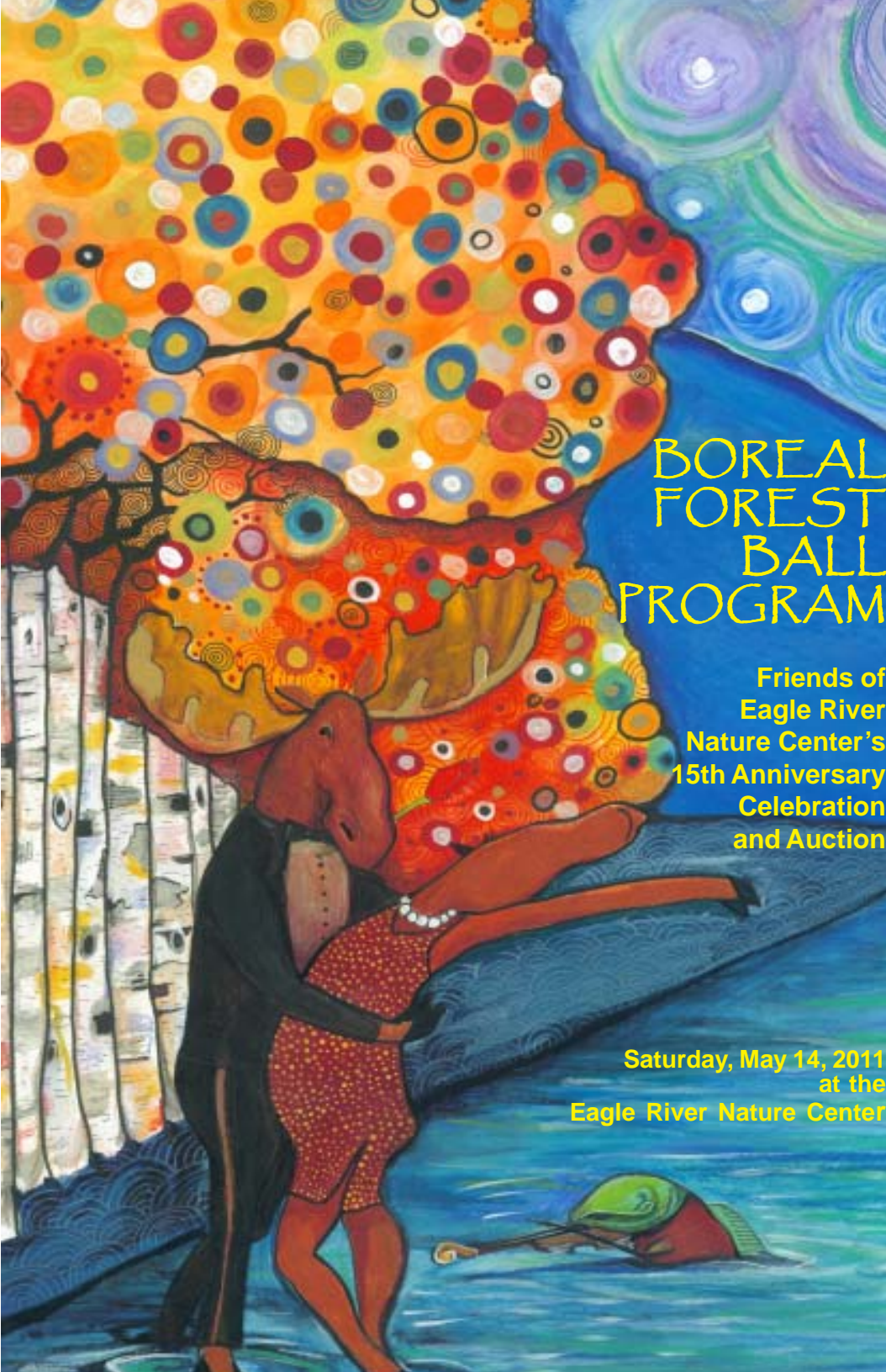


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~ Albert Einstein*





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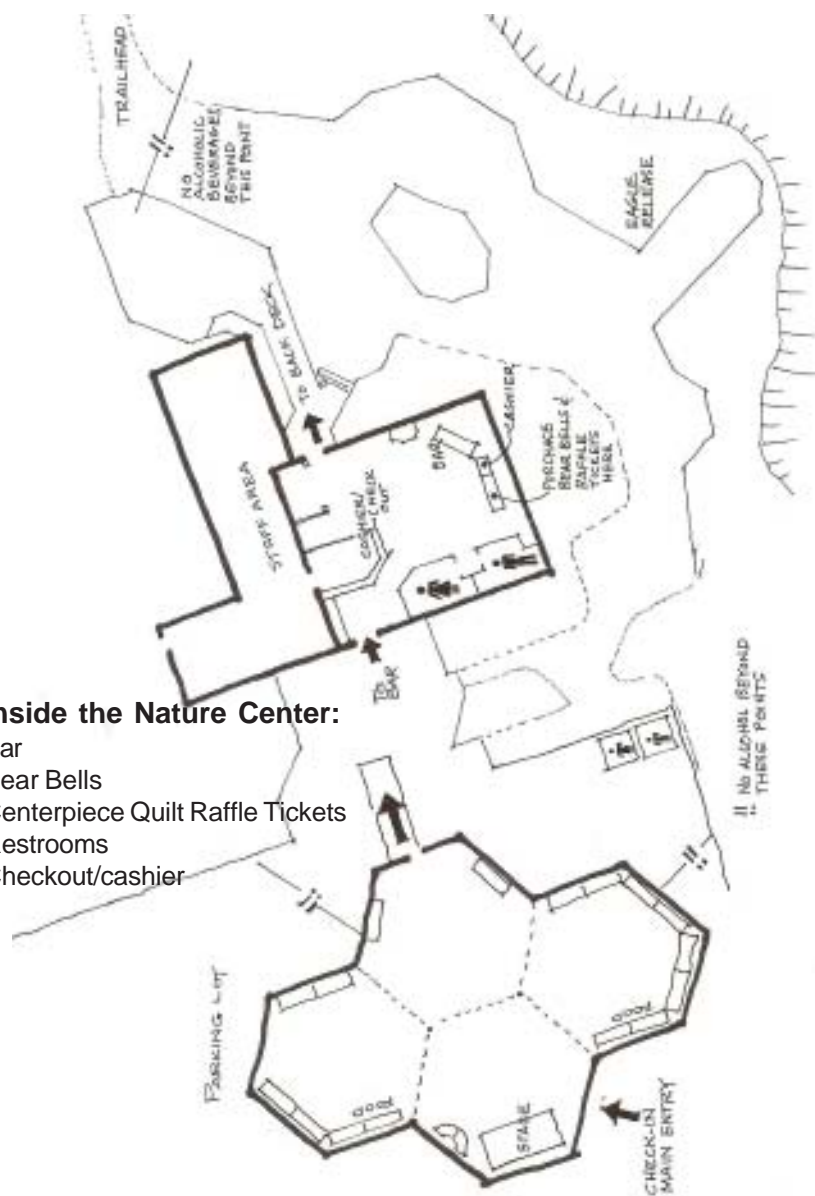
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Live Auction

12 Does this painting look familiar? Artist Katie Sevigny's whimsical "**Boreal Forest Ball**" **watercolor** has graced the cover of all our advertising for the celebration and can now be all yours. This is an original, one-of-a-kind watercolor painting that has been framed by Picture This in Eagle River. (Value \$900) **Donated by Dennis Johnson and Katie Sevigny.**

13 Be adventurous! See **Alaska from a helicopter!** Era Helicopters will take 2 of you on a Glacier Landing Expedition (start is near Denali National Park entrance) where you'll step foot on a remote glacier in the Alaska Range. The certificates are valid for the 2011 flightseeing season, May 4th -September 15th. (Value \$870) **Donated by Era Helicopters LLC.**

14 If you thought tonight's dinner was delicious, think how incredible it'll be to have a **private five-course dinner** prepared by Chef Al Levinsohn at the Kincaid Grill for up to 8 people! The certificate does not include wine/beer or gratuities. (Value \$400). **Donated by Chef Al and Kincaid Grill.**

15 Alaska Airlines has been a very generous annual donor to the Nature Center's auctions. Once again, they have generously donated **2 unrestricted roundtrip airline tickets** to any destination that Alaska Airlines flies with no blackout dates. The tickets need to be booked within a year from now, but travel may occur at a later date. Did anyone say Puerto Vallarta? (Value \$2500) **Donated by AK Airlines.**

16 Is your grill all rusty and on its last legs? Then this is the perfect time to give that one away and have a shiny new **natural gas grill** delivered to your home by a dashing Nature Center trail volunteer. You'll be the envy of all your neighbors! (Value \$520) **Donated by Enstar Natural Gas Co.**

17 For tonight's fantastic finale... bid highest and **release an eagle** in just a few minutes. A Bird TLC handler will assist you as you release the eagle behind the Nature Center. We even have a photographer to take a photo for you for this memorable moment. Priceless. **Donated by Bird TLC.**

Thank you to all our item and service donors:

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Live Auction

1 What better way to start out a live auction than with a **private homebrew lesson** for up to 3 people with noted homebrew national champion Dennis Urban. Observe and assist Dennis as he walks you through every step of the brewing process, from the equipment used to choosing the right ingredients. In addition, you'll receive a deluxe beer making kit. You must schedule the lesson either before May 22nd or wait until November. (Value \$200)

Donated by Dennis Urban and Arctic Brewing Supply.

2 Go downhill skiing ten times next winter at Alyeska. The midweek Alyeska Resort 10 time punch **powder passes for two** people are valid for the 2011/2012 snow season. Peter Olsson, State Climatologist, assures us that it'll be the best snow year ever. Right Peter? (Value \$800) **Donated by Alyeska Ski Resort.**

3 Did you know that our very own naturalist Ute Olsson is also an accomplished quilter? This exquisite handmade **queen-sized quilt** was made for the 15th anniversary celebration. Too many hours spent to put a price on it. **Donated by Ute Olsson and Margaret Smith.**

4 Fishing season is around the corner. Pacific Fishing, Inc. (Pfish) will provide you with a full day or half day **fishing charter** for salmon, halibut, lingcod or rockfish out of Seward between May 20-September 5, 2011. Fishing license and derby tickets are not included. Join Capt. "Tat" Tatterson IV this summer. (Value \$600)

Donated by Pfish, Inc.

5 The **REI Cirque ASL (All Season Light) 2 Tent** is the perfect new backpacking tent for you and a close friend. It fills the gap between the limited seasonality of ultralight tents and the robustness of 4-season tents. It sleeps two people, weighs only 5 lbs. and has a floor area of 31.2 square feet. (Value \$309) **Donated by REI.**

6 Get a personalized copy of the gorgeous new book "**Chugach State Park: Alaska's Backyard Wilderness**" signed by **photographer Carl Battreall**, author **Bill Sherwonit**, and **Sharon Cissna**. Plus, receive a beautifully framed photo by Carl Battreall. (Value \$400) **Donated by Carl Battreall & Chugach State Park.**

7 Travel to Seattle often? Planning a visit this year? This is the perfect place to stay according to Board Member Eric Fjelstad. The **Fairmont Olympic Hotel** is the only AAA-Diamond hotel in Washington. As the recipient, you will receive 2 nights in deluxe accommodations which can be redeemed through May 14, 2012. In addition, you'll receive a pass for 2 general admission tickets to the Seattle Art Museum. (Value \$630) **Donated by the Fairmont Olympic Hotel and the Seattle Art Museum.**

8 Legendary Alaskan adventurer and Father of the Packraft **Dick Griffith** will host dinner for up to 6 people at his Hillside home. This is a must for every Alaskan's bucket list. Dick has a list of "firsts" credited to his name: traversing the Brooks Range, traversing the Arctic from west to east, and descending the Copper Canyon's Urique River. You'll also receive a DVD copy of Dick's unpublished memoirs. (Priceless) **Donated by Dick Griffith.**

9 We were very fortunate to get this fantastic donation from PenAir and the TDX Corporation. This is the **ultimate birder's trip: a 3-day, 2-night trip for two people to St. Paul Island in Alaska's spectacular Pribilof Islands.** The trip includes 2 roundtrip tickets from Anchorage to St. Paul Island, ground transportation on St. Paul, tour guide services and 2 nights at the King Eider Hotel. The trip must be completed by September 15, 2011. (Value \$4475) **Donated by Tanadgusix Corporation (TDX) and PenAir.**

10 Bear Bell Auction winner receives a **Rail Package and 2 night stay** at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge or McKinley Princess Lodge for two people. The trip must be redeemed between May 15th – September 15th, 2011 and may not be extended. (Value \$800) **Donated by Princess Cruises and Tours.**

11 Dick Griffith, "Father of the Packraft" confirms that the **YUKON YAK packraft** is a versatile mid-sized expeditionary/multi-purpose boat. With whitewater and cargo-carrying hull features, the Yak is Alpacka Raft's most popular models for adventurers and backcountry river-runners. You'll also receive the Packraft I: Moving Water Class for 2 participants with the Alaska Kayak Academy. This is a 3 hr class that will teach you what you need to feel safe on class I and II water. The class is good through 8/15/2011. (Value \$1000) **Donated by Alpacka Raft and Alaska Kayak Academy.**

Auction Rules

You must be registered and have a bidder number to bid on all auction items. To place a bid on a live item, raise your number high and make sure the Auctioneer recognizes it and repeats the winning amount and your bid number.

SILENT AUCTION

We have 2 sections of silent auction items which will close at announced times.

Any bid without a bidder number will be disqualified.

Bid sheets note the item; minimum starting bid and minimum bid increment. **You must bid in the increments listed.**

Bids are accepted until the Auctioneer officially announces the table closed. **At that precise moment all bids are final and will be collected by volunteers.**

The bid sheets will be inspected and winning bids will be highlighted, so check to see if you are the winner. All your winning sheets will be in your folder at checkout.

The cashiers will provide you with all winning certificates and you may collect your physical item from the table after you have paid.

GENERAL RULES

1. Certificates for trips or services are not negotiable or redeemable for cash. 2. All packages are subject to space availability and require advance reservations. 3. Please pay attention to expiration dates, blackout dates and any other restrictions. 4. You may pay the cashier with VISA or MasterCard, check or cash.

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Tonight's Program

5-6:30pm	Hor d'oeuvres, beer and wine
6:30pm	First silent auction table closing
6:45pm	Dinner
7:15pm	Introductions, Carl Lundgren, Chairman
7:30pm	Part I live auction
8:15pm	Second silent auction table closing
	Dessert served
8:30pm	Part II live auction
9:00pm	Eagle release and dancing for the enthusiastic

*The above times and order of events are approximate.
We'll go with the flow to keep you on your toes and having fun!*

We welcome tonight's special guests:

Susie Gorski, *Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, CEO*
Tom Harrison, *Superintendent, Chugach State Park*

Thank you to the following individuals and companies for their services:

Chef Al Levinsohn & Kincaid Grill, *caterers*
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Special thanks to our beverage donors:

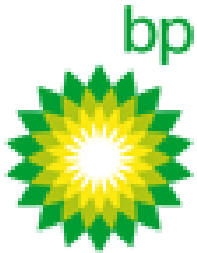
Specialty Imports, *wine*
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Heads or Tails Bear Bell Auction *It's a blast, so don't be shy! And remember that the auction benefits the Nature Center!*

This game is a fun way to support the Nature Center and win a great prize (see live auction # 10 for details).

You can purchase **up to 4 bear bell necklaces for \$10 each**. Buy them inside the Nature Center or from one of our volunteers.

How Do I Play?

When the auctioneer announces the "Heads or Tails" game, stand up and **put your hands on your head for "heads" or on your rear for "tails"**.

The auctioneer will flip a coin and if you have your hands on the right spot you keep playing.

If you guess wrong, you must take one of the necklaces off before continuing to the next round.

Once you're out of necklaces, you're out of the game and must sit down.

The last one standing wins!

Win a Centerpiece Tablerunner

Buy tickets inside the Nature Center. **Place your tickets in the glass jar on the table with your favorite.** We'll pick winners for each of the 15 centerpieces at the end of the silent auction. Go home with a lovely handmade centerpiece made especially for the auction by **Ute Olsson** and members of the **Chugach Mountain Quilters Guild**. We'll pick the winners when dessert is served.

Tickets
\$2 each or 3 for \$5