

Birdsong Nature Center

Fall Raffle 2013

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 10, 2013 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. ***Three Night Stay at a Beautiful Family Beach House in St. Teresa, Florida.*** 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.
2. ***Complete Bird Feeder Kit.*** Set up a new bird feeding station in your garden with this gift from Wild Birds Unlimited. The owners have donated a complete bird-feeding system that includes a Classic 2 Bird Feeder with a 7-foot Single Feeder Pole, Hanging Cable, Squirrel Baffle, and 20 pounds of Choice Blend Wild Bird Seed. Visit www.wildbirdsunlimited.com. If you feed them, they will come! Total value: \$125.
3. ***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: \$430.
***The Great Bicycle Shop also offers an exchange option. If an upgrade is desired, the winner pays the cost of the difference.
4. ***Three-night stay at Grande Villas Resort, Orlando.*** "Grande Villas Resort is a perfect location to enjoy all Orlando's must-see attractions. Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld are just minutes away. The resort has two outdoor pools, playgrounds, tennis courts and much more. My family has vacationed there for years and always has a great time. See www.diamondresorts.com for more information on the resort. Also, you can check out the reviews on www.tripadvisor.com." One queen bed in bedroom. Separate kitchenette/living area with sofa bed. Balcony or patio. 524 square feet. Vacation dates: December 15 to 18, 2013. Value: \$360.
5. A very special ***Dinner Party and Tour of beautiful Susina Plantation*** on Meridian Road. Date to be established by the Susina. There will be three winners of this prize (one couple per ticket) so there will be three drawings from this pool of tickets. An invitation will be sent to winners with details and the date. Value: priceless.

6. ***Audubon's Birds of America: the Audubon Society Baby Elephant Folio***, by Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson, printed in 1981. This large book is a reprinted collection of 435 of Audubon's original 1827-1838 elephant folio hand-colored engravings, reorganized by Roger Tory Peterson in phylogenetic order with species names updated to 1981 nomenclature standards. This book has been well-loved by several owners. The plates are absolutely beautiful. If you win it, you will need a strong person to help you carry it home. Value: priceless!

7. ***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 2014, during nesting and wildflower season. Call for more details.

8. ***Overnight Stay at George T. Bagby State Park and Lodge***. This beautiful southwest Georgia State Park is located on the southern shore of 48,000-acre Lake Walter F. George (also known as Lake Eufala) near Cuthbert, Georgia. This park is a nature lover's destination, with great fishing, a wooded nature trail, and many other outdoor opportunities. It also has an 18-hole public golf course, lodge, marina, boat ramp and restaurant. Visit www.gastateparks.org/GeorgeTBagby. Winners will stay at the Lodge; room sleeps 2 to 4. Value: \$75-90.

9. ***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 a very talented friend of Birdsong. Her arrangements are imaginative, stunning, and sometimes whimsical works of art! She will create one especially for the winner of this raffle prize. 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!

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. 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. Value: priceless!

11. ***Gift Certificate for the Birdsong Gift Shop***. Win a \$100 gift certificate and do your Christmas and Holiday shopping at the Birdsong Gift Shop. Our shop manager, Karen Askey, has stocked the shelves with nature-related items, many designed and made by talented Birdsong volunteers, so you may choose from hand-made bird houses and feeders, walking sticks, wildlife t-shirts, nature mugs, hand-crafted gift cards, beautiful hand-thrown pottery, nature toys for children, and much more. Value: \$100.

Raffle tickets may be picked up at Birdsong, or please call us at 229-377-4408 and we will be glad to mail them to you!

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 10, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
- Need not be present to win. 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!

Please see the letter below for further details about the 2013 Raffle.

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Dear Friend of Birdsong,

We invite you to join us for our fall Open House on Sunday, November 10th, 2013, from 1 to 5pm! The Open House will feature our fall fundraiser, the annual raffle, and we hope you will enjoy participating. Winning tickets will be drawn that day at 4:30pm.

Raffle tickets may be picked up at Birdsong, or we'll be glad to mail them to you. The suggested minimum donation is \$5 per ticket, no contribution is necessary, and you need not be present to win. Additional raffle "kits" can be obtained, each with ten tickets and a prize list so that you can pass them along to other people who might enjoy playing and/or be interested in supporting Birdsong. By distributing them to others you can personally help triple the potential income from this raffle.

Please see the list of 11 unique, found-nowhere else, once-in-a-lifetime prizes that we are offering. Birdsong has been the fortunate recipient of these gifts from some very generous individuals and local businesses. We offer our sincere thanks to these wonderful people and encourage you to seek out our business donors. Please see the prize list for instructions to enter. Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, November 10th, 2013, at 4:30pm at the Open House. Call for more information.

Even if you live far away, or live nearby but do not visit Birdsong often, we hope you will see this fundraiser as an opportunity to participate in preserving a local treasure – 565 acres of beautiful land that supports an amazing array of native wildlife and a nature center that educates and nurtures our community.

We hope you will enjoy participating, please pass along your kits, and call or email if you need more tickets. We truly appreciate your help with this fundraiser and we know you'll be very happy with any of these fantastic prizes!

Best wishes and good luck!

Sincerely,
Birdsong Nature Center