

heart of the horse

a benefit evening for Save a Forgotten Equine



"You've Got a Friend in Me" by Maeve Harris



welcomes you to

Heart of the Horse 2024

Tonight's Agenda

5:00pm

Wine & Appetizers

Silent Auction

Grand Silent Auction

Signature Cocktail Sales

Golden Ticket Raffle Sales

6:30pm

Dinner

Golden Ticket Drawing

Live Auction

Signature Cocktail Drawing

8:30 – 10:00pm

Live Music & Dancing
with the Sundance Band

Event Co-Chairs: Isobel Kuchinsky & Philipp Grubauer

you are SAFE...

On behalf of all the horses and humans at Save a Forgotten Equine, welcome to Heart of the Horse! We're so delighted that you've joined us here tonight at Safe Harbor Stables.


When a new horse arrives at SAFE — scared, hungry, hurting — the first thing we tell them is “you are safe.” They may not understand the words, but they understand the emotion and the intention behind them. “You are SAFE” is something that we say to people too, because it's the people who volunteer, adopt, foster, sponsor, or donate to this rescue who make everything happen. If you're new to SAFE, we hope that tonight is the beginning of a long involvement in horse rescue for you. By being here, after all, “you are SAFE.”

Tonight's barn party has turned out really special, and we know you're going to have a great time. Our event co-chairs, Isobel Kuchinsky and Philipp Grubauer have done a spectacular job with the planning and coordinating for this party, and when you look through the items we're offering in Live Auction, you're going to notice the impact of their generosity too! On behalf of everyone on this year's auction committee, it's been a real pleasure working with Isobel and Phil. We're so fortunate to have them both as volunteers because their commitment to our horses is real!

All around us, the SAFE horses are settling in for the night, chewing their hay, and knowing that they are truly safe. We're so grateful that you are SAFE, too.

Bonnie Hammond
Executive Director
Save a Forgotten Equine

Terry Phelps-Peddy
Operations Director
Save a Forgotten Equine



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How to Properly Enjoy Yourself at Heart of the Horse

First and foremost, let your hair down and let's have some fun! Put your cell phone away because you won't need that until the night is over!

Silent Auction

As you walk in through the gate of the covered arena, you'll notice a fairly impressive Silent Auction taking place just off to your left. Wander through and take a look at the fine items up for bid. If you see something that you think you might fancy, all you need to do is write your Bid Number on the item's Bid Sheet, next to the amount you'd care to wager. If someone else comes along and places a higher bid than yours...well, you'll have to come back and place an even higher bid. When the auction closes at 6:25pm, the person who has placed the highest bid is the winner of that item. Simple, right?

If you really don't want to risk losing the thing you want, all you have to do write your Bidder Number in the box marked **BUY IT NOW**. You'll pay top dollar, but no one can take it from you after that. Remind yourself **it's for the horses**.

Grand Silent Auction

That cowbell you've been hearing? Why, that's the Grand Silent Auction in action! Wander over and place a bid with the pretty lady in front of the chalkboard. She's going to write your bid next to the item you bid on, then she's going to ring that cowbell so everyone in the room knows that you've got the winning bid. Conversely, if you wander off to get a beer and you hear the cowbell, you'd better get back on over to the Grand Silent because chances are, you've been outbid! **Remember, fortune favors the persistent!** Don't let some other guest beat you! This insanity continues until the Grand Silent Auction ends at 6:30pm.

Seven Special Items Up For Bid in tonight's Grand Silent Auction:

- A Private Tour and Tasting at Woodinville Whiskey
- An Encounter with the Tigers at Cougar Mountain Zoo
- A Wine Tasting Tour in a Horse Drawn Carriage
- A Private Tour at Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest
- "What is Useful" by artist Greta Musland
- \$720 in Mariners Tickets
- Gourmondo Catering for 40

Golden Ticket Drawing

We're selling Golden Tickets tonight for \$100 each. One ticket will be drawn at random. If your ticket is drawn, you get to choose one item from the Live Auction and take it home with you. Is that worth \$100 to you? Everything in the Live Auction is included, except for the Heirloom Dinner at the Barn. So find a volunteer with a balloon and a gold cowboy hat, give 'em your Bidder Number for payment, and you're in! The drawing will take place before the Live Auction, and you have to be there to win. Study the items on pages 4–9 of this catalog and decide which Live Item you're going to choose if your Golden Ticket is drawn!

Signature Cocktail Drawing

Belly up to the bar and order up a **Barn Sour cocktail**, made with Whiskey Forty Saloon from Bainbridge Organic Distillers. Pay \$30 with your Bidder Number and you'll get yourself a delicious cocktail in a pint glass you can take home. You'll also get entered into a drawing to win a fabulous prize from Bainbridge Organic Distillers. The winner will be drawn following the Live Auction.

Behind the Chute

Go “Behind the Chute” and try your hand at tossing a rope or pitching a horseshoe. Kind cowfolk are standing by to give you some pointers, and who knows, maybe you'll get lucky and hit what you're aiming at! Climb into the saddle on a real live wine barrel and record the occasion for your social media pals using hashtag [#heartofthehorse2024](#). Behind the Chute is located just outside the party arena. You walked past in on your way in. Don't fall in the pond.

Meet Some Horses

Pretty much everywhere you look around here, you're gonna see a horse or two. These are the horses that Save a Forgotten Equine has rescued and transformed. Exercise caution around horses because they have been known to bite, particularly if you poke them in the face, because 1) that's annoying, and 2) fingers look a lot like carrots! But the horses are genuinely glad to see you, and they like having their pictures taken. If you have questions, ask a SAFE volunteer. We love to talk about our horses!



Live Auction

1

Two Nights at the Luxurious Casia Lodge & Ranch

Donated by Casia Lodge & Ranch

Nestled within the serene Methow Valley at the prestigious Casia Lodge & Ranch, you will indulge in the ultimate retreat...a two-night escape for



two, promising an unforgettable blend of comfort, adventure, and natural beauty.

Savor a gourmet dinner crafted by James Beard Award-winning chef, Jason Wilson at the scenic Veranda Restaurant. Also enjoy a private horseback riding experience on the gorgeous 275 acres that surround Casia Lodge.

Note: Horseback Ride can only be done between

May & October due to weather. Dinner does not include alcohol or gratuity. Offer expires 7/20/2025

2

SAFE Board of Directors' Favorite Wines

Donated by the SAFE Board of Directors

Experience the favorite wines of the members of the SAFE Board of Directors! Includes these 13 bottles of high quality, highly rated wines:



- Lachini Vineyards 2020 Le Sorellini Pinot Noir
- Lachini Vineyards 2020 Estate Chardonnay
- Bouchard Aine & Fils 2020 Gevrey-Chambertin
- Nefarious Cellars 2021 Estate Malbec
- Nefarious Cellars 2021 Cabernet Franc
- Nefarious Cellars 2021 Estate Syrah
- Spottswode 2021 Sauvignon Blanc
- La Bestia 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon
- Vietti 2019 Barolo Castiglione

- Irvine & Roberts Vineyards 2021 Convergence Chardonnay
- Irvine & Roberts Vineyards 2021 Ascendance Chardonnay
- Frog's Leap 2020 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
- The Illusionaish 2016 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Restrictions: Winner must be 21 or over.

3

Hockey Practice and Lunch for Six with Philipp Grubauer

Donated by Philipp Grubauer and Isobel Kuchinsky

This is a rare opportunity to see behind the scenes of an NFL hockey team's regular season practice routine, and spend some one-on-one time with goaltender Philipp Grubauer.

Attend a regular-season Kraken practice session at the Kraken Community Iceplex in Northgate and cheer on your favorite players as they prepare

for their next game. After practice – once his media duties and treatment sessions are done – Philipp will take you to lunch at 32 Bar & Grill, a local sports bar right inside the practice facility. After lunch, Philipp will escort your group on a tour of the Kraken locker room and let you see a little bit of what goes on behind the scenes.

Note: To be scheduled on a mutually acceptable date during the regular season, when the Kraken are in Seattle, ideally in October or November 2024.



4

The Northwest Romance Package

Donated by Willows Lodge, Canlis, Cave B, and Jordan Valente Construction

It just doesn't get any more romantic than this! Discover the epitome of Pacific Northwest charm with a luxurious stay at Willows Lodge, renown for its rustic elegance and tranquil ambiance. Your escape includes a one-night stay in a beautifully appointed guest room.



While you're there, explore Woodinville Wine Country with a complementary wine tasting at Cave B Estate Winery.

You'll also take home a \$500 Gift Card to the incomparable Canlis, one of the most award-winning restaurants in the greater Northwest. Canlis is a fine dining restaurant serving New American and Pacific Northwest cuisine located just on the other side of the lake near Gas Works Park.

Note: Willows Lodge stay cannot be used on Saturdays, holidays, or Chateau Ste. Michele Concert nights. Cave B Woodinville is closed on Tues and Weds.

Bali or Tuscany? Pick Your Paradise!

Donated by Sojourn Ventures



A glorious choice between:

- a 7-night stay for two adults at the Golden Budha Resort in Bali Indonesia. Includes daily breakfast, two full body massages, your choice of a temple excursion or diving experience, and a special Balinese dinner experience

OR



- a 5-night stay for two adults in a beautiful 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom apartment in charming Cortona. Includes a multi-course meal for two at one of Cortona's best dining establishments and a wine tasting where you can taste wines from this world-famous wine making region.

Airfare is not included. Reservations based on availability. Valid for 2 years from today.

Three Day Adventure in Cle Elum at Suncadia

Donated by Washington State Horse Park, All Season Vacation Rentals, Candi & Kerry Kintzley, and Kim Lohnes/Coldwell Banker Bain



Enjoy a three-day trail riding adventure with family members both human and equine. The lucky humans will spend three nights at a luxury 2BR/2BA condo located in the heart of Suncadia Resort. Your horses can overnight at the nearby Washington State Horse Park because you'll be receiving a one year Season Pass. Your membership provides free use of Horse Park trails and arenas, and discounts on stall rentals and more. During your stay in Cle Elum, you can ride your horses on the trails in the Horse Park or trailer out to one of

the many other riding areas nearby. Cle Elum's wealth of year round outdoor activities make for a perfect Pacific Northwest escape.



Note: Availability of condo and Horse Park stabling will vary depending on time of year and scheduled events.

7

Dinner for Six with Dr Pepper Schwartz

Donated by Pepper Schwartz and Fred Kaseburg

Rosebud Ranch is a small farm in Snoqualmie, Washington, home to many horses and farm animals. It's also the home of acclaimed



author, researcher, and television personality, Dr. Pepper Schwartz. You might know her as the relationship expert on Lifetime TV's *Married at First Sight*, but she is also a Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington and an expert in the fields of intimacy and sexuality.

Dr Pepper and her husband, Fred Kaseburg, welcome you and five friends to

Rosebud Ranch for dinner, brunch, or lunch, during either August, September, or October when the weather is best! See the farm, enjoy a meal, discuss your relationship issues, and spend an interesting time with a Northwest legend, Dr Pepper Schwartz!

Note: To be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date for the auction winner and Dr Pepper.

8

"You've Got a Friend in Me" by Maeve Harris

Donated by Maeve Harris



This stunning original mixed media painting (measuring 38" x 50") was created especially for Heart of the Horse by artist Maeve Harris. Maeve is an American abstract artist who pulls inspiration from her passion for horses and the art of dressage. A long-time supporter of SAFE, Maeve's paintings are featured in many notable private and corporate collections, in Seattle and worldwide. Her artwork also appears in the set designs of several movies and television programs, including *The Big Bang Theory*, *The Good Place*, *Orange is the New Black*, and *Mad Men*.

9

Golf with Buck Brannaman

Donated by Buck Brannaman, Joel Conner, and Corliss Winery



The chance to play a round of golf with Buck Brannaman is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that cannot be bought.

You and a friend will spend two nights at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, a historic landmark hotel located in downtown Walla Walla. You'll also receive a certificate for a complimentary wine tasting at the nearby Corliss Winery tasting room. But the highlight of your experience will be when you join Buck Brannaman and his good friend Joel Conner for 18 holes of golf at the esteemed Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla. This golf outing will take place on the Wednesday before Buck's colt starting clinic in

Dayton WA, which has not been scheduled yet but will take place in the spring or early summer of 2025. You'll also get to attend the clinic as an auditor on the first day, and find out why SAFE is so committed to the horsemanship methods that Buck has been teaching across the country for years.

Note: Golf with Buck Brannaman will happen on the Wednesday before the 2025 Dayton Colt Start clinic, which has not been scheduled yet. The golf experience will not be offered on any other date or location.

10

Skate with Philipp Grubauer

Donated by Philipp Grubauer & Isobel Kuchinsky



Have you ever wanted to go ice skating on a genuine National Hockey League ice rink, on the very same ice where the pros prepare to do battle in the NHL? The Kraken Community Iceplex does offer public skating sessions, where you can enjoy a skate with fellow Kraken fans and other Seattle-ites.

But the experience we're offering today is a little bit different, because Philipp Grubauer has reserved the ice on August 19 at 2pm and the winner of this auction item will be invited to come out and skate with him. If you don't have skates, Philipp can get you a pair, so you can get out onto the ice and enjoy a unique experience that money just can't buy.

Note: This skating experience takes place on August 19 at 2pm only, and is not redeemable on any other date.

11

Experience the First Day of a Rescued Horse's New Life

Donated by Save a Forgotten Equine



An unforgettable experience that will change your life!

Ride along with SAFE Operations Director Terry Phelps as she goes to pick up a newly rescued horse, and be part of the process of intaking a horse that's been neglected. You'll learn more than you ever thought possible about rescue and rehabilitation along the way. Best of all, you'll be given the opportunity to christen the horse with a brand-new name to start them down the road to a better future and a better life.

Note: SAFE has no way of predicting when we will be going to get horses, so the winner of this auction item will be contacted when an intake pickup is scheduled. If that date doesn't work, you will be offered the next date when it becomes known, and so on, until a mutually acceptable date is arrived at.

Not included
in Golden
Ticket

12

Heirloom Private Dinner for Ten at the Barn

Donated by Heirloom, the SAFE Thursday AM Barn Crew, and JM Cellars

Indulge in an unforgettable culinary experience for ten guests, right here in the barn at Safe Harbor Stables. It will be a delightful evening of gourmet cuisine, charming ambiance, and the majestic presence of the horses.



The barn aisle will be magically transformed into an elegant space, combining rustic charm with modern sophistication and seasonal decor.

Executive Chef John Greig and his crew from Heirloom — fresh from their recent stint at three-star Michelin restaurant French Laundry — will greet you upon your arrival with a welcome cocktail, followed by a custom six course menu created just for you, with wine pairings donated by JM Cellars.

Dinner to be scheduled on October 19, 2024 or October 26, 2024. Will take place at Safe Harbor Stables in Redmond.

Grand Silent Auction

That cowbell you've been hearing is coming from the Grand Silent Auction! Take a look at these seven spectacular items that are being auctioned off and head over to place your bid!

A Private Tour and Tasting at Woodinville Whiskey

An exclusive private tour for six at Woodinville Whiskey Co., guided by master distiller Brett Carlisle. Delve into the art and craft of whiskey-making; plus, take home a bottle tonight,



An Encounter with the Tigers at Cougar Mountain Zoo

A once-in-a-lifetime chance to see exotic and beautiful tigers close up! You and 3 friends will explore the world of tigers under the guidance of Cougar Mountain Zoo's tiger keepers.



A Wine Tasting Tour in a Horse Drawn Carriage

Enjoy a 4 winery tour for 4 in an exquisite Vis a Vis horse drawn carriage. Includes an overnight stay with two rooms at the Home 2 Suites and dinner at the Yakima Steak Company.



A Private Tour at Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest

A private behind-the-scenes tour for up to 4 people at the Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest. The sanctuary is not open to the public, so this is a truly special opportunity!



“What is Useful” by artist Greta Musland

5' x 4' mixed media. Greta began “What is Useful” during the pandemic and saw its initial themes of home and isolation evolve to depict the strength, elegance, and resilience of horses.



\$720 in Mariners Tickets

Cheer on the Seattle Mariners from the seats of your choice! Select your own tickets for the game of your choice during the 2024 season, with a total value of up to \$720.



Gourmondo Party for 40

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Our Auctioneer: Matt Lorch



Having worked as a news anchor and reporter for 26 years in some of the country's largest markets including Seattle, Boston, Miami, and Baltimore, Matt developed an audience engagement style all his own.

He has a true passion for hosting fundraising events for nonprofit organizations. Some of his clients include Seattle Children's Hospital, Woodland Park Zoo, Special Olympics Washington, The Museum of Flight, Mary's Place, Camp Korey, EvergreenHealth Foundation, Northwest Kidney Centers, 5th Avenue Theatre, Boyer Children's Clinic, Cancer Pathways, Haring Center, Meany Center for the Performing Arts, Town Hall Seattle, Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, PROVAIL, Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center, Seattle Festival of Trees, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Easterseals Washington, NOAH Center, American Heart Association, Bridge of Promise, Wonderland Child and Family Services, Tavon Learning Center, Seattle Works, The Friendship Circle,

Best Buddies, Brigadoon Service Dogs, and numerous local private schools and PTAs.

Matt's a local guy. He grew up in the Seattle area, graduating from Sammamish High School in Bellevue and the University of Washington. When he's not hosting events, you'll find Matt spending time with his wife and two children.

Our Emcee: Patti Payne



Patti Payne is a business leader, influencer and longtime local broadcast personality. She loves emceeing countless major charity events, and is a keynote speaker for a variety of organizations.

Payne was news anchor, public affairs director and senior correspondent for KIRO Newsradio and the company's first woman talk show host (KIRO FM). She was KOMO news anchor for 13 years; and co-anchor at KING as well. During her 20 years in broadcasting, and 20 more years as print columnist, she spotlighted stories that uplift and inspire action. Payne has received dozens of prestigious national and local honors for her broadcast work.

Her tireless work in the community has been recognized with coveted awards such as Washington Press Association Torchbearer, Big Sisters Leadership Award; Seafair's Community Spirit Award; and King County Martin Luther King Distinguished Service Award. She has served on a variety of boards, among them, Seattle/King County American Red Cross Leadership, KCTS, Urban Enterprise Center, PONCHO, Treehouse and is currently a member of the Greater Seattle Chamber Community Development Roundtable, and Ambassador for Medic One Foundation. Payne serves as Principal of her public affairs/community relations business, The Payne Group, the umbrella for her corporate and community work.

At home, she loves communing with wildlife in her nationally protected Payne Acres, creating artisanal breads in "Patti's Pantry," playing the piano or reading at all hours, and doting on her three fur-babies.

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