

These are just a few of the festive items available at the Night of Lights live auction to be conducted by Mike Gatlin Saturday evening. There will be several Christmas trees available for auction, although some displays will only be ornaments, several entire trees will be available.

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It is time once again for Night of Lights, formerly referred to as Festival of Trees, at Baker Arts Center. With a festive holiday atmosphere, event participants will be able to enjoy an evening of live and silent auctions.

According to executive director Adriene Westeman, the evening will get underway at 5:30 on Saturday with a silent auction. A \$25 dollar donation will be required to obtain a ticket to the event.

“Tickets should be purchased in advance but we may have some available at the door,” Westeman said. “I can’t say that for sure but we might. We have limited seating.”



All items available at both the live and silent auctions have been donated by local individuals

and businesses, Westeman said. The live auction will be conducted by auctioneer Mike Gatlin.

“We have a lot of fine art for the live auction which begins at 7:30,” she said. “Local artists Mildred Ormiston and Sondra Koochel have donated paintings.

“We have several trees in a box,” she added. “Most of the trees are on display and you get the decorations. A couple of them, however, you get the tree as well.”

Hors d’ oeuvres, wine and cheese will be available at the event. The evening, Westeman said, has become almost a formal event for Liberal residents.

“We have heavy hors d’ oeuvres, it is basically a meal, and beverages,” she said. “It is kind of a glitzy evening, some get very dolled up – almost formal, although formal attire is not required. It is just a fun evening, a lot of people wear what they would wear to church.”

Compared to French Market, Westeman said, there will be much bigger and higher priced items up for auction, including home decor items and even trips. She added there will be something available for all age ranges.

“Everything is donated, mostly by volunteers or businesses in the area,” she said. “We have trips to Taos, N.M., and Las Vegas, along with a lot of artwork and handcrafted things.”

The theme of the evening is “Starry Nights.” Westeman encourages the community to come out and enjoy the evening as Liberal sets into the holiday season.