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Purchase tickets today for "Vascular Spectacular," the elegant evening planned for Friday, June 14, at the Vascular Annual Meeting to benefit the SVS Foundation.

The ticket/donation website ([vam19gala.givesmart.com](http://vam19gala.givesmart.com)) is now open. Members and friends may purchase their tickets there for the gala and, later, not only arrange to donate items for the Live Auction and Silent Auction but also peruse the listings to see if anything tickles their fancy. Bidding is expected to open sometime in May.

Attendees will enjoy cocktails and dinner, headliner entertainment, both Live and Silent auctions and an evening of conversation and fun with friends and colleagues. All proceeds will benefit the SVS Foundation and the community initiatives, research, scholarships, grants and disaster relief it helps fund. Tickets to the Vascular Spectacular are \$250, \$150 of which is a tax-deductible donation to the SVS Foundation.

Anyone can register to participate in the Silent Auction via the website, [vam19gala.givesmart.com](http://vam19gala.givesmart.com). When bidding opens, bids will be updated in real time and high bidders will be notified when their bids are topped. "This lets all of our members, colleagues and friends be part of the excitement of 'Vascular Spectacular,'" said Cynthia Shortell, MD, gala co-chair with Benjamin Starnes, MD. "While we at VAM will be on the East Coast, anyone – on the West Coast or another part of the world – can still participate in the Silent Auction."

Silent Auction bidding will end during the evening. Because of the rapid pace of live auctions, only those present can participate in that. "But anyone who wants to can view the items ahead of time, and arrange bidding with a friend," Dr. Shortell advised. "You might come away with something remarkable."

Both co-chairs are excited about the evening. "It will bring people together on the final evening of VAM to not only have a wonderful time but also to showcase and benefit the important work of the SVS Foundation," said Dr. Shortell. "It's going to be spectacular."

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