



**CASA**

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# 2025 *Garden* Gala

## UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

A fundraising event to benefit  
our community's most  
vulnerable children and youth.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

ROSE HILL FARM

SHENANDOAH JUNCTION, WV

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## Program

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**6:00 PM**

### COCKTAILS AND MINGLING

Blackcat Music Coop  
CASA CORNER

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**6:45 PM**

### WELCOME AND ACCOLADES

Hans Fogle  
Master of Ceremonies

Michelle Sudduth  
CASA-EP Executive Director

Nicole Bonner and Jenna Kesecker  
Garden Gala Co-Chairs

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**7:00 PM**

### DINNER AND DESSERT

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**8:00 PM**

### SHORT PROGRAM AND LIVE AUCTION

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**10:00 PM**

### EVENING CONCLUDES





# Live Auction

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT  
YOUTH PROGRAMS

THANK YOU  
TO ALL OF  
OUR AUCTION  
DONORS AND  
HOSTS!

\*All experiential auction items will be scheduled at mutually agreeable times (as applicable) and must be used by September 2026 unless otherwise negotiated with donors.

## POTOMAC RIVER BOAT EXCURSION

You and 5 of your friends will spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon on the Potomac River between Dams 4 and 5 (the longest stretch of deep water on the Potomac) aboard the “Poppi Joe,” Michael and Kathy Santa Barbaras’ pontoon boat. You will enjoy hors d’oeuvres and libations (chosen with your input), tubing behind a 200 hp engine on a large multi-person float or a smaller single-person version, lounging on the sunbathing deck, and enjoying beautiful weather and scenery. Note: Event must take place during the summer of 2026.

**DONORS:** Kathy and Michael Santa Barbara



## AN EXTRAORDINARY RED-WINE TASTING WITH FABULOUS HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES FOR EIGHT GUESTS

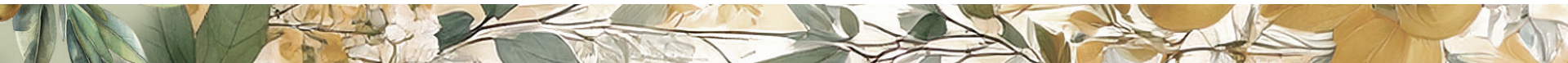
Be guests at the home of John Bachner and Patty Bain Bachner where you will be delighted by an array of heavy hors d'oeuvres accompanied by amazing red wines, each rated from 95 to 100 points, including the likes of Dominus, Chateau Montelena, Quilceda Creek, Cayuse, and Turley. Don't like red wine? Not a problem. The Bachners' ample cellar includes extraordinary white wines and a bountiful selection of sparklers, so no one goes home still thirsty. And no one ever goes home hungry! The date must be mutually agreeable and occur within one year. The Bachners will do their best to accommodate all guests' likes, dislikes, and special diets.

**DONORS:** Patty Bain Bachner and John Bachner

## BARBEQUE AT HISTORIC MCMURRAN FARM

Up to 25 guests will enjoy a barbeque and libations at the historic McMurran Farm located just outside of Shepherdstown. Dinner and drinks will be served in the 150-year-old barn filled with antique signs from many businesses in our community. After dinner, guests can walk to the backyard garden for dessert. While there, hit some golf balls on the putting green or visit the replica of a Native American Plains Tipi. Joy and Eric hope to provide the winner with a special one-of-a-kind evening for their friends and family!

**DONOR:** Joy and Eric Lewis





## TROPICAL PARADISE GETAWAY - 4 NIGHTS IN EXUMA, BAHAMAS

Pack your bags for an unforgettable escape to the pristine shores of Great Exuma in the Bahamas! Enjoy a 4-night stay at the luxurious Grand Isle Resort, where turquoise waters, white-sand beaches, and laid-back island vibes await.

Nestled on Emerald Bay, Grand Isle Resort offers elegant, spacious villas with all the comforts of home and the indulgence of a five-star resort. Spend your days lounging by the infinity pool, snorkeling in crystal-clear waters, exploring the nearby cays, or treating yourself to a spa day.

Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, this island retreat promises an experience you'll never forget. Resort amenities include a private resort beach, 2 pools, multiple dining options, and spa services. Package Includes a 4-night stay in a private one-bedroom villa at Grand Isle Resort and access to resort amenities including 2 pools, private resort beach, spa, and dining. Airfare is not included in this package. Direct flights to George Town, Bahamas available through Miami or Charlotte.

**DONOR:** Anonymous

## FLORAL WORKSHOP & GARDEN GATHERING FOR EIGHT AT LINDEN SPRING

Gather your closest friends for a charming and creative day in the countryside! Enjoy a private dinner party for eight hosted by WestvirJeni Florist at the stunning Linden Spring property in Shepherdstown.

Join Jeni for a hands-on floral experience tailored to your unique event. Whether you're planning a lunch gathering, dinner party, daddy-daughter day, or a custom celebration, Jeni will lead your group through a beautifully curated workshop designed to inspire creativity and connection. Set against the picturesque backdrop of natural springs, a serene pond, and beautifully landscaped grounds, this experience offers countless photo-worthy moments you'll want to capture.

During your time at the farm, you and your guests will be treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks, making the day as indulgent as it is inspiring. Each guest will go home with a handmade floral creation and a deeper appreciation for the art of floristry.

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply planning a memorable day out, this is the perfect blend of beauty, creativity, and connection.

**DONOR:** WestvirJeni Florist







## FEAST BY THE FIRE

Come back to Rose Hill Farm to enjoy an unforgettable culinary experience for 8 in the Frontier Cabin hosted by Michelle and Scott Sudduth. Using the cabin's restored hearth kitchen and tools, a meal will be prepared showcasing various methods of open fire cooking. With a chef's table like no other, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience!

**DONORS:** Michelle and Scott Sudduth

## LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!

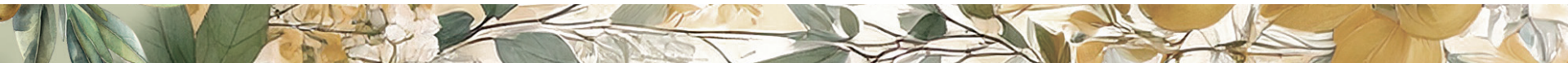
Escape to the heart of New Orleans with an unforgettable stay at *7 Muses on Magazine*, a beautifully restored Greek Revival residence in the city's iconic Lower Garden District. This historic home seamlessly blends elegance and comfort, featuring four thoughtfully appointed guest suites (two king, two queen), each with its own full bath and private balcony overlooking either the vibrant hum of Magazine Street or the serene dipping pool courtyard.

Just under two miles from the French Quarter and a short stroll to the St. Charles streetcar line, this location puts you at the center of it all—whether you're seeking live jazz, historic landmarks, or the city's best dining and shopping. With insider recommendations from the owners and off-street parking available, you'll experience New Orleans like a local. This exclusive package includes three consecutive nights for up to 8 guests, the perfect getaway for family or friends.

Let the good times roll in New Orleans!

**Restrictions:** Stay must be used by August 31, 2026. Subject to availability. Mardi Gras and JazzFest weekends excluded.

**DONORS:** Anne Gregg and Jeff Buettner





## AN EXQUISITE ONE-NIGHT OPERA GETAWAY FOR TWO COUPLES

Indulge in an unforgettable evening of world-class culture and luxury in Washington, D.C. This exclusive package includes four tickets to one of Washington National Opera's upcoming productions of Verdi's *Aida* or Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* at The Kennedy Center's Opera House. Enhance your experience with two separate rooms at an upscale hotel in Washington, D.C., ensuring a relaxing and elegant overnight stay for both couples. The hotel will be selected based on availability and your chosen performance date. Choose the sweeping grandeur of *Aida*, where love and loyalty clash amid war in Verdi's timeless masterpiece, or delight in the wit and brilliance of *The Marriage of Figaro*, Mozart's comedic gem filled with disguises, romance, and unforgettable music. Performance dates run from October 24–November 20, 2025 (excluding Saturday evenings) and include English-projected titles for full enjoyment. This is the perfect cultural getaway, a night of breathtaking opera, luxurious accommodations, and memories to last a lifetime.

**Please note:** Washington National Opera will make every effort to seat your party together, 4 adjacent seats cannot be guaranteed (paired seats are guaranteed together). *Tickets selection must be made by October 15, 2025, using the contact information provided to the winning bidder.*

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