

NEW **FUN** FUNDRAISER FOR CRANBERRY!

Here's the deal: when you come to the Gathering, bring with you one or more items that you are willing to donate and that you think other festival attendees might like to bid on. Autoharp/dulcimer-related items are great, of course: strings, tuners, t-shirts, hats, pick bags, CD's, books, old records, collections of "Dulcimer Players News," maybe even a set of speakers or an amp you aren't using any more. . . anything goes. But it doesn't have to be specifically music-related.

Get creative! If you are a massage therapist, how about donating a massage session? Or a hair-braiding session? Or a collection of home-made jams? Or 5 hours of recording time in your studio? Or six weeks of dulcimer lessons? *Get creative!* Anything you're willing to donate, we're willing to accept as a donation to the auction.

During the weekend, all of the items will be laid out for everyone to see and bid on. If you want to bid on an item, you write your name on the sheet with the amount you're willing to pay. Each bid has to be more than the last....and when the lights flash at the end of intermission during the Saturday evening concert, the auction is over and the person with the highest bid wins the item. After the concert is over, you come pick up your items and pay for them. The Gathering gets the proceeds, the winner gets the item. . .and **everyone is happy!**

~Cindy Harris—Head Auction Honcho