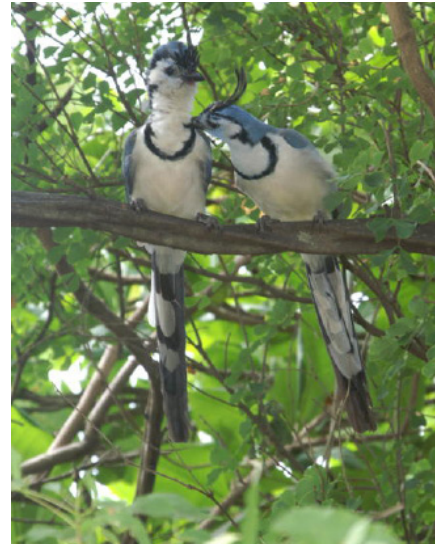


Tranquil and Tropical: Costa Rica Off the Beaten Track



Want to get away from it all for a week? Bid on this Saturday-to-Saturday stint at a lovely two-bedroom condo in Costa Rica. About 1½ hours from the Liberia airport, Playa Azul is a stunning beach, named for its mile-long stretch of dark blue sand and azure water. Your home for the week has an ocean view, is a five-minute walk from the amazing beach, is within 3 miles of two swimming/snorkeling coves, and has two swimming pools. Bird watching, fishing, scuba diving, surfing, horseback riding, and a trip to the Ostional Wildlife Refuge a short drive south (an important sea-turtle nesting site) are some of the activities you may enjoy. A manager is available to help you plan tours and activities.

The condo has two bedrooms with king beds, two full bathrooms, a queen sleeper sofa, full kitchen, washer/dryer, TV, A/C, and ceiling fans. It is close to restaurants and mini-markets. A rental car is highly advisable. The following black-out dates apply : Jan. 15-Feb. 26, April 9-23, July 16-Aug. 6, Dec. 17-Dec. 31. The week must be used by the end of 2011.

Donated by: Carol & Bob Hartmaier

Ashford Castle: “Excellence since 1228.”



Take a trip back in time to County Mayo, Ireland, and spend a week at Ashford Castle, living the life of a medieval laird—albeit with modern amenities! This romantic 6-day, 5-night stay for two can be taken anytime in the year 2011. The castle, a five-star luxury hotel that was once the Guinness estate, is an enormous story-book edifice surrounded by acres of beautifully-groomed grounds, in a breathtaking setting on the shores of Lough Corrib. Golfing, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, lake cruises, archery, clay shooting, and falconry (!) are among your choices of activities. It’s only a half-hour drive from Galway airport, so well situated for day trips around the lovely west of Ireland. The photos and virtual tour at www.Ashford.ie will have you drooling. There are no blackout dates; reserve early for best availability.

Country Living in Style: His and Hers Barbour Jackets from the Nick Hilton Studio

Barbour jackets, made in the British Isles, are world-renowned for their tough waterproof construction combined with contemporary style and flair. The company--over 100 years old--is run by the fourth generation of Barbours, who produce outerwear beloved by birders, gardeners, anglers, and everyone involved in outdoor pursuits. Traditionally fashioned of waxed cotton, these beautiful coats are now likely to include modern fibers developed for warmth and



lightweight waterproofing. Nick and Jennifer Hilton carry a selection of these gems at their studio in Princeton. If Barbour jackets don’t suit you, choose something of equal value from the Hiltons’ lovely selection of high-end fashions and accessories. You will be thrilled with the personalized service and the antique-filled club-like atmosphere of the studio. You and your significant other will leave well dressed and ready for anything!

Donated by: The Nick Hilton Studio

Let's All Go OUT to the Movies



Remember the golden age of the drive-in movie? There's something about watching a cinematic spectacular in the great out-of-doors that everyone needs to experience. We'll help you "take it outside" with this 12-foot movie screen and projector, your choice of feature film plus cartoons or a short for warm-up, and all the popcorn you can eat from a real movie popcorn machine. Set-up and breakdown are included. If your backyard, pool area, driveway, or cul-de-sac can't accommodate this, you can stage your event on the Watershed Reserve, or choose a large indoor location. Start surfing the Internet Movie Data Base for your favorite film and draw up a guest list!

Donated by: Ed and Tracey Shehab

Sophisticated Entertaining

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra comes to your home! A trio of NJSO musicians will perform one hour of chamber music indoors at an occasion and with instrumentation of your choosing. Invite 25 friends for an intimate private concert. After being transported by the lovely strains of some of the country's finest musicians, your guests will enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres provided by Emily's Café and Catering, the source of tonight's delicious food. The menu may include baby lamb chops, crab cakes, caramelized onion tart—and many more scrumptious tidbits. PLUS, ShopRite Liquors will supply appropriate wine selections. You can't go wrong with this winning combination. "If music be the food of love, play on..." To be arranged between October 30, 2010, and Oct 30, 2011.

Donated by: Anna Drago, Emily's Café and Catering, ShopRite Liquors



Saddle Up at the HF Bar Ranch, Saddlestring WY



A Fest favorite—a chance to visit one of the oldest dude ranches in the country. Bid on a trip for a family of four for 5 days (winning bidder may add days and people at additional cost). HF Bar is nestled beside Big Horn National Forest and is accessible from Billings, Montana, and Sheridan, Wyoming. The views are spectacular from the 9,000-acre ranch. Once ensconced in one of the 26 rustic private cabins, you can choose from a wide variety of activities: hiking along miles of trails, fly-fishing on a 15-mile private stretch of Rock Creek, shooting clays, and swimming in the pool. Take advantage of the fitness classes and massages and send the kids to the well-regarded children's programs (including riding lessons). Not to be missed is the morning round-up: feel the thundering of hooves as the friendly wranglers bring 120 head of horses in from the beautiful mountains and mesas, filling the paddock for the morning and evening rides. Be sure to save some energy for movies, cookouts, hayrides, and campfires in the evenings. You'll enjoy the extremely comfortable accommodations and excellent dining. Check out www.HFBar.com for more details.

Donated by: HF Bar Ranch

Art Collectors Take Notice!



Everyone knows Faith Ringgold by her fantastic painted story quilts and award-winning children's books. Ms. Ringgold's works hang in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Studio Museum in Harlem, and nearby in the Princeton Public Library (third floor mosaic). This is your chance to own a print from her Jazz Series, a fabulous exploration of musicians and singers of the 1920s and 30s. Using a rich palette of jewel tones, expressionistic brushstrokes, and an exaggerated drawing style, she captures the faces, settings, and varied moods of the Jazz Age. The silkscreen is number 9 of a limited edition of 50, is entitled "Nobody Will Ever Love You Like I Do," and measures 22½" by 30." For more insight into Ms. Ringgold's work, please visit her website at www.Faithringgold.com

The winning bidder and three friends will also be treated to a tour of the Experimental Printmaking Institute at Lafayette College where the print was created. The tour will be conducted by EPI's director, Curlee Raven Holton. Professor Holton, Roth Professor of Art at Lafayette, is an artist who has exhibited in more than 40 one-person and 100 group shows. He is also Ms. Ringgold's long-time collaborator and principal printmaker. After your guided tour and lunch with Professor Holton at Pearly Baker's Alehouse, you will have a new print and a new depth of knowledge about this work as well as the history of modern printmaking.

Donated by: Curlee Raven Holton and Bob and Liza Mattison, lunch given anonymously.

To learn more about these and other Watershed FEST Live Auction items, contact Nancy Apple at napple@thewatershed.org or (609) 737-3735 x28.