

Call for Donations for the 2011 SHA Silent Auction Event

The **SHA Silent Auction** has become one of the highlights of the Society's annual conference and the 2011 auction promises to be another great opportunity to purchase items –for family, friends and even yourself!—that benefit the SHA. This year the Silent Auction will be set up early in the exhibitor's room and the closing bid event will be an added attraction during the Friday evening dance (featuring *The Pictures*, one of Austin's best variety dance bands). This means that the 2011 conference attendees will have a couple of days to bid for their favorite items. Also, by hosting the auction at the conference hotel, we are able to receive even more items than usual for the bidding!

The Silent Auction is a fun way to contribute to the SHA. To ensure the success of this important SHA *fundraiser*, we need your assistance. It's not too early to start sending in your donations. For businesses, there's the added bonus of a unique and high-value opportunity to showcase your products or services. Please donate new and gently-used items of all types, from the archaeology-related (books, services and field and lab equipment) to jewelry, ceramics, artwork, crafts, music, food (gift, coffee, and drink baskets), gift certificates, trips, tours and more. We know there are many talented and creative SHA members—this is your opportunity to showcase your work! Please be sure that donations are portable so the lucky purchasers can easily transport their items home.

SHA Silent Auction donation items should be sent to May Schmidt, 1104 Maufrais St., Austin, TX 78703 **by December 12, 2010**. Otherwise, please deliver donations to the Silent Auction Committee table in the exhibitor's room when you arrive at the conference.

Questions? Please contact SHA Silent Auction co-chairs: May Schmidt (mayschmidt@aol.com or (512) 560-8653), and/or Mo Brown (momo4design@yahoo.com or (512) 638-3483). Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in Austin!