

## 2024 Annual Conference Silent Auction: How you can help!

On behalf of the NEAFCS Awards Sponsorship Support Committee, I would like to extend a sincere **thank you** to everyone who donated and purchased items at our Silent Auction in Portsmouth, RI. Your generous contribution helps to fund the resources needed for quality awards and recognition activities.

The 2023 efforts were profitable, and fun, and create a great opportunity for collaboration and team building. A heartfelt thank you to the members who donated their time in Rhode Island to support the Silent Auction. Because of your hands-on support, the Silent Auction was a success.

Again, we are most appreciative of everyone's generosity and support of NEAFCS!

So, how can you help with the 2024 auction?

1. **Donate an item to the auction:** Share your creativity with a handmade craft, create a basket that displays what your state/county is famous for, or donate a "one size fits all" item.
2. **Volunteer in Arizona:** It takes many hands to create a successful silent auction. Once we have a schedule, an online sign-up system will be available.
3. **Serve on the committee:** I was asked by a friend to help volunteer... fast forward a few years and I am now the chair! Why? Because it is so much fun! The committee's responsibilities mostly take place at conferences and innately create the opportunity for you to network with fellow members. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve when you can only allot a limited amount of time.
4. Become a **Star Donor:** Our Star Donor Club (limited to 100 members) is a limited membership that shows your support to the NEAFCS Awards Program via a \$50 donation. In thanks, you'll receive an electronic badge to display as you wish and, if you attend Annual Session in person, you'll receive a gold star pin to denote your contribution to the success of the association!
5. **Bid, Bid, Bid!** Come to the auction tables and bring a friend. Enjoy some retail therapy while supporting an organization you love.