

RICHMOND AUDUBON SOCIETY  
"It's for the Birds"  
ANNUAL AUCTION



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**OUR MISSION.**

"The Richmond Audubon Society promotes the enjoyment, understanding and preservation of birds, other wildlife and habitat through birding, education, advocacy and fellowship"

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.  
THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER.**

Join us for a little wine, good food, a lot of fellowship and the fun of bidding on great items in both the silent and live auctions.

Professional auctioneer **Doug Sinclair** always makes this annual event very entertaining and for successful bidders a profitable evening.

*Tickets Cost: \$15.00 per person:*

Each ticket holder will receive a bidder number, a chance to win door prizes\* and a goody bag in addition to enjoying "Elegant hor d'oeuvres" all evening. Wine is extra; glasses are \$5 with unlimited refills.

(\*You must be **present** to win door prizes)

*Preliminary Menu "Elegant hor d'oeuvres":*

Roasted Turkey w/ Madera Cream Sauce; Sliced Tenderloin Tapanede; Smithfield Ham Biscuits; Fresh Fruits, Veggies and International Cheese; Chicken a la Orange; Smoked Salmon and Elmir's Meatballs. Sweets: Oatmeal Lace Cookies; Chocolates; Gourmet Coffee Service; and much more.

*(chefs: Doug Sinclair, Margaret O'Bryan and Meredith Bass)*

Raffle tickets; Available at \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. You do **not** need to be present to win the raffle.

Grand prize; \$3,000 Zeiss scope, zoom eyepiece and tripod package.

The runner-up prize is \$200.

The sellers of the winning tickets will also win a prize.

*Schedule*

**5:30 PM:** Doors will open (registration, wine, silent auction and raffle ticket sales)

**6:00 PM:** The food area opens

**7:15 PM:** The silent auction ends & the raffle drawing will be held

**7:30 PM:** Live auction starts

**8:30 PM:** Live auction ends and door prizes are awarded

**8:40 PM:** Checkout and cleanup

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2008, 5:30 PM — 9:00 PM**  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bon Air

## A FEW OF THE UNIQUE ITEMS ALREADY DONATED.

One week on a Highland County Farm for up to six,  
*the O'Bryans*

A gourmet wine dinner for up to eight,  
*the Brooks*

Live Birds of Prey Demonstration at your event,  
*Kim Harrell*

Nature digital photography workshop,  
*Bob Schamerhorn*

Prothonotary Warbler research canoe outings,  
*Bob Reilly*

Family James River Pontoon outing for up to eight,  
*the Coes*

Bill & Linda Lane's Field Photography Workshop,  
Gift Certificate,  
*the Lanes*

Birthday Party for up to 34 at James River Park,  
*Ralph White*

Vortex Summit STX Tripod,  
*Eagle Optics*

A bread baking lesson (yeast breads & rolls)  
including lunch,  
*Joan Mazza*

Bear Mountain Lodge overnight,  
*Patti Reum and Tom Brody*

Old Town "Dirigo" Kayak with paddle,  
*Appomattox River Company*

80 mm Raven Spotting Scope &  
10x25 mm Eagle Optics Binoculars,  
*Wild Birds Unlimited*

Five \$50 Gift Certificates,  
*Southern States*

## THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP.

1. Buy event tickets and save the date:  
**Thursday, November 20, 2008.**
2. Make a donation or become a sponsor. Deadline is  
October 31, 2008.
3. Help obtain other donations and sponsors. Think  
what will delight and inspire spirited bidding!
4. Help sell raffle tickets.
5. Volunteer (No charge)
6. Attend, bring a friend or two and buy lots of great  
gifts for yourself to help support Richmond Audubon.
7. Last but not least, **do not bring any food or dessert**,  
"Elegant hor d'oeuvres" are being provided.

## USE OF AUCTION FUNDS.

(All funds will be used for local projects)

### Primary Project (75% of funds raised)

- **RAS Kids** – Introducing children in under-served  
Richmond communities to nature and educating  
them through nature study and field trip. Funds  
raised in the Auction will support the following  
activities.

#### Swansboro Elementary School (South Richmond)

- Continue development of 10-acre site as an  
outdoor classroom
- Establish 6 garden plots (one for each grade)
- Provide two teacher training workshops.

#### Charity Family Life (After-school Program for youth, Creighton Court Area)

- Explore sections of the James River Park
- Provide summer exploration programs; tree and  
rock climbing, kyaking
- Participate in VCU Rice Center outdoor  
program activities
- Engage children in nature photography  
workshops.

### Secondary projects (25% of funds raised)

- **RAS' on-going habitat conservation projects at  
local preserves:**
  - James River Park System in Richmond
  - Presquile National Wildlife Refuge—RAS has  
adopted the Lower James River Important Bird  
Area that includes Presquile NWR.
- **Citizen Science projects include:**
  - Coordinating the Hopewell Christmas Bird  
Count since 1957
  - Sponsoring two Monitoring Avian Productivity  
and Survivorship (MAPS) programs at the  
Powhatan WMA and the Dutch Gap  
Conservation Area
  - Supporting nesting studies for Prothonotary  
Warblers and winter monitoring for Northern  
Saw-whet Owls.

## DIRECTIONS.

**Directions to St. Michael's Episcopal Church,**  
8706 Quaker Lane, Bon Air. From Chippenham Parkway  
exit south on Jahnke Road. Turn right on Buford Road then  
left onto Rockaway Road. The first street on the right is  
McCrea: the parking lot is on McCrea directly in front of  
the church. **For handicap parking:** Turn right at the second  
road off Rockaway Road into the lower parking lot and take  
the elevator.

## DONATION DROP OFF POINTS.

### Bird Watchers

4636 Commonwealth Centre Pwky, 763-3890

### Wild Bird Center

1360 Gaskins Road, 741-2473

### Wild Birds Unlimited

9778 Midlothian Turnpike, 323-0353  
10921-A West Broad Street, 934-9200

**If you want to be a sponsor, make a donation,  
volunteer or have a question, please contact:**

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### For Event Tickets Sales:

Tom Robertson at TROBERT804@aol.com

### For Raffle Tickets Sales:

Jerry Uhlman at flyways@verizon.net

**Note:** Our annual **Pot Luck Supper** is now a separate  
event and will be held on December 18, 2008 at St. Michael's  
Episcopal Church. It will be a celebration of Richmond  
Audubon's successes in 2008.

Check the RAS website for updates  
[www.richmondaudubon.org](http://www.richmondaudubon.org)