

New At This Year's Fall Conference, a Silent Auction!

The 2006 MN GIS/LIS Fall Conference will be hosting a silent auction in addition to the annual evening beer tasting event on Thursday, October 5. Money raised at the auction will benefit the MN GIS/LIS Consortium Scholarship Program.

Pledges for donations are being sought at this time. Choose to contribute as an individual, organization, GIS user group, or all three! No legitimate donation will be refused. Options for things that could be given include cash, certificates, services, items or a combination thereof. Use your creativity to come up with something fun and unique! Remember, the more descriptive or decorative your item the better the bidding war. Here are a few examples of ideas:

- Handmade items (food, clothing, blankets)
- Tackle box (all the right necessities for a successful fishing trip!)
- Cigars (to enjoy after a good night of beer tasting.)
- Two hours of personal tutoring (geodatabases, editing)

To make a donation please contact Rebecca Foster at RFoster@ci.edina.mn.us. Please include the name of donor(s), item description, restrictions (such as expiration dates), fair market value, and contact information with your pledge. It will be the donor's responsibility to transport pledged items to the conference and check-in station prior to the event. Submission deadline is Friday, September 22.

If you plan on bidding at the auction we encourage you to have cash or check available on the night of the auction. All payments must be received before won items are released.

This is a great opportunity to help raise money for our MN GIS/LIS students and have some fun while doing it. Start thinking of how you might want to contribute today!

If you have any questions or need ideas on what to donate please feel free to contact Rebecca.

http://www.mngisliis.org/newsletter/issue45/Silent_Auction.htm