

*Zonta's*  
PEEK  
AT  
THE  
UNIQUE  
*March 10, 2007*



**Six Chances at the Unique tickets are now available**

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The Zonta Club of Sanibel is pleased to announce the items in its popular Chance at the Unique raffle. "The pressure is on to come up with truly unique items for our raffle each year," said Carol Simontacchi who heads up the Raffle team. "Thankfully we live in a place where there's plenty of unique around!"

This year's raffle features six different items to choose from. (The first year was three, the second year five...who knows what will happen next year!) Generous local artists and businesses have allowed us to put together an eclectic selection so that there really is something for everyone. Tickets are \$10 each and are now available on the island at Island Nutrition (1633 Periwinkle, next to Bank of the Islands) or from your friendly neighborhood Zontian. Just off-island, tickets are for sale at Island Framing (16731 McGregor). Also, on the day of the Peek at the Unique (March 10) only, tickets will be on sale at the Schoolhouse Theater.

From local artist, Luc Century, we offer an etched glass ice bucket and two wine glasses. Luc has been etching glass, stone, bricks and other surfaces since he was a young man. Early on, he was washing windows and when he saw his face in the reflection, he knew that he wanted to put images on glass. The rest, as they say, is history. He works in his home based studio where he had a foot of water after Hurricane Charley. Fortunately his delicate glass art was not damaged. His work can be seen locally at the Sanibel Library, the Shell Museum, donor walls at J.N. "Ding" Darling and Hospice, the Science Center at FGCU, and a bit further afield at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville and beyond. You can purchase his etched glass work at the Ding Darling gift shop, SCCF, The Shell Museum and Valhalla in Periwinkle Place shopping Center and --. The donated ice bucket and glasses are valued at \$350.

Sanibel painter Sissi Janku has kindly donated a limited edition, signed framed lithograph called "Remember the Islands." Sissi wanted to be an artist from as early as she can remember.

Through moves from Germany where she grew up to Hawaii, California and then Florida, she has seen her artwork evolve from tropical designs – to European architecture – back to tropical themes. Now she finds her work tending toward the abstract with women playing a more prominent part. "(I am) finally at a time, place and mind where I feel free enough to experiment with these personalities. It's so important to refresh myself constantly." Sissi works with a palette knife with oil on canvas. She paints in her living room here on Sanibel with muted natural light pouring in through the trees. She sells both the originals and reproduced lithographs which are printed in layers by a specialized photographer. Her work is shown here on the islands at Seaweed Gallery, and in Matlacha, Key West and Orlando. She said she was very pleased to be asked to support Zonta's work. The donated lithograph is valued at \$500. Visit her on the web at [www.sissijanku.com](http://www.sissijanku.com).

Classic Air Ventures, which flies out of Charlotte Co. Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers (and Myrtle Beach South Carolina for six months of the year), has donated a 45 minute flight over Sanibel for two in a 1940 WACO UPF-7 biplane. The open cockpit allows for panoramic views and incredible photo opportunities. They suit you up in flying jackets, helmets and goggles, and off you go into our wild blue yonder. The flight is valued at \$260 and will provide memories for a lifetime. They can be reached at 888-852-WACO.

To round out the raffle prize offerings, we've come up with something different. We have a shopping spree at a variety of local businesses, and a Head-to-Toe Health & Beauty package. More details on those and item #6 in future.

The Chance at the Unique began two years ago as an addition to the wildly popular tour of islands homes, The Peek at The Unique when three Zontians, Dee Congress, Peggy Newell and Denise McEnroe offered a beautiful pendant, a hand made quilt and a gorgeous painting to be raffled. The next year saw another gift by Congress Jewelers and additions by The Island Weaver, Maria Wöhr,, Chicos, Adventures in Paradise, and Sanibel Day Spa. Each year, excitement has grown until the drawing just after the last bus pulls into the Schoolhouse at the end of the tour on March 10th, at 6:00pm. Last year one of the winners had purchased her raffle tickets just 5 minutes before the drawing.

The ticket line for the always sold-out Peek at the Unique – tour of island homes does not open until Feb 15. Watch for the phone line number in this – your local paper! All donations made to the Six Chances at the Unique and the Peek at the Unique as well as sponsorships of the house tour are tax deductible. Proceeds benefit the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida and the charities it supports to improve the status of women in Lee County and around the world.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy, and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County, and around the world through Zonta International. Additional information about Zonta is available at [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com)



Zonta Chance: Biplane



Sissi Janku on her front steps with the Signed Frame Lithograph, Remember the Islands



Sissi Janku in her studio working with her palet knife on a new oil with figures



Luc Century holding Wine Cooler and two wine glasses



Luc Century in his studio



One of two wine glasses



Luc Century on the steps of his studio surrounded by examples of his art