

## **Donate a Silent Auction Item for a Good Cause**

On behalf of the Governing Council of the American Herbalists Guild we ask you to **consider donating an item for the silent auction** to be held at our annual symposium. The proceeds from the auction are used to fund the AHG Herbalists Health Trust and the AHG Community Service Award.

**The Herbalists Health Trust** was established in 2001 to provide financial support to those within the herbalist community, not limited to AHG members, who are facing a health care crisis and may otherwise not get the care that they need. This is especially important considering that many of the healing modalities that herbalists may seek out are not covered by insurance, and because not all self-employed herbalists have medical insurance.

The American Herbalists Guild **Community Service Award** is given once a year at the annual symposium to honor an individual or group that has contributed significantly to the herbal profession, making a lasting impact through community or environmental service related to herbal professions on a local or national level. Past recipients include the Arizona Ethnobotanical Association, the Sage Mountain (VT) Health & Wellness Clinic, Natural Doctors International, the Common Ground Collective in New Orleans, the Ithaca (NY) Free Clinic, and the Alternative Access Healthcare Campaign of Seattle.

If you have anything that you can share, whether goods (hand-made or store-bought are both welcome) or services, please send an email to [office@americanherbalistsguild.com](mailto:office@americanherbalistsguild.com) with your name and address, description of the donation, and its value. Our Silent Auction Coordinator will send you the information needed for shipping to the Symposium venue or arrange to pick it up from you, if possible. **Packages may also be sent to the AHG Office until October 20<sup>th</sup>** with the above information enclosed. Please mark the outside of the package as AHG Silent Auction Item. Packages can be mailed to 125 South Lexington Avenue, Suite 101, Asheville, NC, 28801.

Your donation will be prominently displayed at our Saturday evening reception where attendees will be able to bid on each item. The AHG is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. On request, we are glad to provide a receipt on letterhead for any donation.