert. The three-tier folding dessert tray is Delberti Italian silver with silverplate, and the charming pressed glass serving plate is embellished with silver flowers.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library
Value: \$250

210 Sip Your Suds in Style

This hand-painted, vintage Royal Delft (De Porceleyne Fles — the Porcelain Jar) beer mug, dated 1964, is approximately 5.5 inches high by 4.25 inches at the base. It is perfect for your favorite brew.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library
Value: \$100

SILENT AUCTION

211 British Baking, Anyone?

Display your favorite “British Baking Show” creations on these two vintage pressed glass cake stands with decorative detail. The larger is 10 inches in diameter, the smaller is 8.5 inches.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library

Value: \$175

212 Sunset on the Blanco River

Enjoy the cool soothing sunset on the waters of the Blanco River in this original watercolor by Friends of Fondren Library past president Karen Rogers. The framed piece is approximately 13 by 17 inches.

Donor: Karen Hess Rogers '68

Value: \$200

213 Paul Sprohge Lithograph

An architect by trade, Paul Sprohge (1901–1990) emigrated from Latvia to Houston, Texas, in 1937. In the 1950s, Sprohge started making paper lithographs, a process using paper as the plate from which prints are made. There is an element of individuality to each print in the series, which makes them similar to a monoprint. Sprohge’s son, Eric Sprohge, also a known Houston artist, received a degree in architecture from Rice University and studied at the Glassell School of Art in the 1980s. This framed artwork, marked No. 1061, is approximately 25 by 31 inches.

Donor: Ron Soligo

Value: \$1,000

214 Buffalo Bayou

Geoff Winningham earned a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Rice University and a master’s degree in photography from the Institute of Design at IIT, where he studied with Aaron Siskind and Arthur Siegel. He returned to Houston in 1968 to begin a career in photography, documentary filmmaking and journalism. He joined Rice’s art department in 1969, where he continues to teach as the Lynette S. Autrey Professor of Humanities. Winningham’s stunning black and white photograph of Buffalo Bayou was custom framed by Hollywood Frame Gallery. The finished size is approximately 17 by 25 inches.

Donor: Geoff Winningham '65

Value: \$1,800

SILENT AUCTION

215 Parisian City Scape

This framed bas relief painting by modernist sculptor and painter David Adickes captures the beauty of Paris. Born in Huntsville, Texas, Adickes studied art in France before returning home to create and to teach at the University of Texas. The finished size is approximately 11 by 17 inches.

Donor: David Adickes
Value: \$500

216 'From Here & From There'

Geraldina Interiano Wise '83, '85 is an international exhibiting artist. Her artistic voice is informed by her Maya ancestry's intellectual patrimony with her overarching themes about sustainability of life on the planet. She is a multidisciplinary artist who has done printmaking at Rice in the last few years. She will be representing El Salvador at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris for the Latin American Exhibit in June 2023. With a winning bid, you can own her original work on paper "From Here & From There," representing the dichotomy of libraries and learners: the physical and the digital realms of learning.

Donor: Geraldina Wise '83, '85
Value: \$1,200

217 Fontevrault-l'Abbaye

Rice alumna Fannie Scott Tapper '70 photographed this striking image of Fontevrault-l'Abbaye in the Loire Valley, France. She spent 25 years as a professor of French at the University of Houston and developed her photographic talent toward the end of that career and during retirement. Tapper had over 20 one-woman photography exhibits and her works are in many collections including the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. This Type-C print is framed to approximately 20 by 25 inches.

Donor: Liz Crowell '76
Value: \$500

218 Golf With Ira

Every bid is a winner — golf with Ira Gruber, professor emeritus of history, at the historic Champions Golf Course just north of Houston. Pick up Ira at his Bellaire home and enjoy golf stories to and from the course. Champions has hosted many prestigious tournaments, including the U.S. Open, Ryder Cup, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Women's Open and many others. Ira persuaded Champion's founder Jackie Burke Jr., to donate his collection of golfing papers, including the original plans for the Champions Golf Club, to the Woodson Research Center at Fondren Library. Date to be mutually agreed upon; weekdays and weekends available.

Donor: Pat and Ira Gruber
Value: \$500 per person

SILENT AUCTION

219 Kendrick Scott — ‘Unearthed’

On Friday, May 12, DaCamera will present a new production, “Unearthed,” memorializing the Sugar Land 95, Black individuals believed to be a part of the convict-leasing program that were discovered in unmarked graves at the James Reese Career and Technical Center site during construction. Jazz artist Kendrick Scott, along with former Houston poet laureat Deborah D.E.E.P. Mouton, visual artist Robert Hodge and the Harlem String Quartet, will perform original music, poetry and visuals. This package includes four concert tickets and a \$200 gift card to Ouisie’s Table.

Donor: Jeff Ross '75 and Doris Williams '75, Helen and Brian Powers '74, and Ouisie's Table
Value: \$420

220 Relish a Night at the Alley

Redeem this ticket voucher for two tickets to your favorite show during the Alley Theatre’s 2023 season, based on available space. Not valid for opening nights, Saturday evenings or Sunday matinees. Before or after the show, treat yourself to dinner at Relish Restaurant and Bar in Upper Kirby with a \$150 gift card. Relish serves American classics with touches of Mediterranean influences.

Donor: Alley Theatre and Relish Restaurant and Bar
Value: \$276

221 ¡Muy Delicioso!

Invite your family and friends to join you for a muy delicioso chicken and beef fajita dinner for 20 at Armandos, a favorite River Oaks Tex-Mex restaurant. Valid Sunday or Monday night only through Nov. 9, 2023. Guests are responsible for the cost of all beverages, appetizers, other entrees, desserts, tax and gratuity.

Donor: Armandos
Value: \$600

222 Symphonic Delights

Plan for a lovely double date with dinner for four (\$300 gift card) at Perry’s, the renowned steakhouse, then head downtown for a Houston Symphony concert. With these four premium tickets, you can select a classical or pops concert, including valet parking and green room access. Concert choices are subject to availability and expire June 15, 2024.

Donor: Houston Symphony and Perry's Steakhouse
Value: \$820

SILENT AUCTION

223 A Family Zoo Adventure

Prepare for big fun at the Houston Zoo! This family membership will provide admission for a full year. This zoo package includes a canvas tote bag, two pint glasses and reusable straw sets, four conservation bracelets and an adorable stuffed seal. Continue your day of fun with two gift cards for dinner for two at Becks Prime and a \$100 gift certificate for delicious goodies at Winfield's Chocolate Bar.

Donor: Houston Zoo, Becks Prime and Winfield's Chocolate Bar
Value: \$455

224 A Year in the Garden

Make plans now to see Steve Tobin's "Intertwined: Exploring Nature's Networks," using your Houston Botanic Garden family membership. The membership is good for two adults and four children for one year from activation. This gift package includes a copy of Tobin's book, "Mind Over Matter," a garden tote bag and a \$100 gift certificate for Local Foods, where you can enjoy fresh hyper-seasonal meals featuring delicious local ingredients.

Donor: Houston Botanic Garden and Local Foods
Value: \$295

225 Main Street Theater

Main Street Theater has been offering classic and modern theater for all ages since 1975. This package includes two Main Stage tickets and four Youth Performance tickets. Combine your theater experiences with brunch or dinner at Brennan's of Houston with a \$200 gift certificate and lunch or dinner at Goode Company with a \$50 gift certificate.

Donor: Main Street Theater / Becky Udden '73, Brennan's of Houston and Goode Company Restaurants
Value: \$418

226 Dinner and a Show

Plan your next date night with dinner at State of Grace in the elegantly refurbished Lamar-River Oaks Shopping Center, where Executive Chef Bobby Matos prepares old favorites with new spice. The State of Grace gift card is for \$150. Follow dinner with a ROCO concert at St. John the Divine, with two vouchers for two concerts each.

Donor: ROCO and State of Grace
Value: \$310

SILENT AUCTION

227 Lone Star Flight Museum Private Tour

The Lone Star Flight Museum houses many exhibits in its 130,000-square-foot location at Ellington Airport, including the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. Your private tour will include admission for eight adults. This tour is not suitable for children and includes a significant amount of walking.

Donor: Lone Star Flight Museum
Value: \$250

228 Lone Star Flight Museum Tickets

Visit the Lone Star Flight Museum at your own pace with six general admission tickets.

Donor: Lone Star Flight Museum
Value: \$108

229 World Champion Astros

Cheer on the Astros with these four tickets located in Section 116 to a home Astros baseball game in 2023. Baseball dates are to be mutually agreed upon; not all games are available. Recipient must have MLB app account. No paper tickets.

Donor: Amy Sutton '89 and Gary Chiles '86
Value: \$457

230 Front Row Seats for the Astros

Watch your champion Astros play ball at a home game from four front-row seats. It will surely be a day to remember. Baseball dates are to be mutually agreed upon; not all games are available.

Donor: Bess '82 and Matt Wareing '81
Value: \$700

231 Rice Football Field Passes

Enjoy a Rice home football game from the sidelines. This pass is good for two people at a game to be determined by availability next fall.

Donor: Rice Athletics
Value: \$100

SILENT AUCTION

232 Lunch With Joe Karlgaard

Join Joe Karlgaard, director of athletics, recreation and lifetime fitness, for lunch at Cohen House and talk about his vision for Rice Athletics. Lunch for four guests will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date. The value of lunch is \$100; the value of chatting with Joe Karlgaard is priceless.

Donor: Rice Athletics
Value: \$100

233 Lunch With a Coach — Genny Volpe

Do you love Rice Volleyball and want to learn more about the winningest team around? Have lunch with Genny Volpe, head coach of the women's volleyball team. Lunch for four guests will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date. The value of lunch is \$100; the value of chatting with Coach Volpe is priceless.

Donor: Rice Athletics
Value: \$100

234 Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 3, for Rice Owls vs. University of Houston baseball. This “suite” deal includes use of a Reckling Park suite with eight suite tickets, eight tickets in the row below the suite and eight general admission tickets. And celebrate your love of Owl baseball with a framed College World Series poster from the 1997 NCAA.

Donor: RBI Club and Catherine and Brian James '78
Value: \$850

235 Wine, Wine . . .

Basket No. 1 — Take home this selection of red wines to pair with your culinary successes or with delightful cheeses from Houston Dairymaids with this \$50 gift certificate.

Donor: Patricia R. Brice and Houston Dairymaids
Value: \$550

236 . . . And More Wine

Basket No. 2 — This selection of white wines will delight you and your guests. Pair them with delightful cheeses from Houston Dairymaids with this \$50 gift certificate.

Donor: Patricia R. Brice and Houston Dairymaids
Value: \$550

SILENT AUCTION

237 Liquors From Around the World

For adventurous cocktails, sample these liquors in a wide range of flavor profiles collected from international travels — Bermuda Banana Liqueur; Costa Rican Licor de Café; Mexican Tequila Cream Liqueur; Becherovka, an herbal liquor from the Czech Republic; Longmorn Speyside single malt scotch whiskey from Scotland; and a Crimean cognac.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk
Value: \$500

238 Cleburne Cafeteria: A Houston Tradition

Cleburne Cafeteria opened in 1941. Nick and Pat Mickelis purchased it in 1952, and the Mickelis family still operates it, moving to Bissonnet Street in 1969. They serve simple homemade food in a homey, comfortable environment. Join the “regulars” at Cleburne Cafeteria with \$400 in gift cards.

Donor: Cleburne Cafeteria
Value: \$400

239 Style It Your Way

Use this \$100 Lam Bespoke gift card to find the perfect décor item to pair with “The New Traditional Coffee Table Book,” Linnea candle, and cloche and match box.

Donor: Lam Bespoke (No returns or exchanges, please.)
Value: \$200

240 For the ‘Foodie’s’ Home

This chef-inspired package includes the “Where Chefs Eat” coffee table book, one small and one medium artisan cheese paddle, and a Laguiole, France, ivory cheese knife set. Just add wine and cheese for a lovely evening.

Donor: Lam Bespoke (No returns or exchanges, please.)
Value: \$135

241 Basket of Flowers

Brighten your sun room or salon with this delicate needlepoint pillow hand crafted by Amy Taylor. A basket of flowers is centered on a floral plaid background with pink and gold tassel trim.

Donor: Amy Taylor
Value: \$200

SILENT AUCTION

242 Delicate Hearts

Amy Taylor created this pink confection of a pillow with a delicate pale pink insert surrounded by pink brocade and pink and sage fringe.

Donor: Amy Taylor
Value: \$200

243 Precious Dalmation

This darling dalmation on green grass is sure to delight your dog-loving friends and family. Handmade by Amy Taylor, the pillow is finished in black and white twisted lip cord trim.

Donor: Amy Taylor
Value: \$100

244 Hoot!

River Oaks Plant House will create an owl topiary to enliven your garden or living space.

Donor: River Oaks Plant House
Value: \$200

245 For Your Library

Enhance your library with this delightful collection of books for children and adults from the Brazos Bookstore with these 1920s bronze architectural bookends from David Lackey Antiques and Fine Jewelry. Titles include “Beyond Babylon” by Igiaba Scego, “Brute” by Emily Skaja, “Big and Little” by Cheryl Pilgrim, “Guts” by Raina Telgemeier, “A Race Around the World” by Caroline Starr Rose, “Tangled in Time” by Kathryn Lasky, “The Language of Kindness” by Christie Watson, “Chicken Break!” by Cate Berry, “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien, “Find Me” by André Aciman, “The Shortest Day” by Susan Cooper and “The Boy” by Oliver Jeffers.

Donor: Brazos Bookstore and David Lackey Antiques and Fine Jewelry
Value: \$389

246 Droll Hand-Decorated Platter

This Droll hand-decorated platter with the saying “I just can’t help myself” is from Krispen, formerly a destination for sophisticated home accessories and accents to fit any décor, now closed.

Donor: Krispen
Value: \$475

SILENT AUCTION

247 Whoooo Needs More Owls?

Rice Owls do, that's who. This lovely selection is perfect for your coffee table and includes "The Hidden Lives of Owls," a Wentworth owl puzzle and an elegant Waterford nut bowl.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library
Value: \$161

248 Inspiration

AREA features décor for beautiful and timeless interiors. These books, "Carrier and Company: Positively Chic Interiors" and "John Richardson: At Home," will provide inspiration along with this lovely wooden tray and two LAFCO candles.

Donor: AREA
Value: \$695

249 Breakfast in France

Serve a continental breakfast in style with these serving pieces that include a French breadboard, an English bread knife and a toast rack. Pair the decorative teaspoon with either the jam server or the marmalade pot to accent your breakfast.

Donor: Back Row Home
Value: \$705

250 Coastal Elegance

Find a beautiful collection of sophisticated home furnishings at Mecox Gardens. This pair of peeled rattan cylinder stools will bring a coastal elegance to your space. Both stools are 20 inches tall.

Donor: Mecox Gardens
Value: \$880

251 Natural Beauty

Creative Flooring Resources will custom bind a seagrass rug to the exact size you need, up to 9 feet by 12 feet, to bring texture and natural color into any room in your home.

Donor: Creative Flooring Resources
Value: \$1,100

SILENT AUCTION

252 Finnish Magic Owl

Taika, the Finnish word for magic, aptly describes the beauty of this Iittala porcelain platter featuring a colorful owl among the branches. It is approximately 16 inches long and is dishwasher and microwave safe.

Donor: Sunset Settings / Carolyn Brewer '58
Value: \$125

253 Functional Art

Local artist David Marsh creates unique hand-crafted furniture from yellow pine and reclaimed wood. This 18-inch round table is lightweight and beautiful, with a durable polyurethane finish.

Donor: Surroundings / Ann Hawkins '06
Value: \$195

254 Owls of Christmas

Celebrate the season with 12 owl ornaments and a festive metal display stand from Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Michigan, the world's largest Christmas store.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk
Value: \$250

255 Bronner's Owls

Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Michigan, is the world's largest Christmas store. This large glass owl ornament and four smaller ornaments make a lovely holiday statement for your home or office.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk
Value: \$75

256 Owls of the World

Decorate your tree with owls from around the world or display them on this elegant ornament stand. This collection includes three stuffed owls from Norway, a straw owl from Germany, two glass owls from Denmark, two owls from Thailand and two Russian owls.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk
Value: \$325

SILENT AUCTION

257 Owls With International Flair

Shelley and Art Gottschalk collected these owls throughout their travels in the Balkans nations of southeastern Europe. From carved wood to jeweled metal, these owls will bring a smile to any Owl's face.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk
Value: \$150

258 Festive Balloons

All Pops of Color will create a glorious custom balloon arrangement in the theme of your choice and install at your Houston metropolitan area location. It is perfect for your next celebration.

Donor: All Pops of Color
Value: \$300

259 Iconic Design

Mariquita Masterson has designed beautiful glass, vermeil and silver jewelry in Houston for over 30 years. Use this \$400 gift certificate to add a beautiful Masterson statement piece to your own collection.

Donor: Mariquita Masterson, Masterson Design
Value: \$400

260 Beaded Vintage

This vintage silver beaded cuff bracelet with hidden clasp will sparkle along with this vintage black beaded evening bag for a night on the town.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library and ITBE, LLC
Value: \$370

261 Cross-Cultural Elegance

Jewelry designer Kai-Yin Lo created one of Asia's first international brands. Her jewelry brings together design elements from the East and West. These lovely vintage earrings are set in gold-washed sterling silver and can be worn alone or with either set of dangles.

Donor: Nancy and Alan Shelby
Value: \$450

SILENT AUCTION

262 Lapis Lazuli and Stone

The second lot of vintage Kai-Yin Lo earrings features two pairs of earrings: the first are lapis lazuli with onyx and mother of pearl insets and the second pair are stone with red cabachons.

Donor: Nancy and Alan Shelby
Value: \$285

263 Beautiful Pampering

Wear your new Kendra Scott Danielle earrings and Franklin necklace and Ann Taylor silk scarf while you set aside some time for a relaxing manicure and pedicure at Beautique Day Spa and Salon in the Rice Village.

Donor: Kendra Scott, Deborah and Bryan Domning '79, Liz Crowell '76, and Beautique Day Spa and Salon
Value: \$305

264 International Chic

This stylish à bientôt combination is sure to please: a navy Annabel Ingall tote coordinates with a blue and olive wool scarf by Echo New York.

Donor: à bientôt
Value: \$545

265 Owls in Silver

Display your Owl pride with this stunning set of silver owl jewelry. The set includes an owl pendant and earrings and a pair of owl cuff bracelets handcrafted in Virginia City, Nevada.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk
Value: \$210

266 Cashmere Luxury

Warm up in this luxurious cashmere Jaipur scarf in a gray and blue cheetah print with gray fringe by J. McLaughlin.

Donor: Melinda Snell
Value: \$320

SILENT AUCTION

267 Shopping and Dining Spree

Make a day of it, discovering iconic collections from top designers at Kick Pleat with a \$100 gift card, enjoy lunch or coffee at Black Walnut Cafe with a \$25 gift card, and then visit Paulie's for dinner with a \$45 gift card.

Donor: Black Walnut Café Memorial, Kick Pleat and Paulie's
Value: \$170

268 Cotton Club Collection Shopping Party

Bring 20 of your best girlfriends for a festive private shopping party with sips, bites and fashion. Winning bidder will receive a \$250 gift certificate. Guests will receive 20% off purchases. Jewelry and sale merchandise are excluded. Expires Dec. 31, 2023.

Donor: Cotton Club Collection
Value: \$750

269 Head for the Slopes

Saint Bernard — sportswear shopping with an experience. Get outfitted for your next adventure with this \$500 gift card at Saint Bernard. They carry men's and women's clothing, plus gear for skiing and snowboarding.

Donor: Saint Bernard
Value: \$500

270 Hot and Cool

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious and spicy Mexican food at Candente with a \$50 gift card, then head out for a shopping spree for cool and classic menswear at Sid Mashburn with a \$200 gift card.

Donor: Candente and Sid Mashburn
Value: \$250

SILENT AUCTION

271 Galveston Golf Getaway

Relax in this cute one bedroom, one bath Galveston condo that sleeps six at Maravilla. Enjoy fabulous ocean views from your balcony. We also have secure Wi-Fi so you can work or surf the internet while enjoying our amazing views. In the hall, there are two bunks. The den features a queen sleeper sofa. The kitchen features beautiful granite countertops and convenient cooking supplies, including a coffee maker, blender, a Keurig brewer and other necessities. The condo is on the seawall and is walking distance to beautiful beaches, go carts, arcade center, miniature golf and restaurants and close proximity to Moody Gardens, Schlitterbahn and Pleasure Pier. Remember to pack your golf clubs for this Galveston getaway. This package includes golf for four, including cart rental at the Galveston Country Club. As a bonus, stop by Mr. Car Wash on your way home to clear off the sea spray with four Platinum Express Wash certificates.

The stay is for two nights, excluding holidays. A reservation is required and based on availability, and a refundable \$200 deposit is required when booking. Condo offer expires June 2023. The golf certificate is valid Tuesday–Sunday after noon, excluding holidays, and expires June 30, 2024.

Donor: Jim and Donna Wade, Galveston Country Club and Mr. Car Wash

Value: \$1,000



999 Paddles Up! for Rice History!

Honor Melissa Kean’s dedication to the Rice archives through your Paddles Up! donation. Funds raised will be used to digitize fragile audio visual materials in the Woodson Research Center collection to preserve them for future use. Recordings in the collection include audio of the Buckminster Fuller lecture, March 19, 1974; audio of Patricia Reiff’s ’74, ’75 “Houston’s Environmental Problems [Toxic Wastes],” circa 1975–1990; video of Larry McMurtry

’61 in the President’s Lecture Series, Sept. 24, 1997; and many more recordings. Your gift of \$100 will help us save this precious history, covering approximately one hour of digitizing. Please help us reach our goal of \$6,000 to capture key items in the collection at most risk. All donation amounts are welcome.





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Proceeds from the 2023 Friends of Fondren Library Gala will benefit physical improvements to Fondren Library.



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