



**Nominate. Comment. Vote. Donate.
Participate!**

The SDAF and 2009 Orchids & Onions (O&O) committee are requesting your support in the form of an item or gift to be sold at silent auction to be held as part of this year's O&O Awards Event on November 12th at On Broadway in downtown San Diego.

Orchids & Onions is an interactive and community-based fundraising program of the San Diego Architectural Foundation (SDAF). Through our website (www.orchidsandonions.org) and other means, we promote the nominations of San Diego's best and 'could use improvement' design in categories such as Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design, Sustainable Design, Historic Preservation, Public Art and Urban Design. Nominations and comments about nominations are encouraged from all citizens of San Diego; design professionals, students, planners and the general public – anyone who has an opinion about our built environment is encouraged to share it at orchidsandonions.com.

A jury of design professionals and artists determine the official Orchids and Onions, and the online People's Choice Vote gauges San Diegans' views about their city. The culmination is a fun-filled awards presentation, inspiring practical discourse on San Diego's built environment.

The silent auction is an important element in the fund raising goal of the O&O Awards Ceremony. All proceeds from the silent auction will go directly to the SDAF, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the education about and promotion of outstanding architecture, planning and urban design throughout the San Diego region. These funds will assist the SDAF in continuing its educational programs including BEEP (Built Environment Education Program), the administration of scholarships, and hosting local events such as architectural tours and talks, Pecha Kucha Night, film screenings and more. In hopes of raising \$5,000 to offset the cost of the ceremony and to contribute toward the SDAF's various programs, we need your help.

We hope to offer a variety of quality items that would appeal to the expected audience of 500+, including art, jewelry, event tickets, spa or salon packages, restaurant and retail gift cards, as well as any other appropriate items. Preferably, each item donated will have an estimated minimum value of \$100.

A donation form is available on at www.orchidsandonions.org. Of course, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Auction organizers Deevinda Tosten (deevindalee@yahoo.com) or Jaci Springfield (Jaci@SpringfieldDesigns.com), or write to info@orchidsandonions.org. We look forward to your participation in the new O&O Silent Auction!

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