

BAKED GOODS

The heart of any auction is the "sense of purpose," and of course, tasting the FOOD! A great way to contribute to this year's auction is to donate baked goods. Thanks to dedicated churches who provide the many variations of good-tasting baked items for the auction.

Bring your donated baked goods into the main exhibit building between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, and then again early on Saturday morning. Sales begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and continue through Saturday.

REMEMBER – Good labels help to sell the product.

Allergies – When you package your baked items, please list on the label the main ingredients. If the baked item contains nuts, peanut butter, or artificial sweeteners, put these ingredients on the label as some people are allergic.

Questions? Please contact **Elaine Cline** at (540) 896-8253 or email her at: tville3438@aol.com

WHAT SELLS BEST?

Homemade Bread – all types are welcome, including loaves, rolls, cinnamon buns, tea rings, wheat and white, whole grain, and specialty bread.

Apple Dumplings – packaged individually, these are a big hit at the auction and always welcome.

Cakes - both whole and half. Half cakes sell out quickly for the smaller household. Favorites are: carrot, coconut, angel food, pound, chocolate, red velvet, walnut, pineapple upside down, etc.

Cookies and Brownies – depending on the size, please package 6 or 12.

Muffins and Cupcakes – package in quantities of 2, 4, or 6.

Fudge and Homemade Candy – 6 pieces to a small paper plate.

Pies - any kind as long as they don't require refrigeration, i.e., cherry, apple, blueberry, and peach. We also get requests for rhubarb, blackberry, sour cherry, and pecan. Sugar-free pies are needed, too.

Garden Produce – fresh spring vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, asparagus, and rhubarb. Lettuce and spinach should be cleaned and put into plastic bags. Asparagus and rhubarb should be tied in bundles.

Sugar-Free – all types of these items are requested often. Please list ingredients on a label and attach them to help the buyer make the right selection.

Other items - honey, apples, party mix, apple butter, jellies, jams, pickles, popcorn balls, and walnuts.



ARTS, CRAFTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

The arts and crafts have been a major part of each year's auction and sales. There are a lot of talented folks in our churches and communities who are willing to donate items. Make it a point to invite folks who have not previously been a part of the auction to participate, as well as those who always participate.

Folks anxiously await the Friday afternoon sale time to purchase craft items. Please encourage your group to begin planning what they will do. Some suggested items to donate for the craft table, the Friday evening auction, and the Saturday auction are: baskets, stools, benches, clocks, crocheted and knitted items, pillows, swings, picnic tables, wooden toys, flower arrangements, wreaths, furniture, birdhouses, seasonal items, paintings, pottery, etc. Try something new; the possibilities are endless! Some of the items will be used for the silent auctions.

We also need to know what most of the items being donated are in advance in order to have more effective advertising prior to the auction. Some of these items will be featured on Facebook. Get your church folks working! They will be pleased when their item is featured. Just remember we can't feature that one-of-a-kind or special item if the committee is not aware of what is being donated.

Some churches display the items that are being donated from their congregation prior to auction week. This might encourage others to make something and/or to come to the auction. Perhaps many of the folks in our churches aren't aware of the good things that are available at the auction, including the great food and good fellowship.

Please note the following reminders concerning arts and crafts:

1. Items for the craft table must be new. No yard sale or flea market items.

2. The craft sale will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

3. Items need to be brought to the fairgrounds to the craft check-in table on Thursday, May 16 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or after 8 a.m. on Friday, May 17.

4. Afghans, comforters and baby blankets should be measured and labeled as to size.

5. Tag each item with the donor's name, church affiliation, and any appropriate information.

6. The arts and crafts chairs, silent auction chairs, and outside tent sale chair, along with the auction coordinating committee, will determine if the items go on the craft table (priced), in one of the silent auctions, or in the live auction on Friday or Saturday. Some items bring more from the silent auction than going across the stage, as they can be seen up close and be fully appreciated.



THEME BASKETS

Theme baskets were a rousing success again last year. We are anticipating another great auction this year as we are constantly amazed at the creativity that goes into selecting a theme. Challenge Sunday School Classes, youth groups, women's and men's groups, and individuals to create baskets. It is fun and easy!

Almost anything may serve as the basket. In the past, congregations have used portable metal fire pits, coolers, laundry baskets, cardboard boxes, hampers, bushel baskets, flower pots, metal pails and wash tubs. Let the theme dictate what the basket should be.

Themes range from picnic supplies to family game nights, from baking items to supplies for spa days, from a selection of good books to a basket of vintage movies, and from laundry products to baby items for an expectant mother.

For example, in 2023, a large toolbox loaded with power tools and supplies invoked great interest in auction-goers. In 2019, a metal fire pit theme basket included supplies such as butane lighters, a pot holder and the fixings to make s'mores enticed the outdoorsy crowd. Some thoughtful folks even created simple theme baskets with gift cards. The sky is the limit when adopting a theme.

Once a theme has been chosen, handcraft, purchase, or solicit items for the basket. Items for the basket must be new unless the basket has an antique/vintage theme. Place the items into the basket of choice and wrap it with a basket bag, cellophane, or some other see-through covering to hold everything in place.

Each basket should have a value of at least \$25. Please label the approximate value of the basket and its contents (this is for our purposes only. We will remove this before the basket is sold) and include a second label with the contents of the basket for the prospective bidders to see. Baskets will be auctioned on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Baskets may be brought to the main exhibition building on Friday of auction week or early Saturday morning. If you have questions, please contact Sherrie Carr at 540-833-6112 or carrfarms2@gmail.com.



OUTSIDE TENT SALE

The Outside Tent Sale will start on Friday at 1 p.m. with all items priced and will close at 8 p.m. The Tent Sale will resume on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and will continue until all items have been sold.

This is not a yard sale so please only donate items that are in good condition, usable and are in working order. If the committee determines that an item should be auctioned rather than priced, the item will be labeled as such with a time that it will be sold in the main auction on Saturday. Church representatives may want to screen items that are donated to ensure they are of saleable quality.

If donating a large item such as a car, truck, trailer, etc., please make the coordinating committee aware of this so it can be advertised on Facebook.

Based on previous auctions and input from auctioneers, listed below are examples of non-usable items. Before donating, consider whether the donation would be an item of interest to someone.

NON-USABLE ITEMS

books and magazines clothing & shoes computers doors and windows exercise equipment large appliances non-working items personal items plastic toys TVs upholstered furniture

Children's Activities Under the Big White Tent

Rain or Shine Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Activities such as story time, painting, puzzles, crafts, etc. are planned for the children. Toddlers are welcome to stay for a one-hour period.

We encourage young families with children to come outside and experience these activities under the Big White Tent.



COIN AUCTION

A successful coin auction was held in 2022, and we will continue again this year. We are hopeful we will have even more coins donated and more collectors and enthusiasts will attend. If you have coins you would like to donate, please email a list to Henry Hawkins at <u>hawkinshe@comcast.net</u>. To include in the auction booklet, send a photo and description to Tom Wetsel at sdcobda@gmail.com with the name of the coin, where it was minted, and the date it was minted by January 31.

Donated coins need to be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday of auction week.

For more information, contact Henry Hawkins at 540-746-1045 or hawkinshe@comcast.net.



CORN FOR COINS

Please remember to bring your jar with coins and trade for caramel popcorn. If you were not able to pick up a jar at the 2023 auction, you can still collect coins in any jar, bag, etc. and bring what you collect to the auction. This project is very easy and can be a joint effort of Sunday school classes, families, groups within the church or the entire congregation. We appreciate all the support for this project over the years, so keep collecting those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. We are looking forward to seeing you in May. And if you enjoyed the caramel corn, there will be filled jars again this year for you to take home for the coins you will collect in 2025.

Questions: Contact Betty Morris (434-985-7571) or bettymorris0322@aol.com



24th Annual Golf Classic

Friday, May 17, 2024 Rain date, May 31, 2024 Heritage Oaks Golf Course, Harrisonburg, VA Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start is at 8:30 a.m.

The price per individual golfer is \$115 or \$460 per team if received by May 13th. If received after May 13th, the cost per player goes up to \$125 or \$500 per foursome. Registration may be limited to the first 27 teams sending in forms and includes a light breakfast and a ticket for dinner at the Disaster Auction held that evening at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds (unless played on the rain date). Two Mulligans per player are included.

Encourage your church to sign up their players or teams early before all of the slots are filled. Give Sunday school classes and other groups or individuals an opportunity to sponsor a hole. Contact Bob Armbruster at 540-705-4839 for information. Make copies of the registration form as needed.

Mail registration and pre-payment (payable to SDDA) to Shenandoah District c/o Golf Committee, P.O. Box 67, Weyers Cave, VA 24486.

Registration Form

Please register as a foursome, but if you do not have a foursome, we will place you on a team.

Team Captain/Sponsor
Address and phone number
Player # 2
Address and phone number
Player # 3
Address and phone number
Player # 4
Address and phone number



LIVESTOCK AUCTION

The Livestock Auction is a vital part of the Shenandoah District Disaster Response Auction weekend that is enjoyed by all ages. The adults and children enjoy participating in the bidding and purchasing of animals to provide funds for victims of disasters. We are extremely grateful for the many donors and buyers of livestock that make this sale a tremendous success. Special thanks also go to the volunteers for their many hours of coordinating and planning for the auction.

Animals for the auction must be delivered to the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on Friday between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. The animals will be sold in the order they are delivered to the fairgrounds with the sale beginning at 6:30 p.m. A devotional period is held 15 minutes prior to the sale. The livestock committee works very hard to conclude the auction by 9 p.m. All buyers are encouraged to remove all livestock immediately after the sale.

Desired are good quality beef/dairy livestock, swine, sheep, goats, donkeys, horses and poultry. For safety reasons, please provide good-natured animals only—no wild or unruly animals will be sold. All sheep and goats need flock ID numbers for the Scrapie program. Horses must be Coggins tested, and all paperwork must accompany the horse. Please bring poultry in a cage that a buyer can carry them home in.

We look forward to working with you as we continue to make every year a successful sale. It is time to begin planning what you will do to help victims of disasters. We need your help to donate animals or to bid on animals. For additional information regarding donations of an animal or funds to purchase an animal for the auction, please contact Brian Crickenberger at 540-448-1885 or Kenneth Cupp at 540-290-3365 or Adam Zirkle at 540-335-0260.

Food is available at the livestock barn beginning at 5 p.m. (hot dogs, country ham sandwiches, chips, ice cream and drinks).



PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Though there's snow and cold in winter, April showers and May flowers are right around the corner. Come see us at the Plant Sales Pavilion! Gone are our old tents. Those days of wading through the mud to browse through our flowers and vegetable plants are in the past. Walk a few more steps or drive right up to see us in between the main building and the cattle auction barns.

All under roof, we are happy to offer a wide variety of bedding plants at our reasonable prices. Your friends and neighbors will wonder how you have such great plants. Tell them you got it at the Make-and-Take area in the Plant Tent. Items purchased can be kept in our holding area until you are ready to leave. Pay for your plants, and then enjoy all of the great activities of the Disaster Auction.

We appreciate the bounty of your green thumb after you divide your plants. Any healthy houseplants, perennials, flowers or bulbs (such as dahlias, gladiolas, iris, daffodils, cannas, calla lilies, etc.) are always welcome. Young trees and shrubs also sell well. Potting these a few weeks prior to the auction weekend gives the plant a chance to recover and look its best. Identifying the color of the bloom as well as the type of plant is very helpful. Bring these plants to the tent on Friday as soon as possible after 8 a.m. Plants that are brought in later will not be turned away though.

We have the best volunteers, and if you're interested, we welcome your time and talents. Just contact us! Our volunteers are happy to help select plants, answer any questions, and even arrange some plants! The Plant Tent opens at 1 p.m. on Friday. Sales stop at 8 p.m. that evening and start up on Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

Please direct your questions or comments to the chairpersons:

Vicki Richard (540-820-4647) or Chris Riley (540-742-5198)



OUILTS AND WALL HANGINGS

The Quilt Committee would like you to look over the following information and consider a donation to the auction. We appreciate your response to last year's auction and are looking forward to great participation in this year's auction. If you have questions or need suggestions for items to donate, please contact Helen Shank at 540-879-2615.

Ouilts, miniature quilts, and wall hangings should be hand or machine-pieced. hand appliquéd, made of 100% cotton or cotton blends, and pre-washed before piecing.

1. Ouilts

a. Machine or hand pieced, hand appliquéd, or whole cloth b. To be considered a quilt, it should be hand or machine-quilted. (Tops that are knotted are considered comforters.)

c. Approximate Sizes: Crib (45" X 54"); Twin (72" X 95"); Double (90" X 108"; Queen (92" X 108"); King (115" X 115").

2. Miniature Ouilts

3. Wall Hangings

4. Old quilts and parts of damaged quilts can be used for other handcrafted projects. Please get these to a committee member to be used in items for the next auction.

- Bedspreads crocheted (include pattern names)
 Tablecloths crocheted (include pattern names)
- 7. Afghans crocheted (include pattern names)
- 8. Comforters

9. Identify the size, pattern, and person or church group making the above and attach it to the item with a pin.

10. Pieced or Appliqued tops - clean your closets or cedar chest and find a top, or unfinished squares to make a quilt, the committee would be happy to see what they can do with them 11.Scrap pieces - we will use or sell these if you would like to donate, please bring to auction

NOTE: All items are to be clean and free of stains, lint, dust, animal hair, and odor. Check each item carefully before donating. We have been wrapping our guilts for the auction in clear plastic to protect them from odors, dirty fingers, and oils. A lot of work and expense goes into making a quilt, so we want to present it the best we can. We know they don't always bring the prices they should at the auction, but if we make them in good faith, it is our best and pleasing to the Lord.

Please get quilts and wall hangings to Helen Shank prior to May 1st so they can be wrapped, and information included in the quilt brochure at the auction. If you did not get a picture of your quilt or wall hanging in the 2024 book, you could send a picture/description of the item to brendadiehl@shencob.org so it can be put on Facebook.



Sow&Grow

The Story

Our "Sow & Grow" program started in 1998 with 50 "Seed Money" envelopes, containing \$10.00 each. Wait, what's "Seed Money?" "Seed Money" is a small amount of money (\$10) that monetarily kick-starts a project idea to raise money for the Shenandoah Disaster Response Auction. Projects generally take place over the course of a year from one year's auction to the next year's auction. Do you think that you could make \$10 grow into \$11 or \$20 or \$200 or \$2000? If your answer is "yes," then this is the Disaster Response project for you!

In 1999, over \$3000 was collected, "grown" from that original \$500. Since then, the "Harvest Money" collected is over \$100,000! Over the years, "Seed Money" has been used in many wonderful projects like bake sales; selling beef sandwiches; selling peanut butter pies; pot pie suppers; pancake suppers; growing pumpkins; making teddy bears out of fur coats; making Christmas Ornaments; making lap covers; beadwork; selling jelly and jam; etc. One Sunday School class even did a project and gave "Seed Money" to another class and challenged them to do a project, too. There's no limit to how much your "Seed Money" can grow.

Anyone can take an envelope – or even two.

Interested? Could you make \$10 grow into \$20? If you think you can, take the challenge and an envelope.

In the last few years, there has been some difficulty in distributing the Sow and Grow envelopes with \$10 at the auction. Please do not overlook this opportunity. The Sow & Grow booth is usually set up near the information booth just inside the door to the main auction area in the main exhibit building.

Using the suggestions included in this brochure, you, too, can see growth with a minimum time investment. We appreciate you and thank you!

Return your "Harvested Money" to our next Disaster Ministries Auction or mail it to the Shenandoah District Office, PO Box 67, Weyers Cave, VA 24486 any time prior to the next auction. Mark it "Sow & Grow Funds."

Questions? Email Jan Stover Miller at jan.miller230@gmail.com