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Nature Calls Event Features Craft Beer Tasting and More

Sample craft beers, bid on unique auction items, and visit with artists about their work at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center's "Nature Calls" fundraiser Saturday, September 23 from 6-10 p.m. at the Sioux City Convention Center.

The "blue jeans casual" evening includes nature art, beer tasting, food, raffles, silent auctions, and a live auction. Guests can sample more than 40 brews and craft beers including Oktoberfests, IPAs, ciders, lagers and beer alternatives. In addition there will be some select wines to sample at the event. Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and delicious food will also be available throughout the evening.

"This event is extremely popular. People look forward to it every year because of the relaxed atmosphere and unique combination of artists, beers, and auction items," said Dawn Snyder, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center Education Programs Director. "Our goal is to raise funds for conservation education programs and exhibits," continued Snyder.

The Nature Calls event attributes its success to numerous sponsors and local donors, and has become a fun and profitable evening for the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center's special projects such as the Nature Center indoor exhibits, the Raptor House, and the very popular Discovery Forest Nature Playscape.

A highlight of the event is the Live Auction which includes a one week stay and Fly-in Fishing Trip for six people to Ara Lake Camp in Ontario, Canada; an original Fourth Street Brewing Company of Sioux City Jacket; Kansas City Chiefs vs. Buffalo Bills football tickets; fine jewelry; custom made knife; original artwork; overnight cabin stays; and much more. In addition, more than 60 Silent Auction Items have been donated for the event.

Two gun raffles will be featured with proceeds to go toward Summer Youth Programs. The guns include a Kimber Micro 9 two-tone 9mm handgun and a Mossberg .243 caliber Patriot Rifle with a scope.

Eleven area artisans and nature-themed vendors will exhibit their items available for purchase at the September 23 event. Items include fused glass, bowls from reclaimed wood, wild honey and honey products, cutting boards, natural-edge slab furniture, graphite wildlife drawings, birdhouses, handmade duck calls and jewelry. Artists include Julia Licht from Artery of Sioux City; Justin & Tori Engelhardt from Wild Hill Honey of Sioux City; J. Mark Lary from Second Chance Woods of Sioux City; Lynn Jarvis of Snowflake Woodcrafts from Hornick; Susan McCulley from Sioux City; Doug Johnson from Johnson's Mill of Sioux City; Jana Peterson from Autumn Prairie Designs Jewelry of Anthon; Chaeli Kohn from Shady Grove Pottery of Sioux City; Norma Lash from Birds of a Feather of Sioux City; Diane Culver from YLime Beads of Dakota Dunes and Logan Heissel from Buck Creek Custom Calls of Spencer.

Advance tickets for "**Nature Calls**" are available for \$30 each by calling the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at 712-258-0838 or online at <http://www.woodburyparks.org>. Beginning September 22 and at the door the tickets increase to \$35 each.

For more information on contact Dawn Snyder at 712-258-0838. View more auction items, sponsors, artists, and beers featured at the event at <http://www.woodburyparks.org>.

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