Eagle River Nature Center's 2012 Spring Auction: LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

1. What would a Nature Center auction be without a gorgeous **handcrafted quilt** by Ute Olsson? This colorful queen-sized quilt will brighten any room in your home.  (Priceless) **Donated by Ute Olsson and Margaret Smith of Grannie Smith's Quilts & Crafts.**

2. PFish Pacific Fishing and Captain "Tat" Tatterson will provide a **full or half day fishing charters for 2** between May 30th and August 31st. Fish for salmon, halibut, lingcod or rockfish out of Seward and don't forget to bring your fishing license.  (Value $600) **Donated by PFish, Inc.**

3. When's the last time you flew within six miles of Denali's summit? Departing from Talkeetna, you'll soar over the Tokositna Glacier and descend into the Sheldon Amphitheater on Ruth Glacier. This flight for 2 is so good that it's the foundation for all of K2aviation's tours.  (Value $410) **Donated by K2aviation.**

4. After this record snow year in Girdwood, how can you not resist going downhill skiing. Next winter, get ready for more snow and fun skiing with two (2) **ten time punch powder ski pass** vouchers.  (Value $1000) **Donated by Alyeska Resort.**

5. If you don't know Dick Griffith, this is your chance to spend dinner with him, plus receive a first edition signed copy of his biography. **Author Kaylene Johnson's book “Canyons and Ice: The Wilderness Travels of Dick Griffith”** will be published this June, complete with dozens of photographs and stories of his adventures – 85 years worth.  This **dinner for up to 6 people** at his Hillside home will certainly be unforgettable. (Priceless) **Donated by Kaylene Johnson and Dick Griffith.**

6. **BEAR BELL AUCTION GAME: Heads or Tails?** Last chance to buy a bear bell and win. Last one standing will receive a **Rail Package and 1 night at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge or McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge for 2.** Good from May 15th thru September 15th, 2012.  (Value $800) **Donated by Princess Cruises.** The runner up will be a winner, too and receive **2 seats on a Helicopter Glacier Landing Expedition** from Denali National Park or from Douglas Heliport in Juneau (you choose which).  The trip is valid between May 4th and September 15th, 2012.  (Value up to $878) **Donated by Era Helicopters LLC.**

7. The AK Railroad's **Denali Railcar** is the perfect first-class luxury experience for an intimate wedding party, a corporate retreat or just about any special event that calls for a unique experience. The trip includes round-trip travel to Seward aboard the private Denali railcar, which comfortably accommodates up to 16 guests. The luxurious coach was built in late 1929 and refurbished by the AK Railroad. The railcar will arrive in Seward at 11am and your group will have the entire afternoon to tour the town and return in the evening in the lap of luxury. The trip is available from May 16th through September 11th, 2012.  (Value $12,000) **Special donation from the Alaska Railroad.**

8. This **handcrafted one-of-a-kind mahogany table** by master woodworker, Ramunas Sirvelis will look gorgeous in any room of your home.  This intricate piece of fine furniture was specially made for the auction.  (Value $3500) **Donated by Ramunas Sirvelis.**

9. Enjoy a **private five course dinner for up to 8 people** prepared by the Kincaid Grill. The regional cuisine at Chef Al's restaurant is always exceptional and the service – impeccable.  Good through April 14th, 2013 and does not include wine/beer or gratuities.  (Value $1500) **Donated by Kincaid Grill.**

10. Traveling to Seattle? Then stay in one the most celebrated AAA-Diamond hotels in Washington - the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and widely regarded as one of the city’s most celebrated treasures, The Fairmont Olympic is a Seattle destination in itself, plus it is in an ideal downtown location near the waterfront pier. You will receive **2 nights in deluxe accommodations** which can be redeemed by April 13th, 2012.  (Value $818) **Donated by The Fairmont Olympic Hotel.**

11. **Receive a private 1 hour show for up to 62 people at UAA’s Planetarium and Visualization Theater.** You and your guests will be treated to a state-of-the-art show and facility, which will be arranged with Director Andy Puckett, PhD. You can also choose the option to use the lobby for a 1 hour reception.  (Value $500 for show, plus $150 for reception) **Donated by UAA’s Planetarium.**

12. Planning on a trip to Mexico, Hawaii or the Lower 48? Get your tickets today with **2 unrestricted roundtrip airline tickets** to any destination that Alaska Airlines flies AND with no blackout dates. Just keep in mind that the tickets need to be booked within a year from now, but travel may occur at a later date.  (Value $2500) **Donated by Alaska Airlines.**

13. **Release an eagle** into the wild this summer at the Eagle River Nature Center. It'll be one of the most unique and awe-inspiring things you'll do in your life. (Priceless) **Donated by the Bird Treatment and Learning Center.**

14. **Be the first people to stay at the Nature Center's newest backcountry facility – the Yukla Yurt.** The new 16-foot diameter yurt is located ½ mile past Rapids Camp on a wooded plateau next to Eagle River. We plan to have it up and running in early July, but we'll notify you as soon as it's finished and you'll have the opportunity to select your date.  (Value to be decided by you) **Donated by the Eagle River Nature Center.**