Instead of “Lights, Camera, Action,” we are now in the “Watch (or Surf), Bid & Buy” mode. That means the KENW Online Auction is coming up soon! In fact, we already have 723 items posted on our website, and we still have one more month to go before the Auction officially opens. The website address is: http://auction.kenw.org and people are already bidding. I hope you’ll take time to browse through the various categories we have, and place a bid or two (or more.) This year marks our 36th annual Auction, and we do this each year to raise money to pay for the programming viewers enjoy on our public television station. So, even if you can’t watch KENW, there is a public television station somewhere close to you, and I urge you to support it.

Because the Auction has been around for 36 years, we have a number of donors from all across the country. Some of our donors are people who have been guests on “Creative Living with Sheryl Borden,” and I always appreciate it so much when they donate something to sell on our Auction.

So, since I haven’t been taping since the end of March, I thought I would say a special thank you to some of the guests I’ve had the pleasure of taping with -- and you can look up their items on the Auction website. If you know any of them, please tell them “thank you” for supporting KENW.

I’ll start with Melanie Thayn and Christine Alt, who were here with PartyLite. PartyLite donated over $2000 in candles and accessories to sell on the KENW-TV Auction! You’ll have a hard time deciding which item to bid on because they are all so beautiful -- and make great gifts. Check out the Home Interior category.

**Nancy Siler**, Wilton Brands, has donated Wilton products for many years, and we are so grateful to her for her continued support of KENW. Look in the Foods & More Category.

**Judy Novell**, Fairfield Processing Corp. donated various items for home decor. They are listed in the Crafty Crafts Category.
This was a big year for cookbook authors on “Creative Living,” and I am so grateful that several authors donated their cookbooks for us to sell this year. They are all in the Books & Music & DVDs Category. Lots to choose from including: Carol Fenster’s two Gluten-Free Cookbooks; Chef John Vollertsen & Las Cosas Cooking School’s “Cooking with Johnny Vee;” Julia Usher donated six of her popular “Ultimate Cookies” cookbooks; and Kimberly Reiner and Jenna Sanz-Agero - the Sugar Mommas, donated two “Sugar Sugar” cookbooks. Thanks so much.

Pam Damour, The Decorating Diva, donated some DVD’s on home decorating projects, and they are in the Books & Music & DVDs category as well.

In case you’re in the market for a new sewing machine, check out what Vivian Lavinskas and Singer Sewing Co. donated. It’s listed in the Crafty Crafts Category. (See photo at right.)

Speaking of sewing, Michele Muska, Simplicity Creative Group, donated a SideWinder bobbin winder - something that was new to me. It, too, is in the Crafts Category. Thanks Michele. (See photo at right.)

You may remember me telling about an interview I did with country-western singer, Will Banister and his manager, Johnny Mulhair. Johnny donated two gift certificates so upcoming talent can go to his recording studio and make a CD themselves. This is listed in the Entertainment Category.

Janet Pray, with Islander Sewing Systems, donated a sewing book and two patterns, and they are posted in the Crafty Crafts Category.

My longtime friend, Jacqueline Davis is an independent representative with Silpada Jewelry, and she donated four beautiful pieces of jewelry, including two necklaces, bracelet and a watch, and they are listed under Jewelry. (See photo at right.)

Curt Jaynes owns and operates GardenSource Nursery and Landscaping, and for many years, he has donated two $25.00 gift certificates to his business. Since the Auction is in June, they sell like hotcakes because people are looking for plants, shrubs and supplies for their yards. Look for them in the Home & Garden Category.
Sue Hausmann has her own company called Sew & Quilt with Sue, but when she came to tape the last time, she represented Sulky of America. This year, Sue donated five beautiful quilts, table runners and wallhangings. They are all in the Crafts Category. (See photo at right.)

Clare Rowley, is the President of Creative Feet, and when she was here to tape, she left us several items that we are selling on the Auction. One item is a Technical Guide and workbook, as well as four different Creative pressure feet, and a set of Octi-Hoops. Look in the Crafts Category for all of these items.

Karen Eckheier owns The Quilted Lizard, and she gave us three quilting books and a pattern. These, too, are in the Crafts Category.

Rebecca Peck represented The Upholstery Studio, and they brought the most beautiful ottomans, tuffets, and patterns as well as a set of upholstery tools with them for the taping, and generously left them for us to sell. Check these out in the Home Interior Category - they are all fabulous. (See photo at right.)

Stampin’ Queen, Lisa Rojas made a special scrapbook and sent it to us for the Auction, along with five stamp sets.

Debra Quartermain sent an adorable girl Monkey Doll and I know it will be a “hot” item. It’s in the Crafts category, too.

I hope you will check out our Auction and also tell your e-mail friends and family to go to: http://auction.kenw.org The money certainly goes for a good cause, and helps us with production costs for “Creative Living.” We will begin taping for the 36th season of the show next Fall, and I can hardly wait.

Just for fun, I’m going to put in two pictures of other items that are “up for bid.” This is to whet your appetite and to encourage you to go to the Auction website and do some shopping! ha

Hope you are having a wonderful Spring -- and not nearly as much wind as we are having in Eastern New Mexico.