

AIS SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT – Fall 2008

1. Final result of Silent Auction 2008 was \$5858.00 received from 369 items, and 53 donors, purchased by 115 bidders.
 2. \$115.00 of the above total was specifically for the AIS Library and \$69.00
 3. Total Silent Auction income from 1998 to 2008 is \$74,674.75 (see spreadsheet attached)
 4. 2008 Expenses totaled \$155.35 for paper and ink. Because most of the Committee's work can be handled by e-mail, the postage costs for this committee are minimal.
- Solicitation for donors for the 200 Silent Auction is being done by several methods:
1. Articles in October 2008 and January 2009 AIS Bulletin
 2. Letters and e-mails to all advertisers in 2008 AIS Bulletins plus past donors who do not advertise.
 3. Follow-up e-mails/mail April 1, 2009 to persons not yet responding
 4. Carry-over from previous years when there were many "duplicate publication items".

Comments:

We are indebted to our friends and co-workers who have volunteered each year to help "pull off" this intensely busy and profitable venture for the benefit of AIS. It takes the whole team to do this. We also wish to thank the "on-site depositories" (Barbara Aitken 2006, Louise Carson 2007, Marney Abel 2008 and Carolyn Ash for 2009) for receiving and keeping us updated as to what arrived at the Convention site.

There is a central Access database that will produce the bid sheets, final bid tally, winners' certificates and donor list with addresses for 501 c (3) acknowledgement purposes. We are indebted to Kitty Loberg for her time and effort to develop and update the Access database which we will continue to be using. We again accepted cash, check and VISA/MC.

The program has been highly successful with almost \$75,000 going into the AIS coffers over the past 10 years. We have worked with the Silent Auction for the last couple of years and were Assistant Chairs in 2008. You can reach us at bjstaxservice@aol.com

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