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FLANDERS AUCTION COMMITTEE SEEKING DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

WOODBURY— The planning committee for Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust’s annual fund-raising event is currently recruiting items for the “Four Seasons of Flanders Benefit Auction and Dinner.” The fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 25 at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury. It features both a silent and live auction. Proceeds support Flanders’ educational programs, which include school programs, family events, summer sessions for children, and community garden activities.

The committee is soliciting items such as antiques, works of art by prominent local artists, travel packages, and goods and services donated by local businesses and individuals. The auction committee is also seeking new volunteers who are interested in helping with the event. There are opportunities for men and women to assist with working with area artists, event planning, publicity, marketing, and ticket sales. The auction committee is co-chaired by Jennifer LaBella of Woodbury and Jan Garre of Watertown.

“This auction is integral to our mission because all the money we raise goes to programs that educate people about the wonders of nature,” said Arthur Milnor, executive director of Flanders. “Items donated by members of our community are key to the event, and they generate a lot of buzz on auction night.”

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that focuses on nature education, and on the acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of open space. Through its land trust initiatives, Flanders actively

works to protect important natural sites and the area's landscape character and quality of life. Flanders manages over 1900 acres of conserved land in Woodbury and neighboring towns. Educational programs for children and adults are offered at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, Flanders' main campus in Woodbury. Trails at its major nature preserves are open to the public at no charge from dawn to dusk.

To donate an item or learn more about volunteering, call Flanders at 203-263-3711.



CAPTION: The Auction Committee for Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust's annual fundraiser recently gathered to plan the October 25th event. Members include (rear, left to right): Jennifer Peterson, Karen Hughes, Debbie Tietz, Robin Sousa, Melody Asbury, and Gretchen Groebel; and (seated, left to right) Carol Gray, Jennifer LaBella, Jan Garre, and Mary Panagrosso.

