

## Taste of the Trail VIII Live Auction

*Below is a listing of the fantastic items we have in the 2016 Taste of the Trail Live Auction!*

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Donated by Gina Holcomb & Lindy Gohmert (Co-Chairs, Taste of the Trail)

### *#2 “Wild, Wild West”*

In keeping with the “Vaquero” theme of this year’s Taste of the Trail, this pair of traditional western-style, Ruger pistols is reminiscent of the firearms the true cowboys carried. These high-gloss, engraved, stainless steel Ruger Vaquero, 45Colt, single-action revolvers are not just exceptional guns, but also handsome works of art as well. The grips are hardwood; the barrel length is 5.50 inches and the overall length 11.12 inches. The hand-filling grip has long been acknowledged as one of the most comfortable and natural pointing of any grip style. The cold hammer-forged barrel results in ultra-precise rifling that provides exceptional accuracy. These Ruger pistols are the perfect start or addition to any cowboy’s or cowgirl’s gun collection. Included with this pair of pistols are handmade, hand-tooled leather holsters, wet molded for a secure fit.

Pistols donated by David and Bea Smith | Holsters donated by Eric and Dawn Draper

### *#3 “Rocky Mountain High”*

Vail has long been known as a winter wonderland, but savvy travelers are discovering that the 70 degree weather and diverse range of activities make it a perfect summer destination as well. Whether you fancy yourself the adventurous type, avid nature lover, or more cultural type, Vail has an activity to fit your style. White water rafting, horseback riding, biking, golfing, live performances at the Gerald Ford Amphitheater and endless boutiques are located near your 5 bedroom/5 bath, 3-level house that sleeps up to 9 people. After your busy, fun-filled day, relax with a glass of wine in your private Jacuzzi overlooking Gore Creek, or enjoy a gourmet meal at one of Vail’s world-class restaurants. Just decide which seven days in June 2016 you can travel and who the lucky ones are to accompany you.

Donated by Robert Oliver

### *#4 “Struttin’ with Some Barbecue”*

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Donated by Paul and Cindy Holcomb

**# 5 “Henry Rifle – Dedicated to Two DeWitt County Legends”**

This custom-made Henry rifle 44MAG/44S&P is proudly donated by Mary and Kevin Keating of Q-Rare-O Market, LLC and dedicated to the memory and legacy of two great ranchers of DeWitt County who passed away in 2015; Mr. Don Stiles, Sr. and Mr. Claude “Buddy” Blackwell, Jr. Mr. Stiles and Mr. Blackwell made many contributions to the ranching and livestock industry in this area. Both gentlemen had friendly and welcoming attitudes and frequently visited the Q-Rare-O Market. With the blessing of both families, they chose to honor these two exceptional citizens in this special way. This Henry rifle was specifically made for the Taste of the Trail event and is engraved with “Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum 2016” on the receiver, Serial #CTHM 003, and has a longhorn scene carved on the stock...truly a collector’s firearm!

Donated by Mary and Kevin Keating

**# 6 “Here Comes the Judge’s Chair!!**

Take the seat of honor in this impressive custom-made, hand-carved wood and leather chair. Talk about regal seating! Thanks to Paddy Burwell (he’s got connections), this one-of-a-kind item was created at the Dolph Briscoe Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division. This custom-designed chair is stamped with the official seal of the great State of Texas, in the same fashion as the specially made chairs for Texas Governors and Texas Supreme Court Judges.

Donated by Paddy and Bettye Burwell

**# 7 “Under the Tuscan Sun”**

Mention the word Tuscany, and vivid images of extraordinary countryside views with rolling hills, Italian villas, Italian Cypress trees, vineyards, medieval architecture and gourmet food appear. Imagine yourself, friends and family exploring this unique region of the world from your Italian Villa just an hour south of Florence. Located in the heart of the region, within driving distance of the mountain top Tuscan villages of Sienna, Cortona, and Arezzo, this lovely villa has six bedrooms on three levels, sleeps twelve and overlooks an olive orchard. Use the Villa as your home base on your seven-day stay, October 8-15, 2016, to explore frescos painted by Renaissance artists, tour Cortona where *Under the Tuscan Sun* was filmed, or just sit in a sun-drenched piazza enjoying a glass of wine or cup of espresso. A driver is available (at buyer’s cost) for pickup at Florence airport and daytime excursions.

Donated by Dr. James Herbst, Lori Ramirez and Jesse Rivera

**# 8 “The Legendary Longhorn”**

A long-recognized symbol of our great state, the legendary Texas Longhorn possesses admirable qualities near and dear to every Texan’s heart...strength, stamina and intelligence. The sturdy longhorn being donated by Tim Pennell is a prime specimen of this noble breed and was hand-selected for its color, horns and gentle nature. This cow is so gentle that it will actually eat out of your hand. For the winning bid, you can own this magnificent icon of the western heritage of our beloved Texas.

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### **# 10 “Gun-smoke”**

Exclusive, rare, unique – no matter what adjective you use, this one of a kind Henry Big Boy rifle is beyond special. Specifically crafted to pay homage to the historic Eagle Ford Shale play, this rifle is not only the epitome of craftsmanship, but also a true work of art. This rifle is a Henry Big Boy in .45 long Colt caliber, finished with 24 ct. gold, antique gold, antique nickel, high gloss nickel and black chrome. All of the art-work was devised with input from the South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable members and is all Eagle Ford Shale specific. Each rifle is individually minted, and this one is certified number 7 of 100 numbered rifles. It comes with an oak display case as well as its original Henry box. The Henry Big Boy rifle will be a cherished heirloom to pass on to your children or grandchildren.

Donated by Bill and Nancy Blackwell

### **# 11 “Emerald Eyes”**

This one-of-a-kind, custom-made sterling silver and 14k gold, rope-style bangle bracelet with 1ct. genuine Emeralds has been commissioned especially for the Taste of the Trail live auction by Paddy and Bettye Burwell. The artist and craftsman, Tim Acklen with Holman’s Fine Jewelry, has been a custom jeweler & silversmith for over 20 years. Tim has an eye for detail and has created a number of extraordinary commissioned jewelry items for a variety of charity auctions and organizations. His specialty is creating unique jewelry pieces and engravings, and this bracelet is no exception. The top plate is hand-cut filigree and hand-engraved with 4 - .25ct Diamond Cut AAA Grade Emeralds, bezel-set in 14kt gold settings. It is truly stunning, and will make the perfect gift for that special someone.

Donated by Paddy and Bettye Burwell

### **# 12 “Fishing the Texas Riviera”**

Set your sights for yellow-fin tuna, red snapper or amberjack as you and three friends embark on your offshore fishing trip from Cove Harbor Marina in Rockport/Aransas Pass. Climb aboard the stylish 40-foot Riviera Flybridge Offshore Yacht, appropriately named “Cuero Gold” with Captain Paul, a co-captain and a deckhand. This handsome boat has a living area, galley, bedroom, and bathroom. It shoves off at 6:00 a.m. and returns to the same location at approximately 4:00 p.m., and all tackle is provided. This all-day trip into Federal waters includes lunch and libations, donated by Texas Country Realty. Overnight accommodations for four will be provided in a house overlooking the water on Rockport-Fulton Rd donated by Billy and Marian Kleine. Just choose your fishing buddies, the dates you want to fish (available from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, excluding holidays), and go catch the big one!

Donated by Paul Duffy

### **# 13 “Spurs that Jingle, Jangle, Jingle”**

Special in every way, this distinctive pair of spurs was not only created by a highly recognized and respected artisan, Mike Emberson, but has been donated by a generous couple who have supported the museum since its inception. Mike Emberson is from Bartlesville, Oklahoma and has been perfecting his craft of spur-making over the last 18 years, while keeping the western spirit alive through his incredible creations. Mr. Emberson creates spurs for actual “working cowboys” as he sells mainly at ranch rodeos in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle. These one-of-a-kind spurs have been hand-crafted specifically for the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum using a combination of silver with copper overlay in a tulip motif and bear the initials CTHM.

Donated by Bucky and Dee Sager

***# 14 “The Falling Leaves”***

In the tranquil space between the end of the summer season and the beginning of the hectic winter season, Vail’s Alpine scenery is awash in the gold and red hues of the Aspen leaves that dot the landscape. From your 5 bedroom/5 bath, three-level house located in Cascade Village, partake in a variety of activities; hiking, biking, golfing, shopping the many boutiques or indulging in a gourmet meal in one of Vail’s fine restaurants. Choose your stay any week in September, 2016, and be sure to visit the breathtaking Alpine Botanical Gardens. The house sleeps nine people, so you and your friends may just want to stay home and enjoy a glass of wine in your private Jacuzzi overlooking Gore Creek or check out the exciting nightlife. Whatever activities you choose, autumn is a wonderful time to immerse yourself in all that Vail has to offer.

Donated by Robert Oliver

***# 15 “As Time Goes By...”***

Imagine yourself transported back in time to 1891 as you and your friends gather at the historic, newly restored, Preservation Texas 2016 Honor Award winning Proctor-Green House for a catered candlelight dinner for eight. Enjoy the ambiance of the elegant dining room as you and your friends are served a meal prepared especially for you by Chef Tonya Patterson. The architectural integrity of this magnificent home has been painstakingly preserved in elements such as original stained glass windows, fireplaces and a grand staircase, and the home is furnished with tasteful period pieces. Additionally, this package includes an overnight stay for three couples in the upstairs bedrooms, while the fourth couple will lodge at a B & B donated by Lindy Gohmert. A lovely continental breakfast the following morning will complete your journey to a bygone era.

Donated by Robert Oliver

***# 16 “Boot-scoot’n Boogie”***

Whether gliding across a Texas dance floor with your honey or sliding your foot into the stirrup of your favorite saddle, do it with style, grace and a boot that is uniquely yours. Rios of Mercedes has been making custom boots, by hand, since 1853; and is honored to support the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum this year by creating a pair of premium, custom-made calf skin boots for either a man or a woman, generously donated by Barbara Briggs. Choose everything from toe style to the height of your heel; and customize your boots with your brand, initials or whatever your imagination can conceive. Throughout their long and reputable history, Rios has made boots for some of the top horsemen in the world. Let them make a pair of boots that are not only a custom fit, but also a reflection of your individual style.

Donated by Barbara Briggs

***#17 “Warren Wildlife Gallery Dinner & Tour for Ten”***

You are invited to an unparalleled evening bound to create lasting memories at the Warren Wildlife Gallery in Austin, Texas. You and your friends begin the evening with a cocktail hour featuring wild game hors d’oeuvres, followed by an exclusive personal tour. Warren Wildlife Gallery surpasses other exhibitions, allowing viewers to experience a rare approach to wildlife. This collection acknowledges more than 300 full body mount mammals and over 250 exotic birds from around the world. This remarkable installation includes pieces from Teddy Roosevelt’s 1909 safari expedition, revealing a glimpse into his pioneer efforts toward conservation. Following the tour, enjoy an exceptional meal prepared by a local gourmet chef featuring wild game provided by the Gallery owner himself. This unmatched wildlife experience is not to be missed. Valid October 2016 through December 2017.

Donated by Billy and Marian Kleine

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