**Silent Auction: November 15th**

Silent Auction is a great opportunity for Open Gate Club to raise money for some of the many charities we give to annually. Historically donations from the club have been given to:

Benefactors:

Junior Master Gardner Program

St. John Church plants

Linden Beautification: Butterfly Garden

JR Winegarden Public Library

Adopt-A-Pet Gardens

In the past the Silent Auction has had many different “looks”. Ultimately the goal is to provide a fun event to raise money for OGGC while providing a venue for camaraderie and laughs😊. Taking past history of our garden club and current trends from other places that do silent auctions, the committee is suggesting the following guidelines for the November auction.

Silent auction needs two key elements:

Items to auction and

People to buy the items

The committee is asking you to think about the Silent Auction and donations you have made or items you have purchased. How can we ramp this up and make this auction fun and interesting for those buying items?

Donations:

Items donated can fit under many categories. We are encouraging you to be clever about your donations and think outside the box. We are hoping for 2 donations per member😊

See: Silent Auction Contributions/Suggestions list

Guests:

We are also asking you to think about the guests you have brought or would bring to the Silent Auction. In order to make this a fund raiser, it would be great for every member to bring a friend or two. Our members do a great job supporting this event, but bringing a friend would perhaps encourage someone to join our club or make a fun purchase. Hoping everyone will bring a guest.

See: Guest/Attendance Questionnaire

The committee hopes that by having every member complete a Silent Auction donation questionnaire and a Guest/Attendance Questionnaire we will have a better idea about what donations to expect and the number of people to plan for food and seating.

**Silent Auction Questionnaire:**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Donations: please note business name if applicable

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I will not be here for the Silent Auction

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I will be here, but I am not comfortable gathering/asking/making a contribution.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I will bring a guest for the Silent Auction.

Silent Auction Contribution Ideas….so many to choose from…

Think about the following ideas you might offer:

Lottery tickets

Tickets for an event…sporting, theatre, show tickets

Dinner…offer to make one for a group of 2, 4, or 6

Boat ride and appetizers/desserts (hors d’oeuvres)

Baked goods night of auction…take home

Baked goods for date of choice or when in season…rain check

Craft project…cross stitch, knit, crochet, paint, etc….

Pie of the month coupon

IOU for garden help, dog sitting, coffee, etc…

Teach someone your hobby…to crochet, knit, paint, make cement stuff, can(jelly, salsa, pickles)

Donate one of your handcrafted items

Coupon book for Master Gardener Skills/insight for an afternoon

Local business donations…haircut, massage, nails, any type of gift certificate or gift card

Purchase gift certificate of gift card to donate

Create vases of greens or wreathes for the holidays

Think about the things you might buy and the items that have sold at previous auctions when picking a donation that works for you😊