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This beautiful set of shelves with drawers is sure to bring good bids.

## Always new surprises at Odds 'n' Ends

Sybil Pelton and Mary George have been involved with the Odds and Ends tent for more than 25 years, and there isn't much they haven't seen in that time. "You can find almost anything in the booth," explained Mary George, co-chairperson of the library auction's tent.

What exactly is the Odds and Ends booth? "It's like flea market material," Pelton said. "We have nice knick knacks, pretty jewelry, dishes, pots and pans, appliances, records, toys, ice skates, watches. You name it, we get it."

The two women first became involved with the auction through a local service organization. "Kiwanis used to do the booth," Pelton said. "Then it was cookies and desserts. Each year it's gotten bigger and bigger." This growth has led to more money for the library.

The items that are on sale at Odds and Ends are donated by the community, but getting them ready for the sale is no small task. "It's an all year round thing," George said. "We don't just start two weeks before the



Joan Hine, foreground, and Samantha Loefflad looked over items in the Odds 'n' Ends booth last year.

auction. We have to sort through the things and get rid of anything that doesn't work. We have to price everything."

Pelton explained that they also clean all the items before the auction. "My dishwasher is constantly running," she said.

Auction-goers can expect to find the same diverse offerings at the Odds and Ends booth they've found in past years, plus new surprises, which seem to turn up.



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