



a place at the table



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

Most Desired Auction Items

- High-end tech gadgets (AirPods/Beats headphones, Apple Air Tags, smart TV's, gaming consoles)
- Kitchen gadgets (Kitchen Aid mixer, LeCreuset Dutch oven, Nespresso, Nugget ice maker)
- Sports tickets (Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, Wild, Gophers, Lynx, Frost, Aurora, MN United)
- Solo Stove
- Yeti Cooler
- Ooni outdoor pizza oven
- Blackstone griddle
- Golf outings at premier courses
- Topgolf outing or Indoor golf simulator package
- Concert tickets (especially upcoming big tours)
- Theater packages (Guthrie, Orpheum, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres)
- Spa packages (massages, facials, mani/pedi)
- Home services (interior design consult, landscaping, cleaning)
- Hotel stays (local boutique or downtown Minneapolis)
- Classes (cooking, painting, mixology)
- Adventure activities (hot-air balloon ride, zipline, kayaking trip)
- Private boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka
- Fishing charter
- Brewery or distillery tour with tasting
- Passes to Valleyfair, Science Museum, Children's Museum
- Restaurant gift cards

Gift Basket Ideas

Food & Drink Lovers

- **Coffee Lover's Dream:** Local roasts, French press, fun mugs, biscotti.
- **Wine & Dine:** Bottles of wine, cheese board, gourmet crackers, corkscrew.
- **Craft Beer Explorer:** Local brews, pint glasses, bottle opener, snacks.
- **Cocktail Hour:** Shaker set, fancy syrups/bitters, recipe cards, garnishes, and a bottle of your favorite liquor.
- **Sweet Tooth:** Chocolates, candies, caramel popcorn, bakery gift cards.
- **Spice It Up:** Gourmet spices, hot sauces, cooking oils, recipe book.

Hobbies & Interests

- **Book Lover's Retreat:** Bestsellers, cozy blanket, reading light, bookstore gift card. Could be themed – mystery/thriller, biographies, historical fiction, etc.
- **Game Night:** Board games, cards, snacks, puzzle books.
- **Craft Lover's Kit:** Yarn, knitting needles, needlepoint kit, gift card to Michael's.
- **Music Enthusiast:** Vinyl, Bluetooth speaker, concert tickets, music merch, gift card to Electric Fetus (This could be a themed basket – Taylor Swift, Benson Boone, etc.)

Wellness & Lifestyle

- **Green Thumb (Gardening):** Seeds, gloves, small tools, garden décor, gardening sleeves, gift card to Bachman's.
- **Fitness Focus:** Yoga mat, water bottle, fitness bands, smoothie mixes (we have yoga class gift cards to pair).
- **Self-Care Sundays:** Journals, herbal teas, your favorite book, crossword puzzles, essential oils, cozy socks.
- **Pet Lover's Basket:** Treats, toys, collar, gift card to Chuck & Don's.

Minnesota Eats & Treats

- **Love From Minnesota:** Caribou Coffee, Wild Rice, Faribault Woolen Mill socks, Abdallah chocolates, Ames Farm honey, Pearson's Salted Nut Roll, Minnesota-shaped cutting board)
- **Minnesota Craft Beer Sampler:** Surly, Indeed, Summit, Bauhaus, and Lift Bridge brews with branded pint glasses.
- **Northwoods Wine & Cheese:** Wine from Alexis Bailly Vineyard or Cannon River Winery, paired with local cheeses (Eichten's, Redhead Creamery) and crackers.
- **Coffee Lover's Basket:** Bags of Caribou Coffee, Peace Coffee, Dogwood Coffee, and a Minnesota mug.

Games & Hobbies

- **Sports Fanatic:** Vikings, Twins, Timberwolves, Lynx, or Wild merch/tickets.
 - **State of Hockey:** MN Wild gear, tickets or gift card toward a game, and a signed puck or hat.
- **Mahjong Gift Basket:** A quality Mahjong tile set, rack and pusher set (if not included), current year's Mahjong card, tile bag or carrying case, score pad and pencils
- **Minnesota Authors:** Signed/local authors, Magers & Quinn gift card, notebook, cozy reading blanket.
- **Knitter Lover Basket:** Premium interchangeable knitting needle set, six skeins of luxury yarn, yarn bowl, project tote, knitting notions kit; pattern book

Only In Minnesota

- **North Shore Adventure:** Duluth Pack backpack or daypack, State Park vehicle permit, North Shore hiking guide, campfire mug, s'mores kit, adventure journal
- **Embrace the Cold:** Faribault Mill blanket, cozy mittens, wool socks, hand warmers, hot cocoa, marshmallows, snowman mug
- **State of Hockey:** Wild, Frost, Gophers, hockey tickets & apparel, hockey puck, hockey socks, hockey history book. Bonus points: Add tickets to the MSHSL High School Hockey Tournament
- **Lake Life:** Beach towels, floating beverage holders, waterproof speaker, Yeti tumblers, playing cards, Minnesota-shaped cribbage board, SPF kit

Contact

For any questions or to discuss an idea, please contact Jennifer Harrison, Vice President of Advancement, at JenniferH@veap.org or 952.955.8312.

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