



Volunteers help to make library auction special event

Committee members are working diligently collecting antiques, new goods, odds n' ends and other items for sale at the auction. Others are hard at work cleaning and polishing items, making minor repairs, and packing boxes ready to set up their booth displays.

Everyone from the chairman down to the volunteers putting up the tents and cleaning up the grounds deserve the highest of praise because each has an important role in the success of the auction.

The staff members in booths, the groundsmen, the parking attendants, the runners, the block workers and last but not least the auctioneers all contribute to the success.

The booth staff members work tirelessly and efficiently waiting on customers in a friendly manner. The groundsmen, under the officers of the Jaycees make certain tents and booths have electricity during the days of the auction, they set up and take down the tents, set up chairs and benches in front of the auction block, and keep the ground clear of litter.

Parking attendants, assisted by the police, will try to keep the parking running smoothly especially along the side streets.

The block workers will work at keeping the items in order so the auctioneer knows just what goes over the block next and the runners will keep a close eye on the bidders in order to know where an auctioned item is to go.

All of the above members are the ones who make the auction the success it has to be to raise sufficient funds for the library's continuous operation.

Ashbridge brings experience to antique booth

Ernest Ashbridge, Jr. is chairman of this year's Library Auction, assisted by Pauline Kutz, Library Consultant, Maryan Daley, Leslie Horoschko, and others who assisted from time to time.

Ashbridge is experienced in antiques and has served as chairman of the Antique Committee for many years with the exception of last year when Hope Cholak accepted the chairmanship.

Collecting the antiques to be auctioned over the block takes

many months of visiting antique dealers, attending flea markets, yard sales and other businesses to find the finest and most unusual pieces.

"It's not as easy as it was years ago when residents of the area would clear out items from their storage to give to the auction. Most of those valuable pieces are either gone or families are keeping them as collectors items," said Pauline Kutz. "It's an arduous and time-consuming task and Ernie and his

wife spend many weekends throughout the year searching for just the right pieces."

Ashbridge said the antique committee has more than 600 items for this year's auction.

Numerous items keep arriving daily and among some of the unusual pieces this year are stained glass doors from Visipi's Lounge, an oak china closet, an oak ice box, two oak tables, a red

sattn Gone With the Wind lamp, a dry sink, a tilt-top table, decorated handpainted pieces by Merle Young, Maryan Daley and Leslie Horoschko, many handmade quilts, cut glass pieces of all kinds, brass items, an antique Mah Jongg set, and others too numerous to mention.

The generosity of many contributors make it possible each year for the committee members to purchase some of the beautiful antiques sold over the block.

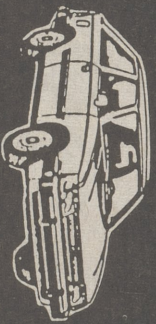
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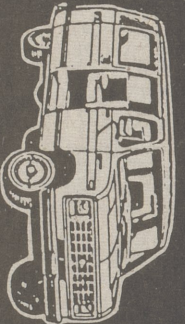


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Aicher and Freeman organize auctioneers

Dr. Craig Aicher and Kerry Freeman have been chairpersons of the auction block for a number of years and have become experts in recruiting a group of individuals who keep the bidding spirited as the various items come over the block.

Borrowing some experiences from the past, the chairman and their loyal auctioneers add a little jovial atmosphere as the night grows longer, and the crowds larger.

Aicher and Freeman have the auctioneering so organized that few people realize the work these men put into the selection of block workers and auctioneers.

The auctioneers and block workers play a key role in the success of the auction each year as they work to make the bidding enthusiastic enough to get top dollar for items going over the block.

Among the auctioneers assisting each year are Summer Bachman, Aicher, James Eason, Monty Evans, Freeman, John Shaskas DVM, Harold 'Sonny' Smith, Bill Spurlin, Dave Spurlin, Jeff Townsend, Dave Duncan, Joseph Stager and others recruited as the auction progresses.

Come to the chicken barbecue Thursday, July 4th for an old fashioned community holiday.

Then stay for the auction from 6 to 8 p.m.

Finish the day with the square dance from 8 to 10 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK - Dr. Craig Aicher, left, and Jim Eason assure the success of the Back Mountain Library Auction. Above, they are shown just a few years younger.

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