

That Old West Magic Gala and Auction, hosted by Bob Funk of Express Ranches Aug. 30, raised more than \$345,000 in gross income to support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research activities.

Hosted at the prestigious National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla., the magical night drew more than 400 Angus supporters from across the country who gathered to partake in fine dining, Western art and culture, and a live and silent auction.

"I'm honored to welcome you to this beautiful venue," Funk said to event attendees. "With your support tonight, we will advance the future of the Angus breed by increasing the funds available to the Foundation's education, youth and research programs."

"The Angus Foundation will always owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Funk for hosting this incredible event in the name of raising funds for our Angus Foundation," Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins said. "We are humbled by his generosity and philanthropy, which will allow the Angus Foundation to achieve even greater levels of funding for programs benefiting the Angus industry."

With donated auction items ranging from art to jewelry and from exclusive trips to Angus collectibles, the live and silent auctions raised a combined \$259,000.

Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla., purchased the top-selling item in the live auction for \$35,000, a Four Sixes Ranch gelding sired by Tanquary Gin and donated by Burnett Ranches LLC (Four Sixes Ranch), Guthrie, Texas.

Bob and Margaret Duprey of Cherry Knoll Farms, West Grove, Pa., purchased the second-high-selling item for \$16,000, an Express UU Bar Elk Hunt in Cimarron, N.M., donated by Express Ranches.

"We're extremely grateful to the various Angus breeders and friends from across the country who supported the auction and other aspects of the event," Jenkins said. "We also wish to express our appreciation to the dedicated team of volunteers who invested much of their personal time and efforts in making 'That Old West Magic' a success."

The event steering committee was led by co-chairs Julie McMahon French, Beaverton, Mich., and Wynn Dalton Herbers, Lynchburg, Va., and included Sara Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; Jenni Beck Winegarner, Amarillo, Texas; Betsie Michael, Staunton, Va.; Teresa Mrocka, Howell, Mich.; Lynn Hill, Bidwell, Ohio; and Mark Squires, Yukon, Okla.

For more information about the Angus Foundation, visit www.angusfoundation.org.

Celebrating 'That Old West Magic'

Event grosses more than \$345,000 to benefit the Angus Foundation.

by Kelli Armbruster



► **Above:** The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla., set the backdrop for That Old West Magic.

► **Left:** Unique auction items, like this one-of-a-kind Angus pottery, were the hit of the evening.

► **Below:** ReVay Bullock of MJB Ranch, Weatherford, Texas, tries to decide which auction item she likes best.



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► **Above:** More than 350 guests filled the Grand Ballroom of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla., to raise money for the Angus Foundation's Vision of Value campaign.

► **Right:** In honor of his generous hosting and underwriting of That Old West Magic, Bob Funk (center) is presented with a signed and numbered Frank Champion Murphy, "The Mists of Autumn" print. Milford Jenkins (far right), Angus Foundation president, and Julie McMahon French (left) and Wynn Dalton Herbers, event co-chairs, were on hand to make the presentation.



► National Junior Angus Association Board Members (from left) Walt Stinson, Kirbe Schnoor and Mallory Trospier, along with American Angus Association CEO Bryce Schumann, show off their Western attire.



► **Above:** A John Wayne impersonator tells Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins (aka, "Pilgrim") that the folks in the audience don't want to hear him ramble on.

► **Below:** Event co-chairwomen Julie McMahon French and Wynn Dalton Herbers get some help from "John Wayne" to encourage bidding during the live auction.



► Colonel Tommy Williams cried the live auction for the event.

► American Angus Association CEO Bryce Schumann addresses Angus enthusiasts gathered in the Grand Ballroom to support the Angus Foundation.



► David and MaryAnn McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., show the crowd that they still know how to cut a rug after more than 50 years of marriage.

