

2024 Gathering Auction Items Partial List

April 21, 2024

Note: The items below were donated specifically for auction at the 2024 Gathering. 100% of the proceeds from this auction will go to the Antarctic Society to support its work.

1. 2-3 night stay at Lisa Crockett's Mount Desert Isle, ME seaside house

Value: \$750.

Details: Two or three nights of a bed-and-breakfast stay sometime between October 2 and October 23 at West of Eden (home of Lisa Crockett and Pat Hassett) in Seal Cove on Mount Desert Island, home to Acadia National Park. Mid-October is typically peak leaf season in Acadia.

Accommodations include one bedroom with a queen bed plus private full bathroom (nothing fancy but comfortable). Meals will include hearty breakfasts each morning, plus one night of a special dinner cooked by Lisa and Pat. (Lisa and Pat got to know each other in the galley at Palmer Station, where we both volunteered to cook on a Sunday – cook's day off.) The guest(s) will be taken on a guided tour of the island - hiking (at your discretion for level of difficulty), sightseeing by car, and/or swimming in a favorite pond (it is usually still warm enough in October). One caveat - we do have two cats, so persons with severe allergies might not want to partake. West of Eden is a little bit like a small Antarctic museum so you will feel right at home with photographs from the Byrd expedition (Lisa's Dad), old Antarctic books, and lots of contemporary Antarctic pictures, maps and nautical charts. West of Eden is on the "backside" of the "quietside" of the Mount Desert Island in Seal Cove (town of Tremont), within a half-mile to the waterfront in Seal Cove and less than a quarter-mile to one of the back entrances to Acadia National Park with access to park roads leading to trailheads up the mountains and the serene Seal Cove Pond.





2. Packing Crate from the United States Antarctic Service Expedition (USASE) 1939-41

Value: \$300



Details: Robert Dodson (deceased) was a former long-

term member of the Antarctic Society and a participant in the 1947-49 Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition (RARE). The expedition occupied the former East Base from the USASE. Bob recovered this 43" x 18" x 13" crate during the cleanup of the base and used it as a footlocker and later as a storage crate after he returned to the U.S. The historic crate is donated by Bob's brother, Harry Dodson, who will ship it to the auction winner. The winner will be expected to pay the shipping for the item.

3. Large Framed Photo of East Base on Stonington Island

Value: \$200



Details: Harry Dodson also donated this large framed aerial photo of East Base on Stonington Island taken during the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition (RARE) from a helicopter based on the USS Burton Island icebreaker. This is a 30" x 40" black & white enlargement print from a 4" x 5" format Fairchild K-20 camera.

4. Limited Edition Print of the *Que Sera Sera*

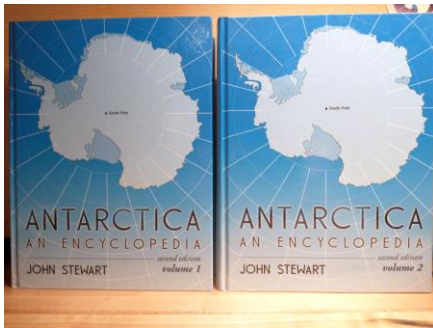
Value: \$75



Details: Only 100 copies of this 16” x 20” print were made by artist Ron Stephano, an Antarctica enthusiast living in Luxembourg. The print includes an historically accurate graphic of the R4D aircraft *Que Sera Sera* that was used in the early years of Operation Deep Freeze. It’s most famous flight was the first landing at the geographic South Pole on October 31, 1956, piloted by Navy Lieutenant Commander Conrad “Gus” Shinn. The print also features technical details about the plane, a list of its flight crew and the story of how it was named. The print is numbered and signed by the artist.

5. “Antarctica: An Encyclopedia, Second Edition” by John Stewart

Value: \$475



Details: Author John Stewart spent nine years updating this second edition of his encyclopedia. The result is an 1,800+ pages treasure trove of information on all aspects of Antarctica. This includes historical events biographies of thousands of Antarciticans, geographic names, stations and much more. Stewart’s meticulous research is evident in the details contained in this book, information which cannot be found in any other reference. It is a remarkable achievement. This copy was owned by LCDR Conrad “Gus” Shinn who was the first pilot to land an aircraft at the geographic South Pole in 1956. It is inscribed by the author to Gus.

6. 5-CD Complete Collection of Original Themed Antarctic Music

Value: \$75.00



Details: This thematic set is a mixture of New Age and orchestral music, composed and produced in Montreal between 1999 to 2023 by Society member Valmar Kurol. Valmar collaborated with Marc-André Bourbonnais and Michael Stibor. The music features vocals by Valmar’s wife, professional singer Carole Desmarteau. It is a collection every serious Antarcitican should have!

7. Hand-crafted Necklace and Pendant Celebrating 100th Centennial of Reaching South Pole

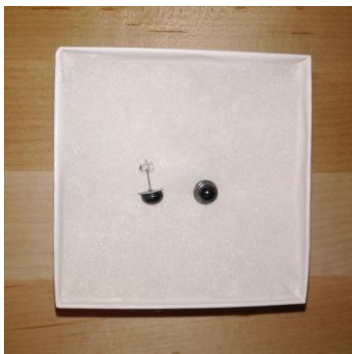
Value: \$30 each



Details: These medallions and pendants were hand-crafted by Vermont sculptor Jack Chase especially for the Antarctic Society in 2011. They were made to celebrate the Centennial of the Amundsen and Scott parties reaching the geographic South Pole. They can be worn as a pinned medallion or as a necklace. This is the last remaining necklace and only a few pendants remain.

8. Hand-made Earrings made from McMurdo Station Lava Rock

Value: \$50.00



Details: David Grisez was a young Navy SeaBee when he volunteered for Operation Deep Freeze I in 1955-56. He was part of the first winterover crew during the building and initial operation of McMurdo Station. He brought back pieces of lava rock that are ubiquitous in the McMurdo area. Later, he used a welding torch to melt the lava and create these beautiful and unique black earrings which he has named "McMurdo Pearls."

Watch this space for additional donated auction items!

