

The Fourth International Oak Society Silent Auction

Like the previous three, this Silent Auction was a great success.

With international importation regulations in mind, the Conference Committee chose not to allow plants to be offered at the auction. Despite this, there were a number of unique items up for bid. Items such as original botanical illustrations by Rebeca Nowak, handmade acorn charms donated by Pre-Conference Tour attendees, IOS Caps, T-shirts, oak art prints by Rachel D. Davis, oak-leaf tea, and even an acorn carving from a 5,000-year-old bog oak log. We brought in a little over \$2,000 dollars, which will go towards student scholarships for the next IOS Conference in 2028. The funds raised at the 10th IOS Conference in Las Cruces (New Mexico, 2022) contributed to sending five students to this Conference.

The IOS thanks everyone who donated items, as well as those who bid for them thus making this another successful Silent Auction.

We would also like to thank Ryan Russell, now IOS President, who, in 2015, for the 8th IOS Conference, launched the idea of organizing a Silent Auction that has proven to be a fruitful idea.

