



# First Friends

January & February 2019

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**Join us for these special events...**

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**???Mystery Trip???**  
February 14-16, 2019

**Evita, Macon, GA**  
January 15, 2019



**Springtime in Derby Country Trip**  
April 25-28, 2019



**Italian Vistas**  
May 18-30, 2019



**Oberammergau**  
**Passion Play Trip**  
July 31—August 9,  
2020

**The Colorado Rockies**  
September 20-28, 2019

## Memories...and future memory makers!

Our movie in November was “The Man Who Invented Christmas” and Susan Garrett was the \$10 winner.

Our trip to Iceland was spectacular. Most people are just asking me if it was really cold there. Well it was cold, but not as cold as you might think. Average temperatures were 25 at night and 35 or so in the day. We were dressed for the weather, and although my fingers and toes and nose would begin to get a little cold as we stayed outdoors, I never really froze. We saw beautiful scenery. As we arrived in Reykjavik it was snowing, and with the twinkling Christmas lights it would take your breath away. I’m talking the fluffy kind of snow (not the heavy, wet stuff we get here). As we traveled to Vik – well once the sun actually came up – about 10:30 a.m. – we saw the snow covered ground or lava fields. We visited Thingvellir National Park, the site of the first parliament. Here the snow was really coming down. If you stood still long enough you would be absolutely covered. It was gorgeous. This is where the Asian and European tectonic plates meet. We also visited Gullfoss (Golden Falls). This is a double cascading fall, and some of it was frozen. Our visit to the glacial lagoon was probably my favorite site. The lagoon is filled with floating icebergs. Also, there was “diamond” beach – a black sand beach covered with small chunks of iceberg. It shines like diamonds scattered along the beach. As you travel along, you see many waterfalls, and this time of year most of them were frozen solid. We also spent a couple of nights in search of the Northern Lights, but the sky was cloudy most nights. On the last night we took a cruise into the bay and were able to spot the lights faintly. We visited a Lava Show and a Lava Museum. Iceland has many active volcanoes, most of which are under the glaciers.

Flooding is often more of a threat in an eruption than the actual lava flow.

Iceland is truly the land of Fire and Ice, and oh so beautiful.

Our visit to the Blue Lagoon was amazing. The Blue Lagoon is a manmade spa type pool. You enjoy the spa setting in the hot water surrounded by the snow covered mountains. It is oh so relaxing. What an adventure.

The Annual Christmas Party was wonderful. Although my fears came to light – our entertainment had to cancel – I was able to introduce my children to perform. Scott and Hayley Custer and Chad Lloyd sang some favorite Christmas specials. I was one proud Mama!

## Upcoming Events...

### January 9, 2019 - Movie Day - 2:00 p.m.

Join your friends today for “Chappaquiddick”, a historical drama about the car accident that doomed Ted Kennedy’s presidential ambitions and resulted in the drowning death of 28 year-old Mary Jo Kopechne. We will serve refreshments at 2:00 followed by the movie and our \$10 drawing. Please call to make a reservation.

### January 24, 2019 - Kentucky Travel Show - 10:00 a.m.

Our representative will be here today to preview this wonderful trip “Springtime in Derby Country”. Don’t wait to sign up though, we are already taking a list. Call Dani to make your reservation.

### January 30, 2019 - Super Bowl BINGO - 10:00 a.m.

Let’s play BINGO! We will play a few games of BINGO followed by a “Super Bowl” Lunch. Call Dani to make your reservation.

### February 13, 2019 - Movie Day - 2:00 p.m.

The movie today is “Christopher Robin”. Long after growing up in the Hundred Acre Wood with his devoted friend Winnie the Pooh, an older and more somber Christopher Robin returns to his youthful playground and looks to his furry companion for help in restoring his imagination. Refreshments will be served at 2:00 p.m. followed by the movie and the drawing. Call for reservations.

### March 13, 2019 - Paint Class - 10:00

If you’ve never joined us for a Paint Class, consider joining us this time. Pat Appling will be with us today to teach another painting class. Amateurs are welcome and encouraged to attend. She teaches the basics and you take home your completed painting that day. The bank will provide lunch. The cost of the day is \$60.00 which covers everything you need for the class. All you need to bring is an old shirt or smock to cover your clothes. Space is limited so call today to make your reservation.



**March 20, 2019 -  
Movie Day - 2:00  
p.m.**

Today's movie will be "Murder on the Orient Express". This is the 2017 remake of the original movie. In this retelling of Agatha Christie's classic mystery, a train ride through Europe on the famed Orient Express becomes the setting for murder when an American passenger is slain- and almost everyone on board is a suspect. We serve refreshments at 2:00 p.m. followed by the movie and drawing. Call for a reservation.

**Upcoming Trips**

**Evita  
The Grand Opera House  
Macon, GA  
January 15, 2019**

This trip is currently full. We are taking a waiting list.

**Mystery Trip  
February 14-16, 2019**

Will you be my mystery date? Oh, that's Valentine! Seriously, it's a mystery trip kind of Valentine's Day. Probably has nothing to do with Valentine's Day - or does it? Well, you'll just have to join us to see. Price is \$799 per person double occupancy. A \$200 deposit is due with reservation. Mystery trips are very popular, so get your reservation today! Questions, call and we'll see if we can answer.

**Italian Vistas  
May 18-30, 2019**

**Brochures are available.** Highlights include: Rome, Ruins of Pompeii, Sorrento Coast, Isle of Capri, Florence, Pisa, Tuscan Winery, Venice, Verona, Stresa, Locarno, Switzerland. If you ever plan to go to Italy, this itinerary is fantastic. Hits a lot of the highlights.

**Colorado Rockies  
September 20-28,  
2019**

**Brochures are available.** Highlights include: Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado National Monument, Grand Junction, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park, Royal Gorge Route Railroad, Garden of the Gods.

**Discover Switzerland,  
Austria,  
Oberammergau  
and the Passion Play  
July 31 - August 9,  
2020**

Our trip is full and we are taking a waiting list. It is over a year away and anything can change, so get you name on the list. See our brochure on our website or drop by to pick up one.

**New Trip...  
Springtime in Derby  
Country  
April 25-28, 2019**

**Brochures will be available soon.** Some of the highlights include: Kentucky Derby Museum; Dinner and show at the Derby Dinner Theater; a bourbon distillery tour; dinner and live horse racing at Churchill Downs.

Look for this upcoming trip - brochures will be available at a later date.

**Nashville—Opryland  
Hotel  
December 2-5, 2019**

**In Memoriam...**

**Daisy Shockley**

**Gail Mullins**

**Steve Fletcher**

**Mary Johnson**

**Roger Betsill**

**Buddy Irvine**

**Wandell Coates**

**Virgil Parks**



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