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Summer 2011

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June 11
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August 9

A Star Spangled Summer

There is no better time to be an American! As we fling open the doors and head outside for the next three months, let's do our part to keep America moving forward. While our "little travelers" are known to bring back treasures from around the world, we have made a conscious decision to bring you as many Made In America products as possible. Look for everything from food, wine and barbecuing essentials to clothing, jewelry and more. Let's make this the best Star Spangled Summer ever in Chicagoland!



Summer Grilling Extravaganza Tuesday, June 14

Featuring food from Robert Rothschild Farms and Pelago Valley Spices, Grills from Geneva Hardware, Drinks from Peppercreek Farms



Fire up your appetite and join us for a unique grill event. In this educational seminar you'll learn how to use your grill to its fullest potential, as well as some cool recipes you would have never thought of making on the grill. Our friends from Geneva Hardware will join us on the lawn at 10:30am to demonstrate all the latest in Weber and Kamado Joe Ceramic grills including some of the new must-have utensils to make your barbecues sizzle. Don't miss lunch on the lawn as we'll be mixing up the fun with mojitos and margaritas (non-alcoholic). We will begin with a continental breakfast in the tea room at 9:30 and our garden luncheon will begin after the demonstration at 12:30pm. \$18.00 includes the seminar, lunch on the lawn, and a \$5.00 gift certificate. Register online at www.littletraveler.com or by calling 630.232.4200.

LT Afternoon Tea Receives Rave Reviews:

"The many desserts were lovely and looked beautiful too."

Girls, if you want to have some fun, you need to stop by for Afternoon Tea. We started this a few months ago and can't believe the response!

We feature a selection of sumptuous tea sandwiches such as cucumber mint, carrot raisin and curry chicken; a variety of homemade breads and scones served with clotted creams, curds and jellies; and a number of luscious sweets. And of course we serve a superior selection of hot tea and flavored iced tea. *Reservations recommended for parties of 4 or more.*



Afternoon Tea

Thursdays & Saturdays 2-4:30pm

*Host a Private Tea for 10 or more any day of the week!
Call for more information
630.232.4200.*

Speaking of Unmentionables: The Rise and Fall of Ladies Underwear

Tuesday, August 9 *Ladies Only Event!*

Throughout history a woman's frame has not always been entirely her own. Delicate pieces of linen and lace, stiff corsets, and sturdy hoops and bustles are fascinating to modern eyes, but they are the unseen history of an era. Ellie Carlson, an expert on historical clothing, entertains in this

novel and sometimes naughty presentation as she unveils some myths about women's unmentionables. Enter on Fulton Street at 8:45am for breakfast at 9am and program at 9:30. \$18.50 includes a \$5 coupon good the day of the show. Sign up at littletraveler.com or call 630.232.4200.



Custom Gourmet Gift Baskets

Birthdays, weddings, showers, even Father's Day – Stress-free gift giving starts at The Little Traveler. Make it a memorable occasion with a custom gift basket. We can design you a gift for any price range filled with everything from gourmet foods and wines to stuffed animals, baby clothes and more.



Tasty-Good Gluten-Free

Check out our ever-expanding line of Gluten-free products. New this year –

- Miquel's Tortilla Chips and Crunchmasters Original, Toasted Onion and Rosemary, and Olive chips.
- Try these with Robert Rothchild Farms Salsas, including Raspberry and Raspberry Chipotle.
- For the grill try Two Fat Guys Barbeque Sauce in mild, smoky, spicy and lava hot.
- Top off with Stonewall Kitchen's Chocolate Brownie Mix and/or Chocolate Cupcake Mix.

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Look for these and many other products in our Gourmet Department.

A Little Traveler Recipe

Grilled Picnic Roast

- 1 pork shoulder 3-4 lbs.
- 4 T *Little Traveler's Original Pork Rub**
- 2 c cider vinegar
- 1 T *The Little Traveler's Good and Evil Hot Sauce**
- Robert Rothschild Anna Mae's Smoky Sweet Sauce**

Place pork and rub in an extra large zipper bag. Shake until *The Little Traveler Pork Rub** covers the entire pork. Refrigerate overnight. Place pork on grill in indirect heat. Combine vinegar and hot sauce in a bowl and brush pork on both sides every 30 minutes to prevent drying out. Remove from the grill when internal temperature reaches 160° F. Let the meat sit for 30 minutes before pulling apart. Mix with *Robert Rothschild Anna Mae's Smoky Sweet Sauce** and serve on egg or pretzel buns.

*Available in our Gourmet Department.

Prairie State Winery Keeps It Local



Owners Rick and Maria Mamoser started producing wines made exclusively from Illinois-grown grapes in 1999. With their home winemaking experience, science background, and immersion into national wine curriculum, they soon garnered many awards for their wines. With the first vintage of only 500 gallons to the most recent vintages of nearly 13,000 gallons, they continue to promote the philosophy of "Think Globally, Drink Locally." Take time this

summer to enjoy a few of these:

- **SNAP!** - A semi-sweet white wine flavored with organic ginger. It starts semi-sweet then moves into a spicy lingering finish. Good with Asian cuisine including Thai and sushi.
- **Maria's Sangria** - A Spanish classic. Serve chilled in a tall tumbler with fresh fruit, or try with frozen grapes and pineapple chunks! Great for summer gatherings and barbecues.
- **Maria's Sangarita** - A wine for margarita lovers! Try this delightful white wine flavored with natural key lime juice. Enjoy like a sangria with fresh fruit.
- **Kishwaukee Blue** - A semi-sweet blend of St. Pepin and La Crosse grapes grown in Kingston, IL. Similar in style to a German wine.
- **Prairie Moscato** - This sweet white is made with Muscat grapes. It exhibits a subtle grapiness. Enjoy chilled with appetizers or dessert.

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Prairie State Winery TASTING DAYS

June 21

July 2

August 6

PATIO PERFECT PLEASERS

The whole neighborhood will be jealous when they get a whiff of your barbeque. With these pre-packaged seasonings, it will be perfectly easy to create a wonderful meal.

- * **Burger Seasoning Trio** - A trio of three different seasonings, two for beef burgers (Hearty Parmesan & Spicy Chipotle) and one seasoning for chicken or turkey burgers (Sweet Curry). *A great cook out menu!*
- * **BBQ Rub Trio** - This popular BBQ trio features new rubs and new recipes. Coarse & chunky steak spice, new Fiery Chili and new Mediterranean pork rub.
- * **Beer Can Chicken Roaster - Good Father's Day Gift** - Beer Can Chicken seasonings with the complete roaster to go with the seasonings. Comes with a beer can printed tin and three seasoning pouches to make three roast chickens.
- * **Stainless Steel BBQ Brie Baker** - Now you can prepare one of our favorite appetizers right on the barbecue. Two piece set comes with Sun Dried Tomato Pesto & Pine Nuts topping & recipes.
- * **Extra Beer Can Chicken Seasoning** - Tins available.

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Olé! to the Perfect Margarita!

Making the perfect margarita is easy with single serve packets from Gourmet Village! Add water and alcohol for the perfect taste every time. Choose from original, lime mango, or mango. Also try strawberry daiquiri and mojito.

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New Cafe Specials

The Atrium Cafe is the new 'place to be' for lunch! Our new Chef Zack has new ideas and a new attitude, making lunches more special. Check out the summer salads: Strawberry Chicken Salad, Fruit Salad with fresh fruits, greens and grilled chicken or the Southwestern Salad with BBQ pork, greens and assorted fresh vegetables.

HOMEMADE PIES - By the slice or by the pie... Strawberry, apple, peach and more. Call for the day's selection.

Party Favors To-Go

Heading to the chapel? Welcoming a new addition to the family? Having a party? Make your life easier with our Party Favors To-Go. You choose the container and candies and we'll take care of the rest. Choose one of our elegant little bags or containers, then pick out your candies... Jordan Almonds, Jelly Bellies, Italian mini-hard candies, chocolate hearts and more. We put it together and have everything ready and waiting for you. Stop in to see our inspirational displays! **10% off all orders of 10 or more.**



WEDDING GIFTS

A gift from The Little Traveler is one the bride and groom will treasure forever, such as silver serving pieces, Waterford crystal, Lladro and NAO wedding figurines. We also have a wonderful assortment of pre-wrapped gifts.

WHAT'S NEW FROM

Vera Bradley

July 7, 2011

NEW RELEASES FOR FALL

Be the first to pick up the new fall Vera Bradley.

We'll have four new prints including Mocha Rouge (chocolate & blush) and Safari Sunset (purple, orange, yellow), plus a number of new styles, too!

July 7-18 LAUNDRY BAG

This \$48 Special Purchase was specially created with college girls in mind. This large laundry bag is perfect anywhere from campus to home.



July 21 - August 1 DUFFEL BAG



This classic favorite returns bigger and better in our exclusive fall colors. This super sized bag is a must-have for back to school. \$98.

August 4 - ONE DAY ONLY 100 HANDBAG SPECIAL

In honor of Vera Bradley, that handbag that started it all has been updated and redefined. New with a square shape, wide zip-around opening, front phone pocket and six inner pockets. Get them for one day only for \$29. Reg. \$52.



Bead Events

TRILLBEADS
THE ORIGINAL SINCE 1976

JULY 5

World Tour Bead Release

AUGUST 1-30

FREE Fashion Tote with \$100 purchase.
(While supplies last.)

CHAMILIA JULY 22-23

Receive a free silver bracelet with \$100 Chamilia Bead purchase.

shebeads®
Hand Rolled Clay Bead Jewelry



TRUNK SHOW
SAT. JULY 23

Sandy Rueve, She Beads President and Founder, will be demonstrating her artistry of hand-rolled clay bead making. You'll have the opportunity to make your own bead to take home.



Feel Good Summer Fashions

Hot for this summer are ruffles, ruching and other self-fabric embellishments.

THE COTTON CLUB MADE IN USA

We've expanded our favorite cotton color wear with even more mix and match brands.

PRAIRIE COTTON - this classic cotton knit sportswear for the contemporary woman who values comfort as her number one priority is ENTIRELY MADE IN THE USA! From tops to bottoms, in solids or prints, these jersey knits and cotton sheeting separates fit just right and feel so incredibly soft you will love them! New this summer in greens, fresh yellows and rich blues, they coordinate well with our other cotton brands.

MODERN INSPIRATIONS/COMFORTABLE FIT - These jersey knit, easy-to-wear, easy-to-travel clothes are designed for the woman who wants trend-appropriate clothes yet comfortable and nice enough to wear to work. COMFY USA combines sophisticated grey, blue, pink and other neutrals with black for a richer look. Mix these with our Prairie Cottons and Fresh Produce for some wonderful wardrobe options! Look for tunics, ruffle shirts and a flyaway jacket to pair some super slim pants.

GROWN UP SUNDRESSES - Being touted as "Adult Flip Flop" dresses, these are sure to be your summer favorite. Made of cotton and jersey knits in bright, sophisticated and happy colors. Add one of our perfect little shrugs to keep the air conditioning or evening chill out.

Simple Fascinating FASCINATORS & HATS - The Royal Wedding is over but the interest in hats is just beginning. Come see the all the fun, frilly and frivolous head decorations for summer. Great for a wedding, shower or more formal evening event. And many styles are perfect for everyday as well.

SUNGLASS READERS - These come in handy when you're dining al fresco and can't read the menu. Great for the pool too. Pick up a few fun ones to accent your wardrobe. All readers available in 1.25-3.0 times magnification.



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As the #1 Brighton retailer in the Midwest and one of the top one percent of retailers in the country, we're pleased to be your headquarters for Brighton fashions.

NEW FOR SPRING!

From soft white and yellow leathers to brightly striped straw totes, handbags are in all colors, shapes and sizes.

JUNE 24-JULY 10

FREE Boardwalk Tote

Summer is all around us and it's time to pack our ice chests, picnic baskets, favorite Brighton umbrella and beach towel and place them into your very own Brighton Boardwalk Tote. Yours FREE with any \$100 purchase. (Limit one per customer while supplies last.)



JULY 22-AUGUST 7 FREE Curly-Q Lunch Bag

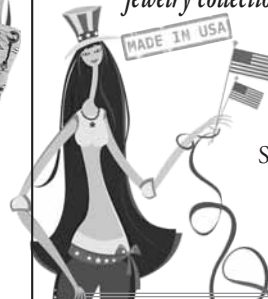


This cool and sophisticated lunch bag packs your midday meal and a lot of fashion punch. Coated for protection of its custom-designed fabric - this sleek bag comes in a chic graphic print featuring modern black, cream and pink. Yours FREE with any \$100 Brighton purchase. (Limit one per customer while supplies last.)

Meet your friends at
The Atrium Cafe for a little respite.
Now serving wine by the glass.



Did you know that many of our most popular jewelry collections are made in the USA.



Patricia Locke, Chicago, IL
Nancy Neill, Batavia, IL
Marjorie Baer, South San Francisco, CA
John Medeiros, East Providence, RI
She Beads, Wilmette, IL.

NEW JEWELRY DESIGNERS

Our buyers found some lovely new jewelry collections all MADE IN USA Stop in to see their beautiful handcrafted pieces:

Sonja Grondstra Designs - classic seaglass jewelry, Swampscott, MA
Sue Rosengard - lightweight sterling silver and gold-filled wire jewelry, Chicago, IL
Cynthia Jones - hammered metal jewelry, Santa Fe, NM.

Summer Fun for Kids of All Ages



• One of our most popular toys for the summer, *Dinosaur Train* (as seen on PBS Kids) combines two of their favorites—dinosaurs and trains! These interactive action figures are all about Action and Interaction. Each figure is fully articulated and comes loaded with cool features and sounds. Collect them all!

• *Towering 3D and 4D Puzzles* will keep everyone entertained. Choose from the most beautiful and famous landmarks in Chicago and New York including the Willis Tower. Incredibly detailed, fun to assemble and beautiful to display. Ages 12 & up.

• Keep them busy with a bevy of Arts & Crafts. We have projects for boys and girls ages 2-102 including stickers, *Shrinky Dinks*, jewelry boxes, *GlamArt*, doll-making kits, stampers and more. **MADE IN USA**

• Water sports for the pool and/or tub. Whether your toddler is a princess or a basketball star, we have plenty to keep them splash happy indoors and out. They can make their own music with *Tub Tunes*, sail boats, play water basketball, go fishing or get wet with the ever-popular *Monsters of the Tub!*



FOR YOUR LITTLE ONES

Children's Summer Suits

Suit your 'smalls' in these ever-so-sweet cute and playful *sunsuits, swimsuits* and *playwear*. You'll find these for sizes 12mos - 6x in bright, fun colors. Made in the USA by Cache Cache. **MADE IN USA**



We love Biberalls!

Made of terry 100% cotton, these slide over baby's head all the way down to their toes. This bib covers the entire outfit! A great baby shower gift. Made in Maine USA by "A Mom Who Knows." **MADE IN USA**

For Girly-Girls Only

Your little girls will love these Sweet Reflections hair bows and clips. From bows and headbands for babies to big girl hair clips and ribbons. Made here in Illinois. **MADE IN USA**



Annual Swedish Days Festival June 21-26

This year our traditional front lawn tent sale is sure to please with so much merchandise at fabulous prices. You'll find great deals on:

- home furnishings including inspiring **wall décor**
- impressive **garden** and **patio accessories**
- sizzling **summer fashions, jewelry and handbags**
- stylish, high-quality **kitchen textiles**
- **gifts** for all occasions
- European & British **antiques**
- fun, fun, fun **toys**
- and much more!

Our tents are open extended hours during Swedish Days, including Sunday.



A Historical Presentation by Lynn Rymarz

Martha Washington: Our Founding Mother Monday, June 27

Everyone knows George Washington is called the Founding Father of our nation, but what about his wife, Martha? Discover the story of how she met and married George and their life at Mount Vernon. Lynn Rymarz brings to life Martha and shares her favorite recipes, including one for cough medicine. Hear the true stories about George's wooden teeth, him chopping down the cherry tree, his love of books and farming. She tells how George helped in America's fight for independence and how he became our first president. Enter at Fulton Street at 8:45 and enjoy breakfast at 9:00 a.m., followed by the show at 9:30. \$18.50 includes a \$5 coupon good that day. Make your reservations online at www.littletraveler.com or by calling 630.232.4200.

Outdoor Dining

Pull out the umbrella, hose off the furniture and get that grill cleaned... It's Summer! Get out of the kitchen and start gathering outside for lunches, dinners and picnics. Make your first stop in our Housewares Department to stock up on your outdoor entertaining supplies:

- Start with one of our exciting *new dish patterns!* The bright red *'Poppies'* are striking on any table. We also have *Morning Song* featuring graceful birds, butterflies and flowers. and the always popular *International Chefs*.
- *New! Outdoor plastic dishes* - so perfect for the family - nonbreakable coordinating pieces including dishes and servers. Look for blue hydrangeas, red geranium and red wine themes.
- Pick up your *Chill & Serve Platter* now! These rotating party platters fit perfectly on your table for veggies and dips. Hurry! They go fast!
- A few staples - *plastic beverage containers* with straws come in a number of different sizes. Also pick up some bright colored *serving dishes* to add a little pizzazz to the table.
- *Outdoor Cookbooks* - You'll find a number of cookbooks with grilling secrets and fresh recipes. **MADE IN USA**

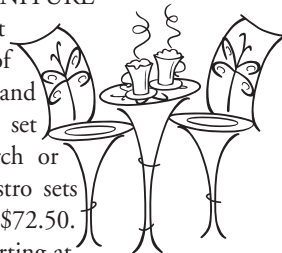


CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF THE SUN

Visit our Conservatory for those summer days that are less than ideal - you'll be inspired by the faux flowers that are always in bloom, the whimsical birds that are always singing and the water fountains that are always gurgling. We have a delightful selection of potted silk flowers in large or small pots and the largest selection of every summer blooms you can imagine to dress up your home inside and out.

GARDEN FURNITURE

Our wrought iron collection of benches, arches and bistro sets will set your patio, porch or lanai apart. Bistro sets starting at only \$72.50. Iron benches starting at just \$82.50.



GARDEN STATUES, BIRD BATHS & MORE

Decorate the garden with stone, iron, and ceramic statues— frogs, fairies, turtles and more. One of our decorative bird baths is an elegant touch to any yard. Light up paths and patios with hanging iron candle lamps on stakes. Dress up your garden room with knick-knacks, lamps and floral arrangements!

Asian Influences

Let Buddha bring peace and reflection to your home. We have many different sizes and different variations from China, Burma and Thailand. We just replenished our selection of rice buckets, vegetable baskets and wooden cookie and cake molds featuring intricate designs. Don't miss the tabletop covered boxes, statues and figurines.

Annual Christmas in July Event!

20% off all holiday decorations
throughout all our Christmas rooms.
(Excludes collectibles.)

Byer's Choice MADE IN USA

Holiday Releases

We have the new holiday figurines all set up in our Christmas Department. Look for the Gingerbread family, the newest edition to the Salvation Army family – Donut Seller and the brand new Night Before Christmas with Santa in the chimney with the family gathered around. Stop by today to choose your newest addition.



RJ Lindsey Presents

Stephen T. Mather:

Saving America's Scenic Wonders
Monday, July 18

To commemorate the 95th anniversary of President Woodrow Wilson signing into law the National Park Service, RJ Lindsey portrays the first park service director, Stephen Mather, Borax millionaire and philanthropist. Using stunning photographs, Director Mather tells stories of Yellowstone, our first national park. He explains how naturalist John Muir fought the San Francisco Plan to flood the Yosemite Valley, and the blowing up of an illegal sawmill in Glacier Park.



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TRAVELER-LOGUE

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

Summer is such a beautiful time of year filled with days in the sun and evenings on the deck. Take a stroll through the Little Traveler to pick up some fun things for your outdoor entertaining.

☞ Fill your home with the scents of summer from *Aromatique* - one of our favorite lines of home fragrances. Choose from *Fresh Hydrangea*, *Grapefruit Fandango*, *Walk in the Woods*, *Flowers of the Field* and more in pot-pourri, reed diffusers and room sprays. MADE IN USA

☞ Here's a great idea for showers, anniversaries or for even creating a custom hostess gift – *Ipsich Bay Soap Company's personalized soaps*. These handcrafted, all natural cold-pressed soaps use a blend of shea butter, pure olive, coconut and palm oil soaps. Choose your own photo or design to have custom labels made for these 2 or 4 oz. soaps. MADE IN USA

☞ Brighten your summer gatherings with fresh *new linens from Vera*. These 100% cotton tablecloths, napkins and placemats featuring the whimsical Vera designs are so cute.

☞ Update your living room, screen porch or patio with *summer throw pillows!* Our huge selection includes pleated sateens, ruffled rose edges, and florals in various colors, textures and fabrications. Our new *Tommy Bahama* indoor/outdoor patterns blend with everything from traditional to Hawaiian.

☞ Heading to the beach or pool? Our *oversized beach towels* and *insulated totes* are the perfect accessories!

☞ Summer entertaining is easy with our lovely selection of *summer paper plates, napkins and guest towels* including the *Lily Pulitzer* line.

☞ Remember friends, share a laugh or just say 'hi' with a *greeting card*. We have one of the best selections to get your message across for any occasion. MADE IN USA

☞ Can't get away this summer? Make your own 'staycation' by treating yourself with plush, lush towels and rich, luxurious soaps and lotions. Be sure to pamper yourself with *All About Feet's* foot cream, foot spray, massaging foot butter and brush. MADE IN USA

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you'll receive exclusive special offers
and know what's new first!*



A Little Traveler Recipe

Cool Lemon Layer Cake

*Barefoot Contessa
Lemon Pound Cake**

- 1/2 c *Stonewall Kitchen Wild Maine
Blueberry Champagne Jam**
- 8 oz. Mascarpone, room temperature
- 1/4 c Packed light-brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp *Madagascar Bourbon
Pure Vanilla Extract**
- 2 c Heavy cream
- 1/2 jar *The Little Traveler Lemon Curd**
Fresh blueberries

Bake *Barefoot Contessa Pound Cake* (Packet 1) according to directions. Combine contents of Packet 2 with *Stonewall Kitchen Wild Blueberry Champagne Jam*, simmer 2-3 minutes, set aside.

Cream filling: Using an electric mixer, beat mascarpone cheese, brown sugar, and *Madagascar Bourbon Pure Vanilla Extract* on high until well combined. With mixer on medium, gradually add heavy cream; continue beating until soft peaks form.

Slice cooled cake (horizontally) in thirds. Arrange 1/3 of cake in a 3-quart serving dish. Spoon 1/3 of Blueberry compote over cake; spread to sides of dish. Spread a small layer of lemon curd over compote. Dollop 1/3 of cream filling, spread to sides of dish. Repeat twice, ending with cream filling. Cover, refrigerate 2 hours (up to 1 day). Garnish with blueberries.

**Available in our Gourmet Department.*

Statement Furniture and Occasional Pieces

We just brought in a large number of fabulous statement pieces for your home. You must see these to appreciate: Slick red leather ottomans and benches, handpainted buffets for your dining room, entry or even bedroom, cool trunks in different motifs that can double as storage and coffee tables. For accents check out our new marble-topped tables, wrought iron benches and more.

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**TICK-TOCK
 CLOCK REPAIR**



Saturday, July 9,
 10am- 4pm
 Antiques Room
 Meet a Master Clock
 Repairman and receive
 repair estimates.

*** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ***

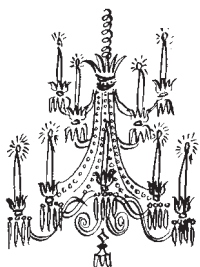
**CRYSTAL REPAIR
 ARTIST ON SITE!**

Mary Lou Gates will repair crystal
 in our Crystal Room from 10:00am-4:30pm.
Wednesday June 8

**KNIFE, SCISSORS & GARDEN
 TOOL SHARPENING**



Besides your knives, drop off your simple
 garden tools (clippers, trowels, etc.) and
 have them ready to go for summer!
 10:00am-4:30pm in our Housewares Dept.
Saturday, June 11



**Affordable
 Chandeliers**

As you stroll through
 The Little Traveler,
 don't forget to look
 up! You'll find a col-
 lection of chandeliers
 unsurpassed by any-
 one... from contemporary to traditional, we
 have the best selection in the area. And our
 prices are incredible! Come see for yourself!

Warm Light, Cool Shadows

The Life and Art of Ruth Van Sickle Ford by Nancy Smith Hopp

Free Special Presentation by the Author, Thursday, July 7, 2:30pm in The Atrium Cafe

Join us for a presentation by author Nancy Smith Hopp, of Aurora, Illinois, as she tells us about this amazing icon of the Fox Valley, the arts and women. Warm Light, Cool Shadows: The Life and Art of Ruth Van Sickle Ford offers an affectionate, in-depth look into one of the Midwest's best watercolorists.



Known as Aurora's 'first lady of the arts,' Ford was a considerable presence in the arts at a time when male artists were most prominent. Born in 1897, and raised in the Fox River Valley, she graduated from the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts in 1918 and later became president and director of the school. She had many famous students including the wartime and editorial car-

toonist Bill Mauldin. The late Sylvia Simon, former owner of The Little Traveler, had the honor to learn from this great icon.

Van Sickle Ford was the first woman from Illinois to be invited into the prestigious American Watercolor Society in 1954, and the first woman artist member of Chicago's Palette & Chisel Academy in 1960. Her art was exhibited with some of the most notable and popular painters of the 20th century – Edward Hopper, Grant Wood, Rockwell Kent, etc.

This is one event you don't want to miss. We will have copies of her book available for purchase and signing.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Little Traveler

I was shopping in Roseville, Minnesota this morning and I was carrying one of your shopping bags. A very nice lady saw it and smiled. She said she visits your store several times a year as her daughter lives in Batavia. I told her I also visit several times a year while visiting with my brother and family in St. Charles. She said the day after Thanksgiving is the best time to go and I told her I will be looking for her then.

I was in the Traveler in March and the runner I purchased is on my table. And I will be wearing my new necklace and earrings on Easter.

Sincerely,
 Arvie Werner, Vadnais Heights, MN

Arvie 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 or online to info@littletraveler.com

THROW A PARTY!

Now booking in our Atrium Cafe

Have your next bridal or baby shower, Red Hat group or book club at The Little Traveler. Summer is booking up fast so call today! Our chef will tailor a menu just for you and a everyone is guaranteed to have a good time. Call 630.232.4200

*Be the first to sign up for events.
 Almanack now available online.
 www.littletraveler.com*