

VERBAL AUCTION

So, these are the pages you flipped all the way through the program to find. Most of us can always find which fly box has the #22 Parachute Adams, but that doesn't mean we're organized, and, if there have been a couple of changes since this was printed, it's all Dean's fault. I can point him out to you if you're really mad. Sit back, have a drink or three and start bidding . . .

1. **Paul Heine Print** –We loved Paul dearly and miss him a lot. Paul donated his work for our cover every year for, like, forever. Buy this. Now.
2. **Fish Pond Fly Fishing Vest** – Our good friends at Bass Pro snuck this out the back door and gave it to us to sell here tonight. Don't disappoint the boys and bid like your spouse won't look at the credit card bill.
3. **Turkey Hunting Trip, Flint Hills, Kansas** – Michael Riley is a very generous member, former president, former every officer position we have and he's going to host this trip on the family farm in Kansas with a little help from Dean Rapp. It's safe to go: Kansas couldn't make it into the SEC with us. Have a good time and remember to "buy your gas in Missouri before you leave the state¹."
4. ★ **Sage Accel, 691-4** – I get confused by all the numbers but it looks like a nice Sage rod about 9' long for a 6 weight line. Say "howdy" to the fellows sittin' over at the 3Creeks Outdoors table. They were tremendously generous with help on this and they came to the banquet, too! Hey Darin! Hi Steve!
5. **Leather Shoulder Bag ("It's European")** – C'mon, it's a Seinfeld quote; you gotta be at least 30 to get it. Thank you Dave Megahan. What a great guy. Shoot a kudu and take it over to Dave's shop, Columbia Taxidermy. His number is 573-474-6058.
6. ★ **Sonos Speakers** – Time to pack up the Philco transistor and get something nicer. Mike Gibler's granddaughter made him donate these. Mike has a wonderful little business down in Jefferson City called Goldfish Electronic Integration for home theatre and security. Thank you, Mike!
7. **Smallmouth Fishing Trip** – Now this is pretty darn special because Jeff Trigg takes you to his secret spots. He provides the blindfold (no peeky) and you have to leave your smartphone at home (no GPS 'n.) Jeff knows where every smallmouth over 3 pounds in Missouri and Northern Arkansas lives.
8. ★ **SonicDry Wader** – Sized to your body and ordered after the banquet. These are so nice I unzip them a little so I can see and wear them upside down to work as a raincoat. Thanks 3Creeks!
9. **Skagit Wading Boots** – If you bought the waders . . . those 3Creeks guys again. We owe them a big thank you and a bunch of beer. Speaking of beer, have another one and bid some more.
10. **Colorado Three Day Fishing Trip for Two People** – This is *the deal*. One day on the Arkansas River, in Colorado, with our friend Preston Larimer of [Arkanglers in Buena Vista](#). So, cool river and tons of Blue Wing Olives. Then two days with [Ken Neubecker over near Glenwood Springs](#). Ken is the American Rivers director in Colorado and used to be TU President of Colorado, and grew up in Wisconsin and . . . I've fished with them both. You'll have a great time!



VERBAL AUCTION

11. ★ **Brook Trout print by Joseph Tomelleri** – This is really nice and Joe has a worldwide reputation. Bill Lamberson donated the art but, as you can see, he didn't paint it. He builds bamboo rods.
12. **Bamboo Fly Rod on F.E. Thomas taper by Bill Lamberson, Rod maker** – Bill is a local, so sometimes it's easy to forget how special his rods are (if he only lived 50 miles from here.) Bill's work has been collected internationally and across the good ol' USA. Nodeless, clear cork, beautiful finish and a sweet action. It's worth at least \$3,000!
13. **Casting Lessons, 4 hours with Scott Gerlt, IFFF CCI** – Scott was our president, he's certified, has a real nice wife and a couple of kids and he pays me \$10 a month not to tell people he gave me a lesson (Ooops, sorry.) I saw you over there whipping that Sage rod around . . . you need these lessons.
14. ★ **Night on the Town** – Where do I start? Scott Atkins, bless his heart, has donated a bunch of gift certificates to restaurants including the ones in this package. And then, Ginger Koziatek gave us some gorgeous wine (I think the bottles are still full.) Then we topped it off with the donation of a *themed suite* from Stoney Creek. Hey, there are certain people *expecting* you to bid on this.
15. **Ross 9' 9 wt Saltwater Outfit** – Tom Hargrove, of *Hargrove's Fly Shop, St. Louis, MO*, wants you to go saltwater fishing. Tom Hargrove *needs* you to go saltwater fly fishing. Somebody, please oblige Tom! Get your flies at his shop and buy some sunscreen. Get one of those nice Patagonia shirts, too, while you're in there.
16. **Douglas 8 ½' 4 wt rod with Orvis Reel and Line** – This is really interesting. So we gave, like, a whole bunch of banquet money to Trout Unlimited's Embrace-A-Stream Program last year and they sent back this really nice rod. Now, we're going to sell it to you, then use that money as a donation and . . . you get the idea. This is a good thing.
17. **Bob Hook Flies** – Did you know Bob grew up in West Virginia? He's fished all over the world? He used to be a professor at the University of Missouri? Well, if you looked at the quality of these flies you would think that all he's ever done was tie flies. These are sweet!
18. ★ **Bennett Springs Special** – Wow, this is a package. Zip lines, Cabin rental, Casting Lessons with Fishing! Take some of that vacation time and go to Benny!
19. **Margie Meyer's homemade pies and Basil-Hayden's Small Batch Bourbon picked out for us by John** – you know the drill: last item so empty out your pockets.

★ Available in the PICK OF THE AUCTION RAFFLE

¹ Dave Murphy, 1996, quoting² his MU track coach while on a Mid MO Trout Unlimited fishing trip at Joe's Creek².

³ Well, it's pretty close anyway.

³ Not its real name. Seriously, I make up some of this stuff. Not *everything*, though.