

“Life on the Plains” Silent Art Auction Fundraiser

Join a community network of friends and neighbors in celebration of Native American culture while bidding on distinctive fine art just in time for the holiday season! The Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum is now accepting bids for its “Life on the Plains” fine art auction fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will go to support the Museum.

“Life on the Plains” is a tribute to the cultural significance and majestic beauty of the first people of the west. From a bronze warrior on horse back to a moose antler carving, each piece tells its own unique story from the Plains Indian perspective.

All auction items will be on display at the Museum, Thursday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning Monday, November 30th (going on now!). Auction items can also be viewed online after December 4th at www.shinnecockmuseum.org. Bids will be accepted over phone by calling the Museum at (631) 287-4923. **Bidding will close promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21st.** Successful bidders will be contacted and can pick up their items after payment is processed on Tuesday, December 22nd.

A special viewing of the art work will be offered during the Museum’s Winter Festival. Currently in its 5th year, the Shinnecock Museum Winter Arts and Crafts Festival is a marketplace of authentic Native American-made jewelry, art, beadwork and other hand-crafted traditional and contemporary works. The KidsZone offers children four and up a place to enjoy a host of traditional crafts, games and activities. All kids (young and old) can take photos with our very own “Shinnecock Santa.” Traditional maritime and winter foods--samp, clam chowder, succotash, blueberry slump and fry bread--are all for sale. This year’s Festival also includes a poetry reading and reception on Friday night in collaboration with the North Sea Poetry Scene and Poet Laureate of Suffolk County, Tammy Nuzzo-Morgan, and a silent auction of beautifully crafted Native American art. This free event is at the Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum, December 12 and 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are welcome and will help fund the Museum’s educational programs. The poetry reading and reception is Friday, December 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Attached are photos of each piece. Below are descriptions and the starting bids for each sculpture:

Title: “Chief Washakie” by C.E. Dallin, high quality bronze replica. A Plains Indian man in full headdress sits on his horse, signaling to another person. 41 ¾” high x 16” wide.

Starting Bid: \$8,500

Title: “White Buffalo Calf Maiden” by Charles Rencountre (Lakota), high quality bronze figure. Plains Indian religious image of a woman holding a sacred pipe. 63” tall x 27” wide.

Starting Bid: \$28,500

Title: “Renegade” by Bob Parks, high quality bronze figure of a western Native American holding a removable Winchester rifle on a swivel wooden base. 42” tall by 18” wide.

Starting Bid: \$8,500

Title: Untitled by Stonehorse Goeman (Algonquin/Tonawanda Seneca) unique moose antler carving of a figure and eagle. 27” wide x 17” tall.

Starting Bid: \$2,500

The bidding is already heating up! Don’t worry, you still have time to place your bids on these fantastic pieces and possibly own one or more these works of art at a great price. If you are not able to participate in the auction at this time, please pass this information along. We appreciate your help to further publicize this unique fundraising event.

For more information contact David Martine, Director/Curator at cswmartine@hotmail.com or call (631) 287-4923.