



Celebrate 20 great years protecting, preserving and enhancing the
Sawtooth NRA at the Sawtooth Society's Sagebrush Soiree on
Saturday, July 29, 2017

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STANLEY, IDAHO— Celebrating its 20th anniversary, The Sawtooth Society presents its annual fundraiser, the Sagebrush Soiree, on Saturday, July 29, at 6 p.m. at Tera and Ken Verheyen's White Cloud Ranch. With panoramic views high above the Salmon River, the Sagebrush Soiree fundraiser "puts the 'fun' in fundraiser."

An event not to be missed and worth every effort to attend, this popular event features rustic elegance in the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountains with cocktails, sit down dinner and live bluegrass music along with the gala's silent and live auctions with items ranging from incredible river trips and other outdoor experiences, to featured artwork by known artists to bourbon tasting experiences and much more.

Attendees are sure to enjoy this high-energy event and it is an opportunity to make new friends as well as reacquaint with former colleagues and neighbors. The Soiree is a much anticipated summer event in the Stanley area. It's also an opportunity to learn about the Society's efforts in protecting, preserving and enhancing the Sawtooth NRA and take in the grandeur it has to offer.

This year the Sawtooth Society offers a wide variety of over 90 unique gifts in a silent and live auction with all proceeds going to support the core work of the Society and the protection of the Sawtooth NRA. There is always something for everyone:

- Unique dinners by fine chefs
- Get-aways at Redfish Lake Lodge, Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch and the Limelight Hotel
- River trips on the Middle Fork River
- A handcrafted Italian Bottega Veneta leather handbag
- Varied and highly unique recreational and vacation opportunities
- A large custom bronze bell by Rocky Mountain Hardware
- Custom oil portraiture by Amy Clegg
- An opportunity to be named as a female character in celebrated author Pat Lee's upcoming book
- An unlimited adult ski pass at Sun Valley
- Fine wines, including a one-of-a-kind oversize bottling with Linda Lawler's oil painting on the label
- Stunning photographs and paintings by regional artists

A few featured auction items include:



Historic, lovingly cared for and fully operational fire truck given to the City of Stanley by Stan Harrah



A custom mountain-themed Maravia raft commemorating the Sawtooth Society's 20th anniversary



“Front Curl,” a live acrylic painting by this year’s featured artist, Ed Anderson



A 21-day adventure to Nepal led by Greg Travelstead



Kevin Costner's saddle from the film "Dances with Wolves"



"Sawtooth Sentinel," a museum quality bronze mountain goat sculpture by David LaMure



Custom Pet Portrait by local vet
Dr. Randy Ackers and Fisher Creek-based portrait artist Donna-Marie Hayes



Notorious American outlaw Belle Starr's boots



High-end bourbon tasting complete with a Pappy Van Winkle 20-year barrelhead



"The Bat Dog" by Adam West, aka Batman



Bruneau River Luxury Trip with Far & Away Adventures for 2 donated by Annie and Steve Lentz, Far and Away Adventures

The date is quickly approaching and space is limited, please call (208) 721-2909 now to purchase tickets. If unable to attend, but would like to receive the final gift list to place an absentee bid please contact the Sawtooth Society.

Formed in 1997, the nonprofit and nonpartisan Sawtooth Society is the only organization dedicated exclusively to protecting, preserving and enhancing the magnificent 756,000-acres that is the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The many accomplishments of the Sawtooth Society include supporting the Boulder-White Clouds Mountains Wilderness areas, reducing budget cuts, leading the effort to reduce the risk of another catastrophic wildfire, encouraging inconspicuous development, helping to secure funding for \$20 million in conservation easements, championing the long-range Sawtooth Vision 20/20 planning and investing more than \$750,000 in almost 190 projects to enhance recreation. In addition, the Sawtooth Society has established the largest of its kind volunteer program, involving hundreds of urban and at-risk youth, to do projects on the ground, build their understanding of nature, disconnect from technology and open their eyes to the grandeur of the area.

For tickets and information, contact the Sawtooth Society Executive Director Gary O'Malley at 208-721-2909 or email gary@sawtoothsociety.org.