

Fall Raffle 2012

Birdsong's Fundraising Committee has obtained the following outstanding raffle prizes from some very generous individuals and businesses. Winning tickets will be drawn at Birdsong on November 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Birdsong Nature Center's operating fund. We offer our sincere thanks to the donors listed below!

- 1. *Meteors and Muffins!*** Our neighbors, Randy and Marilynn Rhea, owners of Susina Plantation, are offering this unique prize. They will invite four winning couples (one couple per ticket) to observe the Leonid meteor shower at Susina, starting at 4AM on November 17 (Saturday morning). Enjoy friends around the campfire while we watch falling stars. The waxing crescent moon will be gone by morning so we'll have beautiful dark skies. Rainy or cloudy? No worries – at 7AM we'll have breakfast and a tour of the Big House. Value: Priceless!
- 2. *Two Tickets to the Patron Party at the Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival*** The Plantation Wildlife Art Festival, held annually in Thomasville in November, has become one of the south's premier art festivals and exhibits some of the highest quality nature art, sculpture and photography in the region. Anyone interested in art or nature should not miss it. The Festival's Patron Party, held on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 7PM is a very special private opportunity for guests to see the entire exhibit before it is open to the public and to meet and mingle with the artists and sponsors. Tickets donated by friends of Birdsong. Value: \$125 per ticket.
- 3. *Seasonal Natural Arrangement*** You may recall seeing some beautiful natural centerpieces on our serving tables at our special events in the last few years. They were created by our neighbor and friend Kathleen "Galbaby" Scott. Her arrangements are imaginative, stunning, and sometimes whimsical works of art! She has agreed to create one especially for this raffle. It will be designed using natural materials found locally, and she will give the winner a personal instruction session on how to modify this long-lasting arrangement so it may be used seasonally for various holidays, Christmas, the arrival of fall or spring, and so on. Value: Priceless!
- 4. *Old-fashioned Children's Swing***, created by Claudia Mason, of Claudarondacks Furniture. Delight the child in your life, no matter what their age, with a simple and beautiful wooden swing. Doesn't that bring back memories? Value: Priceless!
- 5. *On- or Off-Road Bicycle***, This brand-new bicycle is made by Giant, a Sedona or similar model, appropriate for a male or female rider and for either on- or off-road travel. This gift is donated by The Great Bicycle Shop and two anonymous donors. The Bicycle Shop invites the winner to bring it in and have it adjusted for a perfect fit. One year of free maintenance is included. Value: \$410.
*** The Great Bicycle Shop also offers an exchange option. If an upgrade is desired, the winner pays the cost of the difference.
- 6. *Butterfly-themed Stained Glass Window Art*** by Ann Gaynor and Meg Fulford of Architectural Art Glass. This beautiful, custom designed piece is circular, about 20 inches in diameter, with a nature and butterfly theme. Value: \$450-500.

7. **Hand Crafted Pewter Hummingbird Ornament**, designed by local artist Ann Melton of the Galloping Snail Studio, Thomasville, Georgia. Ann's nature artwork is wonderful. Value: Priceless!
8. **Three Night Stay at the Reid Family Beach House in St. Teresa, Florida**, provided by Kathleen Reid Scott. Kathleen grew up in this spacious and comfortable home right on the beach that features a beautiful view of the Gulf and Alligator Point and a wrap-around porch with an outside dining table. It has bedrooms and baths upstairs and down with ample beds for 14 people, and can sleep up to 17. There are indoor and outdoor showers and a laundry. Date to be arranged at the discretion of the owner. Value: \$600.
9. **Coffee Table Book** *Gardens and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South*, by James R. Cothran. A beautifully illustrated book, perfect for those with an interest in southern gardening. Donated by friends of Birdsong. Value: \$50.
10. **Rustic Overnight at Birdsong's Listening Place**. Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience and spend the night at the screened pavilion overlooking Big Bay Swamp. Up to 4 people will be served dinner at the main house and a continental breakfast the following morning. Value: priceless.
*** Date to be arranged with Birdsong staff. Some seasonal restrictions. Winners bring their own bedding. No electricity, no water, portable toilet will be available. Call for more details.
11. **Red-cockaded Woodpecker Banding Trip**. The endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) population is monitored closely in Georgia by the Department of Natural Resources. A biologist with the Wildlife Resources Division will take up to four guests to assist with banding nestling RCWs and have a picnic lunch in the woods. Sponsored by Georgia DNR. Lunch prepared by Birdsong volunteers. Value: priceless.
***This trip will take place in May of 2013, during nesting and wildflower season. Call for more details.
12. **Mystery Prize!** This is the one prize you must be present at the drawing to win! We won't tell you what it is, but it is nature related, fun and we think you will be pleased! Value: \$100.

How to Enter/Rules

- Fill out the stub on the right for mailing in and put the number of the prize you want in the box above your address. If you don't put a number in the box we will assign a prize number randomly to your ticket.
- Keep the small stub on the left to redeem a prize.
- Mail in the addressed tickets with payment. Make checks out to:
Birdsong Nature Center, 2106 Meridian Road, Thomasville, GA 31792
- Prizes will be drawn at Birdsong on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
- Need not be present to win, except for Prize #12. Suggested minimum donation \$5. No contribution necessary.
- All prizes donated.
- Call 1 (800) 953 BIRD (2473) or 229-377-4408 for more information.

Don't forget to put the prize number you want on each ticket!