



Silent Auction Offerings

Six extraordinary choices, perfect for gift giving, or for a bit of self-indulgence!

Fairmount Park Guided Tour

In 1876, more than 10 million people journeyed to Philadelphia's Fairmount Park for the nation's Centennial celebration. Today, the 10,200-acre expanse remains a refuge from the bustling city. Enjoy a two-hour guided tour, followed by lunch at Granite Hill, the Philadelphia Museum of Art's premier restaurant.

Your guide and dining partner will be Philip Price, Jr., great-great-grandson of Eli Kirk Price (b. 1797), who was instrumental in the founding of Fairmount Park and in the 1867 creation of the Fairmount Park Commission. Phil will drive you through several areas of the Park, and describe the development of America's largest urban oasis. Date and time to be mutually determined. Tour and lunch for two people.

Minimum bid: \$400

Tiptoe through One of Chestnut Hill's Extraordinary Gardens

For 40 years, Charles and Gene Dilks have lived and worked together on the same nine-tenths of an acre. They have different color preferences with great affection for auditioning different woody plants. Gene's grandchildren enjoy the playhouse and the woodland path she has created, spotted with decorative frogs and toads, one dancing stump, a praying mantis, and Mortimer the turtle. The entire effect is breathtaking, especially in the spring.

Treat yourself and up to six friends to a languid interlude, spiced by fragrant scents, and eye-catching colors. Enjoy a side of wine and cheese while absorbing the bountiful vistas. Date and time to be mutually determined.

Minimum bid: \$300

Framed Archival Pigment Print—from Devil's Pool Series (20" x 20")

Sarah Kaufman's *Devil's Pool* photos are dreamlike and magical; her large-format single prints and diptychs tell the unique story of what is to many a very special place. Art blogger Roberta Fallon had this to say about Kaufman's 2016 exhibit at the Allens Lane Art Center: "That 'you-are-there' immersion is a subtle factor, in works themselves quite subtle. That she takes such crisp shots of the flying bodies with her medium-format Rolleiflex camera while standing in the pool, makes you understand the control she has over her medium."

Kaufman received a BA from Haverford College and an MFA from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has had solo exhibitions of her photography at Saint Joseph's University, Haverford College, and Soho Photo and Porter Contemporary galleries in New York, and has participated in group exhibitions nationwide. Kaufman's photographic and curatorial projects have been reviewed in *ARTnews Magazine* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. In 2009, her work was selected by Peter Barbarie, the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Brodsky Curator of Photographs, for Project Basho's Onward Exhibition Juror's Award. Since 2011 she has held the position of Visiting Assistant Professor of Art at Ursinus College. She lives in Germantown, and maintains a studio in a converted industrial building nearby.

Minimum bid: \$300

Awbury Arboretum Insider's Tour

In 1852, ship owner Henry Cope purchased 40 acres of land in Germantown to build a summer home for his family. Adding homes for his sons and their families, the estate effectively became a compound for Cope and allied families; his daughter Mary Cope, married to John Haines (from the Haines family for whom Germantown's Haines Street is named), already lived in a nearby house built in 1849 with a design from Thomas Ustick Walter. William Saunders, a botanist and proto landscape architect whose work includes Hunting Park, the Gettysburg National Cemetery, Clifton (the Johns Hopkins estate in Baltimore), and the development of Washington, DC's park system, worked with Thomas P. Cope, II in molding the English-influenced landscape at Awbury. Today there are more than 3,000 trees, both native and exotic, to care for on the arboretum grounds.

Part-time Landscape Manager Denis Lucey will lead a plant-lover's tour of Awbury's rolling landscape, sharing both his horticultural knowledge and historical tidbits drawn from archival sources and legend. Bring your camera and your notebook—there will be lots to capture on this 1½-hour ramble. Enjoy a wine and cheese interlude at the Frances Cope House, courtesy of the arboretum. Tour and refreshments for up to 10 people. Date and time to be mutually determined.

Minimum bid: \$200

**Private Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting
Karamoor Estate, Whitmarsh Township**

The 250 private acres of Karamoor Estate have been under cultivation since the days of William Penn. In 2006, owners Nicholas and Athena Karabots planted their first grapevines, and today the vineyard includes Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Pinot Grigio, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Karabots granddaughter and marketing director Ali Duloc wrote in a January blog post that “We entered 5 of our wines in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Wine Competition and they all won medals. We took 2 gold medals and 3 silver medals. The gold medal winners were our 2014 Chardonnay and our 2013 Meritage, the silver medal winners were our 2013 Cabernet Franc, 2013 Merlot, and our 2013 Reserve Merlot.”

Partake of a private vineyard tour, meander through the winery, and then indulge in a wine tasting. The vineyards and winery are not open to the public. This special tour will have a duration of 1½ hours, and can be enjoyed by up to six guests. Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm, by arrangement.

Minimum bid: \$250

Private Garden Consultation

Physician/Planner/Garden Designer and part-time Awbury Arboretum Landscape Manager Denis Lucey will lend his horticultural knowledge and aesthetic sensibilities to a lucky homeowner. Enjoy an hour-long analysis of your property’s potential, and let Denis help you build upon its existing bones. His particular interests include four-season gardening, especially winter and early spring, as well as the imaginative use of native plants. Date and time to be mutually determined.

Minimum bid: \$150

