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Find Bargains and Unique Treasures at Hoboken Historical Museum's Annual Great Hoboken Auction

Hoboken, NJ – April 8, 2009 –The hottest ticket this spring is the annual Great Hoboken Auction to benefit the Hoboken Historical Museum, Saturday, April 25. This year, the event moves indoors, into the former Hollywood Video store in the Shipyard complex behind the Starbucks (just south of the Museum at 13th Street).

Doors open at 5:30 pm with a bargain-hunter's paradise in the Silent Auction, which offers a diverse selection of antiques, collectibles, gift certificates and merchandise to suit every taste. Delicious sandwiches and refreshments will be available for purchase all evening. Admission is \$10, free to children age 14 and under. More details are available at www.hobokenauction.com.

The pace quickens at 7:30 pm when auctioneer Eugene Flinn, restaurateur of Amanda's and Elysian Café fame, opens the Live Auction. Items this year include:

- Private tour of the Macy's Parade Studios and grandstand tickets to the Parade itself;
- Paintings and signed prints from Frank Hanavan and other local artists;
- Framed historic photographs and prints from the Museum's collections;
- Gift certificates for coveted services, such as a party at some of Hoboken's finest restaurants;
- Music and sports events ticket packages, including tickets to U2's 360 tour and a package of Yankees tickets.

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“The People’s Auction”

The Museum’s auction is truly an event for everyone – it’s affordable, festive and full of unique experiences to bid on. Imagine sailing on the Hudson River on a 32-foot sloop, along with three of your friends, with a close-up view of the Statue of Liberty and Manhattan. Or bid on a kayaking adventure with a seasoned guide in a two-man kayak that will have you feeling the waves you probably didn’t even know the Hudson had. Anyone who cherished a childhood dream of becoming a fireman can bid on a chance to ride in this year’s Memorial Day Parade seated on a Hoboken Fire Truck.

The auction offers you a chance to commission a local artist to paint a portrait of your home or favorite Hoboken scene, or a professional children’s photographer to take a unique, artistic portrait of your kids. Lovers of Italian pastries can bid on a chance to have one of Giorgio’s master bakers come to your home and teach you how to make their treats. And for a truly Hoboken experience, bid on a private tour of one of Hoboken’s best-kept secrets, the Stevens Institute of Technology’s Davidson Laboratory, whose famed wave tank and talented professors have pioneered racing yacht design for generations, and assisted the US Navy and NASA with design challenges. There, you can see history in the making with experiments in modeling how a 1944 warship, the Vandenberg, will be sunk on May 15th to become an artificial reef in Key West.

The Museum welcomes additional donations of antique furniture, collectibles, and, of course, products and services from local businesses. The Great Hoboken Auction is a major fundraising event of the year, and it helps support the Museum’s exhibits, programs and publications. Because the HHM is a nonprofit organization, donations are tax-deductible, call the Museum at 201-656-2240, ext. 6. Volunteers are also needed, no experience necessary. For more information, email volunteer@hobokenmuseum.org.

About the Hoboken Historical Museum

Founded 1986, the Museum’s mission is to educate the public about Hoboken’s history, diverse culture, architecture and historic landmarks. In 2001, the Museum moved into one of the oldest buildings on the waterfront, in the former Bethlehem Steel shipyard, at 1301 Hudson St., Hoboken, where it maintains a series of rotating exhibits. The Museum is open six days a week, 2 – 7 pm on Tues. – Thurs., 1 – 5 pm on Fridays, and noon – 5 pm on weekends. It offers special exhibits, tours, events and lectures, as well as educational programs for adults and children on a weekly basis. An updated schedule of events and an online catalog of many items in its collections are available at www.hobokenmuseum.org. The Museum is a not-for-profit tax-exempt 501(c) entity.

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Note to editors: Photographs from last year’s event and some of this year’s items are available; please call 201-683-6935. Admission for journalists is complimentary.