

RIVER FIELDS HOSTS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Those who believe in the importance of land preservation and conservation can join River Fields on Friday, September 9 for its annual fundraiser, "Dancing by the River."

Underneath a beautiful tent by the Ohio River, the evening includes cocktails, dinner, dessert, a live and silent auction and dancing.

The gala begins with hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner catered by Stevens & Stevens at 8 p.m. A live auction and desserts by "Desserts by Helen," begins about 9 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight with the Rob Nickerson Band.

The event is catered by Stevens & Stevens and will feature foods from local farms. Much of the 2,200 acres that River Fields has preserved forever is farmland. River Fields is a 52-year-old land and river, conservation/preservation organization.

One of the many highlights of this year's live auction is a stay at *The House at Mirador Cruz de la Rauda*, an historic address in the Albaycin neighborhood of Granada, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with the Alhambra Palace. It is part "cave house," typical of the Arab Quarter in Granada. The package is for three nights in the 3-bedroom rental, which includes a loft for up to 6 people.

For those who prefer a destination a little closer to home, there is a week in a beautiful,

circa 1928, 4-bedroom, 4-bath cottage in Leland, Michigan. The home is on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan with magnificent views of Leland Harbor, the Manitou Islands and spectacular sunsets. There is also a gourmet kitchen, two working fireplaces, screened and open porches and a terrace with a fire pit on the bluff. It's just a seven-minute walk to the center of the historic fishing village, Fishtown.

A number of well-known local artists, who believe in conservation and preservation, have donated works to the silent auction. The donated art pieces include a painting by Laurie Doctor, calligraphy by Steven Skaggs, sculpture by Mary Denis Kannapell, a painted quilt by Denise Furnish, a painting by Rodney Hatfield, a print by Brian Jones, a framed photograph by Keith Auerbach, a photograph by Donald Vish and a mixed media work by Teri Dryden.

The event's corporate sponsors are long-time supporters Brown-Forman Corporation, who support land conservation and education; Stites and Harbison LLC and Commonwealth Bank & Trust.

"Dancing by the River" is co-chaired by Inez Segell and Ann Wells. The members of the event committee include Janice Blythe, Marea Clark, Lee Cory, Laurie Doctor, Arnita Gadson, Louise Nash Gardner, Mary Celeste Lerman, Jane Ramsey, Bea Rosenberg, Peggy Mudd, Amelia Runyon, Rosalind Streeter, Jane Townsend, Michael Weber and Marsha Wells-McWhorter.

This year's Honorary Hosts and Hostesses, who will greet guests as they arrive, include Dr. Keith Auerbach, Dr. Sy Auerbach, Dr. Charles and Lisa Barr, Betsy Bennett and Bruce Hart, Deana and John Booker, Nina and Preston Claytor, Ulla Maria and Allen Dodd, Shaun and Foster Duncan, Dr. Robert Ellis, Louise Farnsley Gardner, Mary Moss Greenebaum, Mary and Bob Griffith, Sandy Gulick, David Klein and Jill Mangold, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Lansing, J.B. Leshner, Jessica Loving and Sheryl Snyder and Doug and Preston Stough.

Tickets for the buffet dinner, dancing and dessert are \$200 per person; dancing and dessert only, beginning at 9:00 p.m., are \$75 per person. For information, contact River Fields at (502) 583-3060 or at rosalindstreeter@riverfields.org. Reservations close September 6.

River Fields has more than 2,100 members from 104 zip codes. Funds raised at "Dancing by the River" will support River Fields' mission to enhance the natural, historical and cultural resources, including agricultural and scenic resources, of the Ohio River from Westport to West Point, Kentucky, on both sides of the river, for the benefit of the public.

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River Fields is the largest and oldest river conservancy along the 981-mile Ohio River. For over 50 years, River Fields has utilized its resources to effectively protect, preserve and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the land and water around the Ohio River in our region. Through its programs of land conservation, advocacy and education, River Fields strives to create harmony between nature, history and the people who live here. River Fields owns land or holds conservation easements on 34 properties,

totaling more than 2,200 acres, most of which is preserved forever. River Fields is one of the nation's few land trusts tackling regional advocacy work and land conservation.