



# THE LITTLE TRAVELER Almanack

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## Summertime Happenings at The Little Traveler

**Brighton Towel Frenzy**  
May 30-June 15

**Swedish Days Festival**  
June 16-22

**Pandora Re-Styling Event**  
June 13 and 14

**Weber Grill Seminar**  
June 24

**Mary Lou's Crystal Repair**  
June 27

**Tick Tock Clock Repair Clinic**  
July 19

**Visit with FDR**  
July 21

**She Beads Jewelry Trunk Show**  
July 26

**Before School Tea**  
August 9

## Mark your calendars for the 58th Annual Swedish Days Festival!

Geneva will celebrate its heritage with its annual Swedish Days Midsommer Fest June 16-22. The Little Traveler will celebrate with our expansive front lawn tent sale. Under our enormous yellow tents we'll feature sensational ideas for home and garden decor, sizzling summer fashions, jewelry, accessories and much more. Contact the Geneva Chamber of Commerce at 630-232-6060 or visit [www.genevachamber.com](http://www.genevachamber.com) for festival details.

### WE'RE YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR SHOWERS AND WEDDINGS

Looking for beautiful wedding accessories or the perfect gift for upcoming bridal events? Look no further than The Little Traveler. Begin in our Stationery Department with a large section of journals, photo albums, gift bags, guest books and thank you cards to make your special occasion even more memorable. For exquisite gifts, check out our Crystal Room and expansive collections of crystal, and collectibles.



## Make us your Summertime Destination!



Since 1922, people have enjoyed traveling from near and far to visit our unique shop. This summer, continue the tradition with a visit to our beautiful Victorian mansion on South Third Street. Take your time and enjoy walking through room after room, seeing the many treasures we have collected from around the globe. On the lovely warm days, we may even have our tents set up on the front lawn, showcasing special treats at special prices. And, of course, set aside time to enjoy lunch with us. It's summer—time to relax, recharge and splurge a bit on yourself.

## Join the First-Ever Little Traveler Recipe Contest!

Over the years, The Little Traveler has become known for its delicious gourmet foods—those delicious delectables served in our Atrium Café and for our Victorian luncheon, as well as the tantalizing treats offered throughout our Gourmet Department. Our recipes have been sought after and collected by friends for generations.

This summer, we decided to turn the tables and see who else can create scrumptious foods. The Gourmet Gurus of the Little Traveler are inviting all to join **The Little Traveler Warm Weather Recipe Contest**. If you have a recipe for an **APPE-TIZER OR SWEET TREAT** that has made you famous at your dinner table or among your friends and family, we'd love to try it.

There are a few rules and regulations, of course.

- All submitted entries must be original recipes and include at least one product that is found on the shelves of the Little Traveler Food Court. This is your chance to have fun as you create new ways to use our delicious products. (Of course, the more ingredients you find at The Little Traveler, the happier we are!)

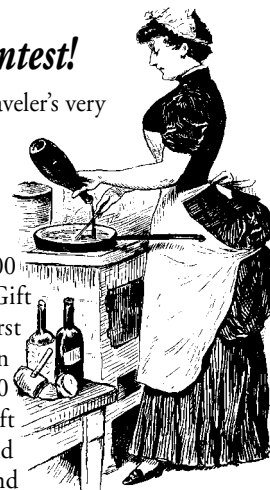
- Recipes will be judged on ease of preparation, appearance and creativity. Winners will be chosen by a panel of culinary experts—local celebrity judges including chefs Chris Corby from Wildwood Restaurant and David Nelson from

Nosh, and Little Traveler's very own Gourmet Department Buyer and Manager, Betsy Sanchez.

- Prizes include \$100 Little Traveler Gift Certificates to first place winners in both categories; \$50 Little Traveler Gift Certificates to second place winners, and Certificates for Lunch for Two at the Atrium Café for third place winners.

- The deadline for recipe submission is July 1. Finalists will be notified by the beginning of August, and the winners announced mid August.

- Recipes must be legibly printed or typed and must include a list of ingredients and recipe directions. Submit recipes along with your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address, to The Little Traveler Gourmet Department Recipe Contest, 404 S. Third St., Geneva, IL, 60134. The Little Traveler reserves the right to use all submitted recipes.



# Summer Fashion Forecast

If you're like us, we are *so* ready to move on from Spring Showers to Summer Dazzle. Let us help you brighten up your look with sizzling new fashions and accessories.

## **BECOME BEAD-DAZZLED WITH OUR SUMMER JEWELRY**

Stop by The Little Traveler Jewelry Department and become bead-dazzled! Our collectible bead lines have expanded to include vast assortments of **Pandora, She Beads and Troll Beads**. Each jewelry line offers its own styles and looks, giving you the opportunities to create your own favorite accessories to complement your favorite fashions.

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## **She Beads New Trunk Show**

From the Earthy Mother-type to the Glitzy Showy-type, every woman will love She Beads! Owner and founder Sandy Rueve will be on hand to share her special One-of-a-Kind beads with us! We'll have hundreds of different items from her collections including Pink Ribbon, Teal Ribbon, Golden Ribbon and Red Dress. Look for pieces featuring Swarovski Crystals and Bali Sterling Sliver. Also check out her Solo collection (a favorite of Randy Jackson from American Idol) and the new square beads... perfect for your "add-a-bead bracelets." You'll find everything from long beaded ropes to jumbo bead necklaces, to cufflinks and stud sets from the He Bead collection. Join us from 1-4:40 p.m. on July 26 in the jewelry department.

## **HANDBAGS SHOUT COLOR, COLOR AND MORE COLOR!**

Did we mention that we've brought in some hot colors for these hot days of summer? Our summer handbags are so bright, in dazzling pink, green, yellow, blue and orange, that you may need to purchase some snazzy new sunglasses just to look at them. In straw, canvas and leather styles, these handbags are so stylish with their unique combinations of textures, embellishments and patterns.

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## **SPEAKING OF SUNGLASSES...**

...This summer, sunglasses do more than protect your eyes. They are the latest fashion wardrobe accessories! You can't just have one pair...you need a variety to coordinate with your new summer attire. And accessorize the accessory with fun and fabulous eyeglass chains. Made with crystals, buttons, springs, and beading, these are not the chains your Grandmother used to wear!!



## **MAKE US YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR CROCS AND JIBBITZ!**

Whether you're looking for some new Crocs for your favorite big and little feet, we have them! The newest colors of this popular line of very comfy, very durable sandal/clogs have arrived and are available in toddler sizes through adult. And of course, we have the collectible Jibbitz that you need to make your Crocs your own!

## **PICK UP YOUR OWN LITTLE TRAVELER**

### **FRESH PRODUCE T-SHIRT**

Yes, your own Little Traveler T-Shirt. Fresh Produce has created an originally designed "Name Drop T-Shirt" exclusively for Little Traveler fans. Now you can show your allegiance to our unique shop in style. And pick up one for your favorite friend or relative who lives out of town. It's certainly not your typical tourist T!



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We're loaded up on **Extra Fresh**, lovely Fresh Produce items in plus sizes. It's all the cool comfort and style you love in your size!

## **A Special Jewelry Event RE-STYLE YOUR PANDORA**

Pandora bead collectors will love this special opportunity. On June 13 and 14, our Pandora experts will be taking individual appointments with customers to help you restyle your Pandora bracelets that you've loved for some time but may need a little updating. Enjoy one-on-one time with our jewelry pros to discover new ways to make your bracelet look brand new. Having the largest selection of Pandora beads in the Chicagoland area, we work with this unique jewelry collectible more than anyone else and know all there is to know about Pandora's beautiful accessorizing options. Call 630-232-4200, ext. 18 to set up an appointment. Only a limited number of appointments will be available, so call today.



## **WOW! A Brighton® TOWEL FRENZY**

Be stylish at the pool or beach this summer with a new Brighton beach towel. From May 30-June 15, you have the chance to get your own free Brighton towel, valued at \$25, with the purchase of a pair of Brighton sunglasses. This beautifully designed beach towel features Brighton's Meadow Garden fabric, which happens to match its 2008 umbrella.

Visit our Brighton Room today. We're proud to be one of the top one-percent of Brighton retailers in the country.



## **A VISIT WITH FDR**

Chicago actor R.J. Lindsey will make U.S. history come alive with his fascinating living history portrayal of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during a brand new program set for July 21. Using authentic costuming and replicating the former president's voice and mannerisms,

Lindsey creates an impressive first-person interpretation in his original and entertaining show. The program will begin with breakfast at 9 a.m. in our Atrium Café. Our Fulton Street entrance will open at 8:30. Registration fee is \$18 and includes breakfast and a \$5 coupon to be used on the day of the show. For reservations, call after 9:30 a.m. on June 23.

## TRAVELERlogue

A look at what's new and exciting at The Little Traveler!

Traveler fans will love these new *originally designed, hand-drawn note cards featuring Little Traveler scenes*. With five designs to choose from, the cards, created by Batavia artists



Kathy McPartland, showcase the Front of the store, the Conservatory, the Candy Room, the Atrium Café and the

Fulton Street entrance. Send them with a cheery note to a friend; or frame them and hang them as lovely little works of art.

**Berry Bowls** just like Grandma used to have. These decorative ceramic bowls have the holes punched through the bottom so that water drains onto the coordinating platter, keeping fruit fresh. Pick your favorite fruit pattern.

**Gazebos, benches, café sets and accessories beautifully created in chic wrought iron designs.** On display in our Conservatory, this vast collection includes various styles of lovely gazebos, arches, tables, chairs, plant stands, side tables, planters, garden stools and benches and even fountains.

Our new collection is most angelic. Beautifully designed **Sentiment angels** feature an exquisite wood-carved appearance and are gently accented with colors in tiny floral embellishments. Many of these lovely ladies also feature special sentiments written on their skirts, creating lovely gift giving opportunities. Find them in Stationery.

Our Conservatory is all a-bloom with the **largest assortment of faux flowers** that we've

ever presented. Choose from individual pieces to assemble on your own to arrangements that have been artistically hand-made by our own floral designers. Mother Nature would be impressed by this display.



Tea and coffee lovers will love these new items brought in just for them. Featured in our Housewares Department are new **Covered Tea Mugs with Infusers**. In various designs, some even come with coordinating plate to hold your favorite scone. In addition, we are showing new **Designer Travel Mugs** in our Grande Pavilion Bath and Linen Shop. With flora, leopard, and Asian designs, these mugs are much too pretty to be called mugs. They even coordinate with lined lunch totes to create a stylish luncheon ensemble.

Our favorite new cookbook this season is "Peeling the Wild Onion: A Collection of Chicago Culinary Culture" from the Junior League of Chicago. This hardcover book features hundreds of recipes perfect for each season of the year. It's a perfect gift for Chicago fans.



As you begin to dig into gardening, don't forget to protect your hands. Our extensive **Crabtree & Evelyn line of hand care products** includes the popular "Gardner" series of hand therapy. Find them, and the entire line in beautiful new Crabtree & Evelyn display cases in our Grande Pavilion Bath and Linen Shop.

## TOYS...TOYS...TOYS...

Who says you only shop for toys in the winter? Not us! We're prepared for all of the upcoming birthday parties with special gift ideas for little ones...

**Little Traveler T-Shirts.** OK, so it's not a toy, but it's a lot of fun. White T-shirts feature a black and white drawing of the side entrance of The Little Traveler, which showcases the window into our Toy Room. The shirts can be colored by your little artists, ironed by Mom or Dad, and then worn without fear of the color disappearing. Very cool and fashionable.

**The 2008 collection of Madame Alexander dolls** are in and we have them. As a Platinum Dealer, we have one of the most extensive collections of these popular dolls in the Chicago area. Add to yours today!

**Webkinz** are still hot and we have everything you need for them. We have the plush toys, their clothing and accessories, carriers, mouse pads, toys and even body accessories for little owners.



## WINES FOR SUMMER SIPPING

Whether you're having friends over for an evening of pleasurable conversation, or heading out for a romantic picnic, wines will be an essential part of the scene. Our own wine experts have put together a list of their newest summertime favorites!

**Yophoria Yogurt Wine** - In both peach and strawberry flavors, this new refreshing import from Germany is a combination of luscious fruit flavors, sparkle and absolutely no fat or cholesterol.

**Sangria From Santos** - Splash up your summer with Red and White Sangria from Spain. Pour over fresh fruit and ice and you have the perfect warm weather drink.

**May Wine from Glunz Family Winery** - A traditional warm weather wine originating in Germany, this slightly sweet light white wine is flavored with Woodruff. Garnish with a fresh strawberry for a delightfully delicious libation.

**New Age White Wine** - This slightly sweet and effervescent wine from Argentina is a wonderful sipper served over ice.



## A Little Traveler Summer Light Recipe

### Stacked Tomato Salad

- 3 lb. ripe garden tomatoes, sliced into 1/2" rounds  
Stonewall Kitchen Black Olive Pesto\*
- 1 lb. Fresh Mozzarella, sliced into 1/2" rounds  
Little Traveler Vidalia Onion  
Poppyseed Dressing\*

Place a tomato slice on a plate and spread with Stonewall Kitchen Black Olive Pesto. Place a slice of mozzarella on top, add a few basil leaves and finish with another tomato slice, making as high as you would like. Drizzle with Little Traveler Vidalia Onion Poppyseed Dressing and garnish with olives and fresh basil leaves.

\*Available in Little Traveler's Gourmet Department

## CHILDREN'S GIFT REGISTRY!

Don't forget to have your little one register for birthday gifts at The Little Traveler's Toy Room. Our Birthday registry allows our young friends to select their favorite items for their wish list and keep that list on file in the Toy Room. Then, when guests visit, they know exactly what to purchase and what others have already purchased. Those who register will receive enclosure cards to include in their party invitations to remind guests where to shop.



## IT'S TIME... TO GET YOUR CLOCK FIXED

Stop by the "Tick-Tock Clock Repair Clinic"

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 19.

In the Antiques Room. Meet with a master clock repairman and receive repair estimates.

## A BEFORE-SCHOOL TEA

This is a wonderful chance for moms to spend some time with their children before they go off to school—whether it's far away to college, or down the street to First Grade. During this August 9, "Before-School Tea," our guests will have the chance to spend plenty of time enjoying sweets and savories, and delicious new teas along with relaxation and conversation. This charming event begins at 2:30 p.m. in our Atrium Café. Tickets are \$18 and include a \$5 shopping coupon for use that day. Please phone for reservations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 17.



## Weber Grilling Experts Present A New Summertime Gourmet Seminar Where There's Smoke, There's Flavor

Improve your barbecuing skills and repertoire by taking part in our new gourmet grilling seminar. Join us on June 24 in our Atrium Café for an entertaining morning full of information and cooking demonstrations presented by the Weber Grill consultants, complemented by an outstanding display of Weber grills provided by our neighbors at Ace Hardware in Geneva. Little Traveler's own gourmet experts will also demonstrate grilling tips and recipes using delicious products available in the Gourmet Food Courts.

The fun will kick off at 9 a.m. with breakfast and will conclude with lunch, with the entree being made on a Weber by one of their grilling experts. Tickets are \$18 and include a \$5 shopping coupon good for the day of the show. Call beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 11.

## A Letter From a Friend

Dear Little Traveler,

"You can pick two dolls, Catherine," my mother told me. I stood with wide eyes, an eight-year old, ready to point out the magical two at the doll counter.

We had first come to the Traveler on my 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. It was a special treat, just my mom and myself. I sat primly in my lattice chair in the Cafe, eating all chicken salad sandwiches cut in triangles. My birthday falls on Dec. 23, and so we sat in the sea of Christmas decor.

As the years progressed, we came every Dec. 23. And every year, The Little Traveler did not disappoint

After each special birthday luncheon, our steps always take us to the dolls. The first doll came on my 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was the first and most important.

But this moment, this moment of the two dolls, came without my birthday. It was the middle of summer and my parents had just sold their house. I wandered in barely able to believe my ears—and my eyes! Two dolls and it wasn't even Christmas. I picked out "Iris," a redhead in a romantic robin-blue dress. I faltered after that, unable to imagine having two. So my mother picked out "Lily," fair-haired and in red.

Lily, Iris and Meg grew to a larger family, all lady dolls picked at the Traveler's doll display. I'm now 27 and married, but I've never failed to have a birthday at the Café and I have never failed to look at the dolls. And I trust that sometime in the future my daughter will join me and even though it isn't her birthday or Christmas, I will get her two dolls on a magical summer's day.

*Yours Truly,*

*Catherine Eaton, Batavia*

Catherine will receive a \$50 gift certificate as a token of our thanks for this lovely letter.

Send your letters to Almanack Editor, 404 S. Third St., Geneva, IL 60134.

## Christmas in July SALE

July 1-31

20% Off Entire

Christmas Department

Excludes Dept. 56,  
Byer's Choice and Snobabies.



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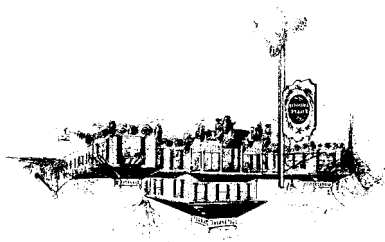
You see her doing it but you can't believe it!  
Mary Lou Gates, a talented crystal repair artist,  
will set up shop in our Crystal Room  
from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on June 27,  
repairing broken and chipped crystal pieces.  
Restore your heirlooms to like-new quality!  
Estimates are always offered.

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Atrium Café open all day with breakfasts, lunches, snacks and coffee.

