

# Fundraising Auctioneer Wins International Award

HAMPTON, N.H., July 30, 2012 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Kathy Kingston was awarded the Chuck Cumberlin Memorial Sportsmanship Award at the 2012 International Auctioneer Championship (IAC) competition on Friday, July 20. This year's contest took place at the 63rd International Auctioneers Conference and Show in Spokane, Washington.

This was the second year the Chuck Cumberlin award was given. It was created in honor of Hall of Fame auctioneer and former NAA President Chuck Cumberlin.

Hannes Combest, CEO of the National Auctioneers Association, explained: "This award is given annually to an individual who typifies Mr. Cumberlin's love for the industry and his attention to other auction professionals. Kathy is an individual who is passionate about benefit auctions and who mentors and encourages her colleagues in every way possible. She epitomizes the spirit of what Mr. Cumberlin brought to the industry and Kathy is truly an Auctioneer's Auctioneer."

"I was sitting between my auctioneer colleagues Tirhani E. Mabunda from South Africa and Denis Barrett from Ireland at the International Auctioneer Championship finals when I was announced as the Chuck Cumberlin Sportsmanship award winner," said Kathy Kingston. "This honor was a surprise and it is quite meaningful to me as Chuck Cumberlin was a beloved legend and leader in our profession, as well as my first instructor at Missouri Auction School in 1986."

John Nichols, Chairman of the 2012 International Auctioneer Championship and past International Auctioneer Champion, commented, "Kathy Kingston was presented The Chuck Cumberlin Memorial Sportsmanship Award in the spirit of good sportsmanship, attitude of true competition, encouragement and overall camaraderie among the other contestants."

Ms. Kingston is author of "Record-Breaking Fundraising Auctions Volume 1: 54 Auction Design Tips" (ISBN: 0-9774565-0-1) and "Volume 2: 54 Auction Night Tips" (ISBN: 0-9774565-2-8). You may get a complimentary copy of her special report: "3 Surefire Strategies for Auction Success in Any Economy" at <http://www.successfulbenefitauctions.com/> .

## **About Kingston Auction:**

Kingston Auction Company is the premier resource for record-breaking fundraising auctioneers, education and strategies. Whether providing training and coaching to auctioneers, consulting to not-for-profit executives or their boards, or deploying one of their award-winning team of professional auctioneers, Kingston offers one-stop shopping to organizations who want record-breaking auction results.

## **About NAA:**

Founded in 1949, the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) is the world's

largest professional association dedicated to professional auctioneers. NAA's mission is to promote the professionalism of auctioneers and auctions through education and technology.

– *Photo Caption: Kathy Kingston (middle) receives International Auctioneers Championship (IAC) Chuck Cumberlin Sportsmanship Award flanked by 2011 IAC Champions Camille Booker and Joseph Mast.*

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