On Saturday, November 14, 2009, Gustavus Library Associates (GLA) will sponsor its 17th biennial benefit, *Shine…A Royal Affair*. More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend this gala dinner/auction benefit at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Realized proceeds are designated for the endowment of Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, located on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College.

For more than three decades, GLA’s primary mission has been to raise significant funds for acquisitions and endowment purposes in an effort to make the Bernadotte Library one of the premier liberal arts college libraries in the Midwest. With a strong and supportive library, Gustavus students and faculty have more access to current and critical resources for research and classroom use, and are better served in their pursuit of academic excellence. Without special support from individuals and businesses throughout the region, we could not reach our goal. As we put forth our efforts this year, we once again look to you, our supporters, for our success.

This letter is a request for you to donate a distinctive item representative of your business to be used in our auction. Our auction categories include items in art, antiques, sports, electronics, fashion, jewelry, home décor, entertainment, travel and accommodations, children’s articles, food, personal services, and handcrafted specialties. All donations are acknowledged in our event program.

Thank you for considering this request. For cataloging purposes, a response by September 18, 2009, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact me directly at the telephone number listed below, or call one of the following event co-chairs: Susan Wilcox at (952) 944-5972 or Jan Michaletz at (952) 945-9669.

Sincerely,

*A Royal Affair* Auction Committee Member
Gustavus Library Associates