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THE LITTLE TRAVELER Almanack

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A Season of Renewal

It seems like in every new issue of the Almanack, we're telling you about exciting changes at the store—from the expansion of Fair Trade and Housewares to the addition of a larger Alex and Ani counter. This spring, we've got even more fun in store for you. Some of the projects below are still in progress. Stop by to see!

Springtime Renovations

The Bath & Fragrance Shop has a new home at the center of the store with larger and more prominent displays of your favorite bath & body collections.

Linens and Home Lighting has been given dedicated space to better showcase the growing collection. Watch as we build a gallery of chandeliers that will run from Housewares all the way to the new Bath & Fragrance Shop.

The Swarovski Crystal Forest Boutique will be the centerpiece of our Gift Galleries. New fixtures and colors are designed to show off Swarovski's sparkle.

Santa's Workshop at the back corner of our Christmas Rooms is now painted a bright new color and will feature our most whimsical Christmas collections.

The Atrium Café is getting a facelift with new colors on the walls, chairs, and cushions as well as new lighting and fresh wallpaper in the front room.

Exciting New Product Introductions

Our buyers strive to bring you more of what you love while also introducing wonderful new discoveries. Here are three new product lines we're especially excited to bring to you this spring:

Birkenstock: Coming in April. With over 230 years experience in the fine art of shoe making, this brand isn't new—but it's new to us, and we're extra proud of that because Birkenstock doesn't typically add new stores. When they saw what a perfect fit The Little Traveler and its wonderful customers are for the brand, they couldn't resist.

UNO de 50: Jewelry designed, produced, and handcrafted in Madrid, Spain. With a reputation based on craftsmanship and exclusivity, UNO de 50's unique metal designs—with a slightly irregular handmade finish—have a distinctive look that's recognized worldwide.

S'well: In 2010, S'well was launched with a mission to rid the world of plastic bottles. S'well non-toxic stainless steel canteens keep your drinks cold for 24 hours and hot for 12. The company helps provide clean drinking water for everyone by supporting the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, American Forests, and Drink Up.



Build the Best Easter Baskets Ever



Our old-fashioned Candy Room is always filled with tasty treats to delight kids of all ages—and from all eras. Our nostalgic collection of candies includes old favorites like **Turkish Taffy**, **Necco** wafers, and **Nik-L-Nip** wax soda bottles. Organic foods are more than a trend—they're a lifestyle. That's why **Jelly Belly** has dedicated an entire factory in Chicago to creating organic jelly beans. The process posed challenges, but by using natural fruit purees, Jelly Belly was able to create a yummy new line of USDA-Certified organic jelly beans made with non-GMO ingredients.

Toy Room Events

These events for children are free, but some require registration. Call or stop in the Toy Room to sign up. Limited spaces. Visit our website for more details.

WATERCOLORS WORKSHOP Sat., April 2; 9am

Children grades 1-3 will learn how to illustrate with water colors. All supplies provided. *Register in Toys.*



BOOK SIGNING April 2; 10:30am

Meet Lauren Raudabaugh, author of *Mabel's Meadow*, for a book signing.

QUILT STORIES Saturday, April 30; 9am

Children grades K-5 will draw a picture on a block of fabric, which storyteller Linda Brodine will use to make a quilt to be donated to charity. *Register in Toys.* Linda will sign copies of her books: "Gramma, Please Tell Us a Story" & "Gramma, Please Tell Us More Stories."



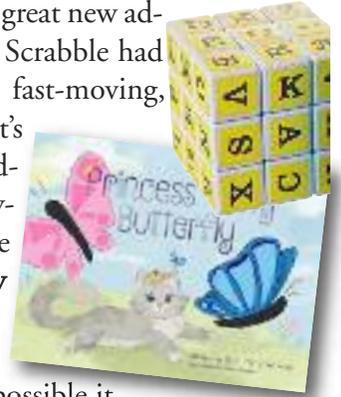
BUGS IN A JAR Saturday, May 14; 9am

Using a variety of mediums, children grades K-2 will draw bugs onto a paper jar based on what they learn from pictures in the "Big Book of Big Bugs." *Register in Toys.*



Fun New Things in the Toy Room

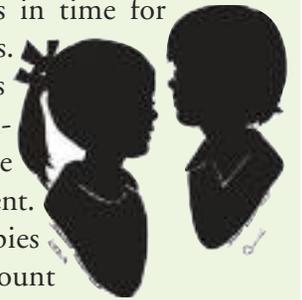
Our toy room is always filled with brain-teasing games, toys, and books for children of all ages. We found great new additions at market. If Rubik's Cube and Scrabble had a baby, it would be **Twizmo! Words**, a fast-moving, three-dimensional word-finding game. It's intellectually challenging for adult word-smiths and educational for younger players, teaching spelling and creative problem solving. Meet **Princess Kitty Butterfly** in a new book/plush kitty set. She shows us how to be who we want to be, regardless of how difficult or impossible it might seem. *Princess Kitty Butterfly* captures the misfit in all of us.



SILHOUETTE PORTRAIT ARTIST

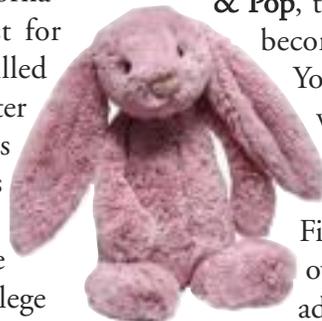
April 21, 22 & 23 by Appointment

Silhouette artist Terry Bramble returns in time for Mother's Day to make beautiful keepsakes. Appointments are required. Silhouettes can also be done from photographs, including pets. Call the store and ask for the Conservatory to schedule your appointment. Original silhouette \$35; additional copies \$17. Oval frames available at a 15% discount during event (includes framing).



A HOPPIN' SPRING MEADOW

Our front Christmas Room has been transformed into a springtime meadow filled with Easter bunnies, eggs, chicks, lambs & more. From whimsical, fluffy critters to elegant gold bunnies & sparkling egg ornaments. Our trees aren't just for Christmas! Find one filled with beautiful Easter ornaments as well as a Sports Tree with your favorite pro & college teams.



EASTER & SPRING FASHIONS FOR LITTLE ONES

The Easter Bunny has left us with a "hoppy" selection of adorable spring ensembles for babies & toddlers. Find dresses and vested pant sets in sizes 3 months to 4T for boys and up to 6T for girls. Our spring layettes are a palette of soft pinks, blues & neutrals. A large selection of soft huggable bunnies, ducks, lambs & other farm animals from **Gund** and **Jellycat** are irresistible. Meet **Prissy & Pop**, the darling mini pigs who've become an internet sensation.

You can now bring home your very own Prissy & Pop from our Baby Department. A portion of proceeds goes to First Coast No More Homeless Pets, which seeks to prevent pet overpopulation by offering free and low-cost spay/neutering, adoption initiatives, and innovative pet retention services.





GENEVA ON WHEELS HISTORY TOURS

Explore Geneva in comfort, learning its stories from a Geneva History Museum guide. Tours start at the museum in a 10-person high-top van. Enjoy a 45-60 minute tour of your choice: Downtown Geneva, Historic Homes, Architecture, or Evening Pub Crawl. \$25/person, includes museum admission. Daytime tours end at The Little Traveler—add on lunch in the Atrium Café & a shopping coupon for an additional \$9.95 per person. Register with the museum for one of their scheduled monthly tours or book your own date. Spring tours start at 10:30am on Thursdays, March 24, April 21 & May 19. For more information, contact the Geneva History Museum at 630-232-4951 or visit GenevaHistoryMuseum.org.

FOUNTAINS OF INSPIRATION

Nothing adds ambiance like the gentle babble of a water fountain. Our Conservatory has new indoor/outdoor fountains in a variety of sizes and themes. Colorful metal figures from Rustic Arrow (pictured) are a great way to add whimsy to your yard. Also find a huge selection of benches, outdoor bistros, yard stakes & spinners.



🌸 Gardenology is Saturday, May 14 🌸

A celebration of the garden.

Watch our website and visit gardenologygenevail.com for details.

SATURDAY FAIRY GARDEN SEMINARS

Both seminars start at 8:30am with breakfast in the Atrium Cafe followed by seminar in the Conservatory. Breakfast and all supplies included in ticket price.

- March 19 - Fairy Lantern Seminar. Create an adorable fairy lantern. \$25
 - April 16 - Live Plant Seminar. Make a fairy garden on a terracotta saucer. \$30
- Register online or by phone (ask for the Conservatory).

Freshen Your Home for Spring

In our room dedicated to home decor, you'll find the perfect table linens, accents, wall decor, mirrors, and lighting for your home, from trendy to classic. Our expanding selection of home lighting options includes on-trend Edison lighting, chandeliers, floor & table lamps. Starting in March, you'll even find outdoor fixtures and bathroom fixtures. Give your decor a splash of spring with indoor/outdoor pillows. This season, we bring you linens from two new-to-us luxury lines. With its roots in the heart of fashion and classic European arts, textiles from **La Maissonette** come in a treasure trove of woven French Jacquards and traditional Provencal table linens. **Amelie Michel** imports beautiful fabrics directly from French textile mills. They're sewn into table linens in Fall River, Massachusetts.



Along with our extensive selection of **Colonial Candle** tapers and pillars in a wide array of colors, we introduce 2 new candle lines in our Gift Galleries. **Trapp** candles are guaranteed to fill a room with fragrance within minutes. The **Votivo** line of luxury candles has a reputation for quality fragrance & distinctive packaging.

COLOR YOURSELF HAPPY IN OUR PAPER DEPARTMENT

Coloring books for adults are filled with stress-relieving patterns. Shut off your mind and let your creative energies flow. Try your hand at our coloring station. New this spring: "Say What" desk signs offer the right combination of workplace camaraderie and dry humor. Artful paper party plates by **Caspari** are inspired by famous museum collections, featuring both classics and contemporary artwork. Vintage-inspired cards by **Knollwood Lane** are handcrafted by artisan moms on natural textures.



Spa Night April 21

6-9pm: Join us for a fun night in our new bath and fragrance area. Get tips from these beauty & wellness experts: Laurie Milbourn from **Going to My Happy Place Yoga**, massage therapist Jean Eakins from **Comfort Zone**, Kristen Kaven from **Montage Salon & Spa**, Kathie Dobrowolski, owner of **Somewhat Organic** soaps. Sample body products and get tips on bath & bedroom decor from our floral designers. Hors d'oeuvres and wine (for those over 21) will be served. \$10, includes shopping coupon, raffle & goody bag. Limited spaces. Register online or by phone (ask for Linens).

Bath & Body

Come visit the new bath and fragrance room, relocated to the center of the store. Popular lines have been expanded to bring you a larger selection of favorite scents and new fragrances for 2016. Introducing **The Naked Bee** lip balm & sunscreen. Block harmful

rays without harmful chemicals. **Kaylastyle** bath products are known for simple, high-quality ingredients and bold packaging—Swedish Dream Sea



Aster soaps and Sunflower facial soaps are new this spring. Try Platine Gold anti-aging face cream by **Camille Beckman** for normal or dry skin. New scents from **Michel Design Works**—black cherry, romance, and sea life. **Mangiacotti** now offers kitchen soaps and surface cleaners. The brand new Artists collection from **Pre de Provence** features Starry Night & Water Lilies.

The Wine Room

Our wine room features a collection of artisan wines from as far as the famed wine regions of Germany, Italy, and Chile to the vineyards of California, and even a few from our own backyard. This spring, we're proud to introduce:

Valle de la Puerta Malbec - Silky smooth with traits of plum, blackberry & mulberry. Hints of mocha and vanillin oak. Grown in Famatina Valley, Argentina.

Vino del Paso Cabernet Sauvignon - An intense, premium wine from Chile. Smooth, well balanced palate.

Weinhaus Dornfelder - This grape is a relatively new breeding from the 1950s that's now a classic German wine.



An International Tea Collection



Whether you're a longtime tea lover or new to the tea scene, you'll find your Zen moment amidst our international selection of teas. New this spring is the Couture Collection from **Tea Forte** in beautiful packaging with designer flavors like lemon sorbetti and tangerine rosemary. **Republic of Tea** introduces the Gift Tea collection. Make special moments even more special with naturally caffeine-free teas like Celebrate (essence of vanilla cake with lemon-coconut icing) and Mom (essence of strawberry shortcake). Or say Thanks with a ginger peach black tea. Wellness is important to everyone, and our collection includes teas blended specifically for this purpose, like **Buddha** Matcha Green Tea, with a natural source of antioxidants that's rich in vitamins and minerals. Get Clean from Republic of Tea comes in a stackable set of three tins to enjoy throughout the day. The teas are blended with elements reputed to help the body release toxins and stimulate key areas to bring you back into balance. Can be served hot or iced. The set includes Wake Up and Get Clean, Get Clean Anytime, and End of Day teas.



HAVE YOUR BEER & EAT IT, TOO

Guinness, the world's most famous stout, has come together with **Lir**, Ireland's award-winning chocolatiers, to create a new taste experience for Guinness lovers. Roasted and creamy notes are complemented by luxury chocolate in the shape of mini Guinness pints. We'll toast to that!



THE CRAFT BEER COLLECTION

Each season we bring in interesting new selections, like the flavorful and adventurous **Go West IPA** from Anchor Brewing and sweet & bold **Blueberry Maple Stout** from Saugatuck Brewing Co. Give beer a zip with **Beer Salt**. Put a dash around the rim of your beer to add a hint of lime, lemon-lime, or hot lime. Comes in a mini beer bottle, so it's easy to carry with you.

STONEWALL KITCHEN

Best selection in Chicagoland



The Little Traveler has the broadest selection of Stonewall Kitchen products in the Chicago area! The Stonewall Kitchen story started at farmer's markets selling jars of jams made on a four-burner stove. That homemade, all-natural tradition continues with delicious jams and sauces. Introducing Certified Organic Jams, including creative flavors like Maple Apple Onion, Sweet Chili, Strawberry Vanilla, and Maine Blueberry. Newcomers to the sauce collection include creamy Alfredo and Basil Alfredo.

VISIT THE GLUTEN-FREE SECTION OF OUR GOURMET ROOMS

It's easy to be gluten-free in 2016. We've got a whole baker's rack filled with gluten-free goodness. Find pastas, soup mixes, meal starters, scones & other baking mixes, popcorn, and more. The only way items get a place on these shelves is to be both gluten-free AND delicious. Also find gluten-free items on our Café menu.



Gluten-Free

NEW! GF product: **Tiny But Mighty Popcorn**

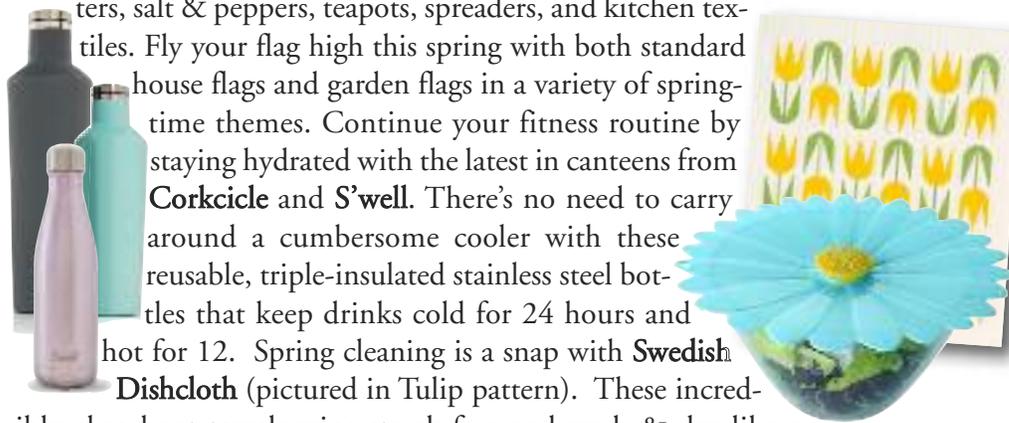


No more picking annoying shells out of your teeth! Tiny But Mighty's heirloom popcorn kernels are so small—coming from an ear only 3 inches long—they're virtually hull-less when popped. Even better, they're non-GMO, gluten free, and grown using organic and sustainable farming practices in Iowa. Disintegrating hulls make this popcorn easier to chew and digest, so

it's better for kids and those with braces or other tooth concerns.

Fresh Items for the Kitchen in Housewares

Everybody's Irish for one day! Celebrate St. Patty's with a li'l bit o' green on platters, salt & peppers, teapots, spreaders, and kitchen textiles. Fly your flag high this spring with both standard house flags and garden flags in a variety of spring-time themes. Continue your fitness routine by staying hydrated with the latest in canteens from **Corkcicle** and **S'well**. There's no need to carry around a cumbersome cooler with these reusable, triple-insulated stainless steel bottles that keep drinks cold for 24 hours and hot for 12. Spring cleaning is a snap with **Swedish Dishcloth** (pictured in Tulip pattern). These incredibly absorbant towels wipe streak-free and wash & dry like a



Nora's introduced great new products this spring, like a new pedestal cake stand. New minis: Graduation Hat • Cross Canoe • Easter Egg • Yellow Tulip



dream. They're also earth-friendly, so you can compost them when you're ready for a new style.

Keep foods as fresh as a daisy with silicone "miracle" lids by **Charles Viancin**, inspired by nature and designed for function. Use them to seal foods and beverages airtight. This spring we have yellow and aqua daisies in various sizes for bowls and cups plus bottle stoppers and even a nifty magnetic hook to improve the functionality of your kitchen by giving you a new place to hang towels, etcetera.

❁ MOTHER/DAUGHTER/GRANDMOTHER BREAKFAST

Just in time for Mother's Day: **Saturday, May 7; 9am**

Enjoy a fun morning of dining & shopping with your very best girls.

Menu - Adults: Oven Browned Lorraine Frittata (potatoes, bacon, caramelized onions, Swiss cheese, eggs), fresh fruit, caramel pecan cinnamon roll, bacon. Children: Golden French Toast Sticks dusted with powdered sugar and served with assorted dipping sauces, fresh fruit, and bacon. Beverages included.

\$12.95 adults; \$9.95 children. Register online or by phone.

❁ Circling the Sun

Tuesday, April 26



Barbara Rinella presents a dramatization of "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain. Learn the fascinating story of Beryl Markham, the first woman to fly solo east to west across the Atlantic Ocean. \$25 ticket includes continental breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Check-in begins at 8:45am; enter at Fulton St. **Online registration begins Monday, March 21.** Only a few seats will be available by phone for those without online access.

TOMS = TOMORROW'S SHOES

No, TOMS wasn't founded by a guy named Tom. It's the heartfelt brainchild of Blake Mycoskie, entrepreneur and former competitor on The Amazing Race. TOMS is a shortened version of "Tomorrow's Shoes"—for every pair of TOMS sold today, a pair will be given to a child in need tomorrow. Last spring we introduced the line at The Little Traveler, and it's been such a hit, we're expanding our selection. Wait until you see the fantastic new styles in sandals, espadrilles & wedges. Find them near the Fair Trade Galleries.



Retail with a Soul

The products in our Fair Trade Galleries help artisans, craftsmen, and farmers in developing nations earn an income to provide for their families. Meet just a few of our vendors:

Lucia's Imports shares the beauty of Mayan art and culture through hand-beaded jewelry, made by artisan groups living near Guatemala's Lake Atitlan. New styles for spring feature beautiful turquoise and pastel beads.

Level Ground Coffee trades directly with small-scale producers and visits them regularly to build relationships. These smooth, delicious coffees from Columbia, Bolivia, Peru, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Congo are grown and harvested using sustainable environmental practices.



Jubilee Traders keeps the art of traditional hand-block printing alive in beautiful linen tablecloths, napkins, placemats, and runners. They're created by 12 artisans in a workshop in Sanganer, Northern India, an area famous for textile printing.





CARIBE TRUNK SHOW

April 30; 11am-3pm

Meet rep Mindy Carlson and see new silhouettes and prints from Caribe. Perfect for travel, attending a special event, or everyday wardrobe staples. In soft synthetic knit for wrinkle-free wear.

PATRICIA LOCKE TRUNK SHOW

April 30; 11am-2pm

Our rep, Maureen Shinnors, will show what's new from this favorite Chicago designer.

NANCY NEILL TRUNK SHOW

May 7; 10am-2pm

One part whimsy, two parts sentiment, this is jewelry that captures your life.

APPAREL: The two color palettes for spring are: 1) happy, bright colors, and 2) soft whites, blush quartz pink, and serenity blue. Navy is the go-to color for pairing. Looks great with crisp white, daffodil yellow, or papaya for a change from black. This spring's top trend is easy styling in loose-fitted, woven shirts in striking solids, checks, stripes, and plaids. Look for cotton and linen blends, including our new favorite wrinkle-free linen by **Fridaze**. Also find fun architectural prints, floral garden themes, and color blocking in tunics. Wear over tie-ankle leggings by **Yest** or relaxed fit **Slimsations** pants by Multiples. Soft, lightweight sweaters take the place of structured jackets in a crayon box of yarn-dyed colors.



HANDBAGS: Tote bags with inner pouches keep your possessions organized and safe. This style has taken the place of oversized handbags. Classic styling in bucket bags with drawstring tops reflect a western trend with a twist. Look for soft colors and flap details. We also have new styles and prints from favorite lines: **LeSportsac**, **Spartina 449**, **Sondra Roberts** (pictured), **Hush Puppies**, and **Joanel**.

JEWELRY: Necklaces with tassels are still fashion favorites this season. New trends in metals include rose gold and brass. Colorful semi-precious stone embellishments add a pop of color to chains, rings, and bracelets.

NEW JEWELRY LINES IN THE ACCESSORIES ROOMS

Introducing bracelets and necklaces from **Uno de 50**, unique metal designs with a slightly irregular hand-made finish. Designed and made in Madrid, Spain. **b.u.** tiny charm necklaces are packaged with whimsical and sentimental sayings with an overall message to always "be yourself." **David Aubrey** statement necklaces (pictured) and earrings are inspired by classic paintings and handcrafted by artisans in New Jersey.



Vera Bradley

'Tis the season to get away and have fun in the sun. With everything from travel tags & cosmetic pouches to large totes and beach bags, Vera's got you covered. On March 10, we'll reveal Vera's new signature colors: Paisley in Paradise and Cobalt Tile. In April, we introduce Nomadic Floral and Nomadic Blossoms along with Preppy Poly in citrine, mint, sky blue, Cobalt Stripe, and Blossom Pink. We also have new sentimental Vera Bradley jewelry.

EYEWEAR: Go retro with 40s & 50s influences, like aviators, round lenses, cat eye shapes, and oversized frames in lots of colorful combinations. Only \$9.99!

HATS: Fancy hats from cloches to portraits are perfect for Derby parties. Don't wait too long to get yours—the selection goes as fast as the horses!



Bring on April Showers!

Outwit the weather with the Right as Rain collection from **Joules**, a UK based company that seeks to make the ordinary, extraordinary. These floral patterned ponchos and raincoats are so pretty, you'll find yourself doing a rain dance just so you can wear 'em.

The Largest Collection of Brighton in Chicagoland!

First time visitors are often amazed by our comprehensive selection of all things Brighton. The first blooms of spring come in blues and reds on white in the new **Wintergarden** collection, featuring totes (pictured) handbags, organizers and wallets. The **Bella Capri** collection of jewelry (pictured) and accessories captures the Mediterranean romance of Capri, reflecting the luminescence of its blue water and its classic tile designs. Introducing **B.Y.B**—Brighton Your Bag! This new program allows you to customize and easily change the look of your Brighton bag with detachable tassels and handles. Come in to "try on" various combinations to find your perfect fit.



Brighton.





We hear you! Your love of these meaningful bracelets inspired us to give **Alex and Ani** its very own space in our store, so we can bring you one of the largest collections in the area.

Just as brighter mornings and longer days radiate fresh energy, Alex and Ani's new offerings bring a fresh new energy to the collection. In *The New Day*, the color palette is a nod to nature's hues in subtle shades of purple, peach, creams, and vibrant green. Powerful new symbols illuminate the Path of Symbols collection—for example, the ancient Egyptian Scarab, which symbolizes renewal and safe passage through the unknown.

The Real Downton Abbey

🌸 Tuesday, March 15 & 29



As the final season of the popular PBS *Downton Abbey* draws to a close, Lynn Rymarz shares the fascinating true story of how Catherine Wendell, an American-born

woman, became the Sixth Countess of Carnarvon. In this dramatization of "Lady Catherine and the Real Downton Abbey," written by the Fiona Carnarvon, the current countess, you'll go behind the scenes of the real characters that lived in Highclere castle, the setting of *Downton Abbey*, and learn how it wasn't always happily ever after.

\$25 ticket includes continental breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Check-in begins at 8:45am; enter at Fulton Street. **Online registration is open.** Only a few seats will be available by phone for those without online access.

Get Your Kicks in Our Shoe Room

With so many options in our ever expanding collection of footwear, the shoe will definitely fit. As we told you on the front page, one of our big announcements this spring will be the April addition of

BIRKENSTOCKS. These German-made comfort sandals, world renowned for durability and workmanship, took top honors in the Women's Comfort category of the 2015 Footwear Plus Awards.

How do they do it? With top quality materials and low-waste production.

TAOS shoes are inspired by the natural beauty and creative culture of the American Southwest. The company believes that women shouldn't have to choose between style & comfort. We agree. This spring we've stepped up the style and color selection from Taos, including new colors in Trulie (pictured), one of the most loved styles. **FIT KICKS** are the ultimate exercise shoe with a form-fitting, stretchy upper and flexible sole. **NAOT** will spice up your wardrobe with colorful sandals in a mixture of textures and leather treatments with all the comfort and style you've come to expect from these shoes made in Israel.

BIRKENSTOCK

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NAOT

NAOT TRUNK SHOW & TRADE-IN - March 18-20

See what's new from Naot. On Saturday, March 19, meet Ann Wingrove, our Naot rep. Come in to try on a pair of Naot shoes anytime during the event, and we'll donate a pair to Lazarus House, which provides hope in the form of hospitality, food, safe shelter, and education to neighbors in need.



The Atrium Café

Now serving breakfast items all day! The Café menu is always fresh with creative seasonal items. Through early spring, find specialties like Fire Roasted Vegetable Lasagna and Weight Watchers-friendly entrees like Grilled Chicken Cobb Flatbread Panini (8 points). View the full menu at our website. Strawberry season is coming! When Chef David judges them to be ripe and juicy enough, you'll find strawberrylicious specials like Strawberry Rhubarb Pie.

Mother's Day Brunch 🌸

Now taking reservations for brunch on Mother's Day—call and ask for the Café. Limited seating available. Free mimosas for moms!

Carryout Catering

Now you can serve Atrium Café favorites at your gatherings and club meetings. The catering menu includes our famous mini sandwiches, quiches, side and entree salads, desserts, and more. Please visit our website to see the full menu. 24 hours advance notice.

🌸 BRUNCH AND SEMINAR

Simple Techniques for Healthy Cooking

Saturday, April 23; 11am



Join chef David Bogash and his wife, Meg Bogash, a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, to learn how to incorporate simple healthy cooking options into your daily lifestyle. Brunch & samples included. \$20. Register online or by phone (ask for the Gift Gallery).

We can host parties of up to 50 guests for birthdays, showers, etc. Don't forget we're now open on Sundays. Dates book fast, so don't hesitate to reserve. For more information, call or e-mail davidb@littletraveler.com.

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🌸 We Will Survive

Tuesday, May 17



In this uplifting Book Review, Jenny Riddle shows the coping mechanisms of three very different women: Emily Post, as portrayed in Laura Claridge's biography "Mistress of American Manners"; Alexandra Penney, whose book "The Bag Lady Papers" tells what one person suffered in the Madoff scandal; Christie Mellor, who adds hilarity to the minefields faced by today's women in her book "You Look Fine, Really." \$25 ticket includes continental breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Check-in begins at 8:45am; enter at Fulton Street. **Registration begins Monday, April 18.** Only a limited number of seats will be available by phone for those without online access.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Little Traveler,

While I was a junior at Wheaton College, I ended up at Community Hospital for unexpected surgery. The hospital was once upon a time located across from The Little Traveler. I looked out the window across the street to a beautiful mansion and saw shoppers go into this lovely shop and come out with a package and a smile.

I had never heard of The Little Traveler and was fascinated by what could possibly be inside. I was grateful for successful surgery and wonderful care at the hospital. I was also thankful for the hope that when I was healed and better, I was going to find out personally about The Little Traveler, which I did that summer.

I was delighted to find room after room of treasures and unique items, feeling more like I was in someone's home than in a store. I too left with a package and a smile. The story comes full circle because years later as an Activity Director at a senior village in Northbrook, I would bring my residents to The Little Traveler to discover the joy of shopping which I had experienced.

This memory was triggered recently when I came across the invoice from the hospital. In 1966, my major surgery cost \$250! Even better was that that was how I found out about The Little Traveler. ~Cheryl Krupa, Des Plaines, IL

Cheryl 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.

RESTORATION EXPERTS

Knife Sharpening

March 19; 10am-4:30pm

Metal Restoration

March 19; 10am-4pm
 May 7; 10am-4pm

Dollmenders

April 9; 11am-3pm

Crystal Repair

April 13; 10am-4pm

RECIPE: Tomato Herb Frittata

1 Tbsp. olive oil*	Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup leeks, chopped	1/2 cup grated Parmesan or Pecorino cheese
1/2 cup bell pepper, diced	2 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped
8 eggs	1/2 cup Stonewall Kitchen Tomato Herb
3 Tbsp. milk	Bruschetta Spread*
1/2 tsp. fresh grated lemon zest	1 1/2 cups potato, cubed and boiled

Preheat oven to 400°. Heat olive oil in a 10" oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Sauté leeks & bell pepper until tender. Set aside to cool. In bowl, whisk eggs, milk, lemon zest, salt, pepper, cheese, parsley & Tomato Herb Bruschetta Spread. Stir in potatoes, leeks, and bell pepper. Wipe skillet clean with paper towel and coat bottom and sides with oil. Heat pan over medium heat. Add eggs, tilting pan to evenly distribute. Cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and bake in oven for 8-12 minutes or until puffed and set in the center. Cut frittata into wedges and serve hot or at room temperature.

*Available in our Gourmet Department