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## HISTORICAL VILLAGE TO OFFER SOME DESTINATIONS AT LIVE AUCTION

February 20, 2015 - The Sanibel Historical Village's March 19 party, "Under the Stars," will feature some exciting live auction items. Three of the items are stays at beautiful vacation destinations: Lake Lure near the thriving artistic community of Asheville, North Carolina; Keuka Lake in New York's Finger Lakes; and a resort dude ranch in Wyoming.

The Lake Lure three-level, two bedroom, two bath townhouse has decks looking into the Blue Ridge Mountains, just 40 minutes from Asheville. The eight-day, seven-night stay begins October 30, 2015. It was donated by museum volunteer Barry Roth. The unit sleeps six and offers many amenities at this Wyndam Resort, Fairfield Mountains.

The lakefront Keuka Lake house, donated by museum board member Ellen O'Neill, sleeps six on the banks of the lake. Keuka Lake, in the heart of the wine country, is considered the Grand Dame of New York's Finger Lakes. No other region has such an abundance of natural beauty and amazing attractions in any season. From the pristine lakes, gorgeous waterfalls, and magnificent parks to the charming villages, to the one-of-a-kind museums, wine trails, and unique shopping opportunities, Keuka Lake offers everything a vacationer would want.

The HF Bar Ranch, situated in the foothills of Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains, is another destination up for bid in the museum's live auction March 19. The ranch is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the second oldest guest ranch in America. It has been named one of the "1,000 Places to See Before You Die." All the lands of the HF Bar Ranch have been placed into a conservation easement with the Nature Conservancy and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - meaning these lands will remain unchanged forever. Each cabin is totally unique, with many actually "hanging" over Rock Creek. With no phones and no TVs in the cabins, it is the perfect setting to enjoy family and friends.

The Sanibel Historical Village will host its "Under the Stars" garden party from 6 to 10 p.m. on March 19 on the village grounds. There will be music for listening and dancing by J. Robert Marco followed by cocktails and a light supper. The museum buildings will be open. Tickets are \$75 per person. To buy tickets, send a check to the Sanibel Historical Village, P.O. Box 413, Sanibel, FL 33957. MasterCard and Visa are accepted; call 472-4648. To reserve a seat with friends or arrange for table seatings, call Gail Migliorini at 322-2327.

The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to go only to the Museum Store is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).

**HF Bar Ranch**



**Keuka Lake House**



**Lake Lure**

