



First International Oak Society Silent Auction

IOS Board Member, 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.

A plethora of donations – from seedlings, to books, to jewelry and other wonderful oak paraphernalia – poured in from members and non-members alike in response to Ryan’s call. Thanks to these generous donators – and to the equally generous individuals who bid for these treasures – we are happy to report that over \$2,500 was collected for this very worthy cause.

Our thanks go out to Ryan and Tammie Russell, Bonnie-Jean Berckes, and Megan Dunning for overseeing the set-up and smooth running of this, our first silent auction.

With such auspicious beginnings, it is likely that we will make this a conference tradition so we all now have three years to put aside anything that will help make the second one as successful.

