



Second International Oak Society Silent Auction

In *International Oaks* No. 27, one can read (p. 392), “IOS Board Member, current Co-Editor of *Oak News & Notes* and ICRA Registrar, Ryan Russell, had an inspirational idea to hold a “silent auction” at the 8th International Oak Society Conference in an attempt to raise funds to create scholarships intended to facilitate attendance at the next IOS Conference, which will be hosted by UC Davis in California in 2018.”

The proceeds of the First IOS Silent Auction (\$2,500) effectively funded five student scholarships. The proceeds of this even-more successful one – a little over \$2,600, plus a generous donation of \$1,000 from Judson M. Parsons – will help young oak enthusiasts make their way to Taiwan in 2021.

Our thanks to Ryan Russell for this inspirational idea – may it grow and prosper at all our future conferences – and to Tammie Russell, Bonnie Jean Berckes, Emily Griswold, Zarah Wyly, and Rachel Davis for their help pulling it all together.



The Silent Auction display in the Conference Center lobby with Ryan Russell making a final check, and two happy oak trees that have found good homes with Pamela Sanchez, left, and Zarah Wyly, right. (Photographers. Top of page: Dan Keiser. Bottom left and right: Zarah Wyly.)