

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The next Almanack you'll receive in the mail is the summer 2017 edition. We'll continue to publish the spring and autumn Almanacks, but they'll only be available online and in-store. **Sign up at our website for weekly e-mails** to be the first to know when the online Almanacks are available. You'll also receive breaking news about new arrivals and additional events. We'll continue to mail the summer and holiday Almanacks. Paper copies of all seasonal issues will be available in-store.

THE LITTLE TRAVELER Almanack

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Holiday Happenings

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❄️ Holiday Entertaining Seminar
November 10

❄️ Silhouette Portrait Artist
Nov 10-13

Patricia Locke Trunk Show
November 12

❄️ Empty Arms, Open Hearts
November 15

Christmas Walk & ❄️ House Tour
Dec 2 & 3

Nora Fleming Visit
December 9

❄️ Fairy Garden Seminar
December 10

Uno de 50 Trunk Show
December 10

❄️ Marshall Field's at Christmas
December 13

❄️ Tansy's Tales Author Event
December 17

Nancy Neill Trunk Show
December 17

❄️ The Legend of St. Nicholas
December 17

❄️ =Event registration required.

If you've already signed up for a November event and don't see it listed here, don't worry! The event is still on but it's sold out. Event details are at our website under the Events tab.

Add Sparkle to the Season

During this season of giving, we know the best gifts are the ones that speak to the unique bond between giver and receiver. As you read through these pages, we hope to spark happy thoughts of those you love. May every gift you give this Christmastime bring that special glint to the receiver's eye that lets you know you nailed it.

Christmas Walk December 2 & 3



Photo courtesy of Brian DeWolf

GENEVA CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Friday, Dec. 2 11am-8pm; Saturday, Dec 3 11am-5pm

Tour five festive Geneva homes. The Little Traveler's design team will take you back to an era when life was simpler when they decorate an historic Queen Anne Stick style home dating back to 1893. Using the homeowner's beautiful collection of antiques as inspiration, they'll create a yuletide atmosphere of casual elegance. Tickets for this event are required. \$30 tickets will be available for purchase in our Gift Galleries starting in November.

It's a Geneva tradition to ring in the Christmas season with a weekend of old-fashioned fun. Santa Lucia will arrive on the Courthouse lawn at 6pm on Friday, Dec. 2 followed by Santa lighting the great tree. Enjoy roasted chestnuts, strolling carolers, and a live nativity. Visit genevachamber.com for a full listing of events.

WE'LL CELEBRATE IN TRUE LITTLE TRAVELER STYLE:

- Open late on Friday, Dec. 2 until 10pm and on Saturday, Dec. 3 until 7pm.
- Fresh-baked Christmas cookies complimentary in our Café on Friday 7-10pm.
- Drawings & giveaways in the Gift Galleries on Friday, December 2 11am-3pm.
 - Meet Anne Andrea from **Swarovski** & Joseph Goulet from **Candle Impressions**
 - Meet restoration experts Mary Lou Gates & Rita Robbins (on Saturday, too!)
 - Gifts w/ purchase of **Williraye** folkart & **Candle Impressions** flameless candles
 - Enter drawings to win pieces from Swarovski, **Colonial Candle** & **Williraye**
- Free gift with a \$45 purchase of **Inis** fragrances of Ireland (while they last).
- Meet the owner of **Somewhat Organic Soaps** Dec. 2 4-8pm & Dec. 3 1-4pm.
- Book signing with local children's author JB Michaels on Dec. 3 11am-3pm.

TOP 10 GIFTS FOR TEENS

1. Jellycat stuffed animals.
Baby Room.
2. Alex and Ani charm bracelets
Alex and Ani Counter
3. Zip ID holders
Vera Bradley 
4. MantraBand bracelet
Accessories
5. Angel wing keychains
Paper Department
6. Snowman booties & funky socks
Shoe Room
7. Chavez for Charity bracelets
Gracious Goods
8. TOMS shoes
Gracious Goods 
9. Emoji Tervis Tumbler
Housewares
10. Naked Bee natural body products
Bath Shop

CATCH EMOJI FEVER



Emojis are the hot trend this season. Spot them around the store—like on Tervis tumblers in Housewares or gumball machines, bracelets, and more in the Toy Room. See where else you can find them!

SILHOUETTE PORTRAITS



Nov. 10-13 Terry Bramble returns to make beautiful keepsakes in time for holiday gift giving. Appointments are required. Silhouettes can also be done from photographs, including pets. Call the store and ask for the Floral Department to schedule your appointment. Original silhouette \$35; additional copies \$17. Oval frames available at a 15% discount during event (includes framing).

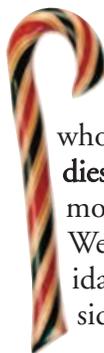
The Legend of St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 17; 8:45am

Without the 4th-century Saint Nicholas, there wouldn't be Santa Claus. The old English Father Christmas will tell stories of St. Nicholas in various countries. He'll also share popular Christmas symbols and tell of worldwide Christmas traditions. Program is for ages 4 & up and their parents. \$20 for adults; \$15 for children, includes breakfast and a shopping coupon. A companion book will be available for purchase at the event for \$10. Fulton Street doors open at 8:45am; breakfast begins promptly at 9am. Register by phone.



Visions of Sugar Plums



We don't actually know anyone who dreams of sugarplums (truth time: we're not even sure what a sugarplum is), but we know plenty of people who crave gingerbread men, chocolate-filled candy canes, and **nostalgic candies** from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s & '90s—you'll find all of this and so much more in our old-fashioned Candy Shop. When Danish immigrant Lotte Weinstein began making her delectable toffee for special gifts around the holidays, everyone wanted to be her neighbor and friend. Now we can all consider ourselves her friend with gift boxes of famous **Mrs. Weinstein's Toffee**.

Don't forget your treat-filled **Advent Calendars!**

Santa's Secret: Our Toy Shop

This eye-catching BMW is child-sized! We also have a sit-on Range Rover that plays music. Smaller battery-operated planes, helicopters, cars & robots walk and play music. As always, we have a great selection of wooden toys by **Melissa & Doug** and beautiful **Madame Alexander** dolls. We also now carry adorable & soft **Adora** dolls. Don't miss our delightful assortment of Christmas books as well as captivating titles for year-round. No under-the-tree collection is complete without something stuffed & cuddly—we have small to giant-sized. What kid wouldn't want a **Color-Your-Own Reindeer Barn** they can actually crawl into?



Stocking Stuffers for under \$5

Wind-up Toys • Emoji Bracelets • Mini Sound Blasters • Bling Rings
Mini Flash Balls • Animal Tape Measures • Magnifying Glass

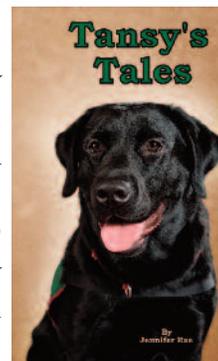
BOOK SIGNING with JB Michaels

Saturday, Dec. 3; 11am–3 pm. Meet this local author as he signs copies of his Christmas series, *The Tannenbaum Tailors*—action-packed chapter books for 4th grade & above.



TANSY'S TALES December 17; 2pm

We welcome back author Jennifer Rae and retired therapy dog Brightie. While you enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and tea, Jennifer will share *Tansy's Tales*, the antics of Tansy and Brightie, who are left home alone due to a family emergency. She'll also share the process of training therapy dogs. \$10 ticket includes a shopping coupon. Book signing to follow in the Bath Shop. Register online or by phone (Floral Dept.). Books will be available for purchase in Toy Room.



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS IN HOUSEWARES

Get your sparkle on this season with household products with metallic details, like gold-plated dinner and desert plates and bottle stoppers. You'll even find metallic detailing on kitchen textiles. Our amazing assortment of kitchen gadgets make holiday prep easier by helping with tasks like crushing garlic, squeezing fresh lemon juice, and keeping brown sugar soft. Our ever-changing collection of coasters and mugs is always filled with witty wisdom, pretty pictures, sports teams & holiday themes. We have a wide assortment of beautiful cutting boards



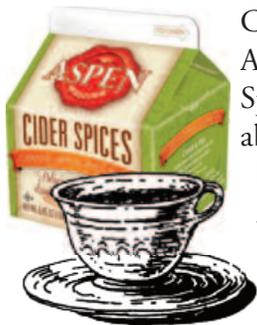
from marble to wood. They're the perfect way to present cheeses and other nibbles during your holiday gatherings. A premium water bottle from **S'well** or **Corkcicle** will be appreciated by the active people in your life—they keep drinks cold for 24 hours and hot for 12. This season, we have three Christmas dinnerware patterns: The Night Before Christmas is a whimsical Santa pattern; Snowman Sleigh (pictured) features cheery snowmen; Heartland Holiday is perfect for horse lovers. Be sure to also check out our collection of Christmas cookie jars.

NORA FLEMING PERSONAL APPEARANCE Friday, December 9 from 1-3pm



Nora Fleming started a sensation with her elegant ceramic serving pieces that suit every occasion when you change out the adorable Mini decoration. We're excited for her personal visit to our store! Pre-purchase your platters now to have her sign—then pick up signed items in our Housewares department after Dec. 9. Receive a FREE limited-edition Pink Butterfly Mini with pre-purchases and platters purchased and signed that day (while supplies last). You'll receive the free Mini when you pick up your signed platter.

COFFEES, TEAS & COCOAS



Cozy up with Aspen Mulling Spices, now available in two new blends: Caramel Apple & Cinnamon Orange—excellent for use in beverages and baked goods. Matcha tea is available in more varieties than ever. We have a fun and abundant collection of novelty hot cocoas, featuring favorite characters and sassy sayings.

Holiday Wine Cellar

Three Lakes Winery Holiday Harvest

A blend of cranberry and mild rhubarb.

Pennsylvania Dutch Egg Nog

A festive blend of whiskey, brandy, and rum with dairy creamer

Pennsylvania Dutch Pumpkin

A cream liqueur tasting of warm pumpkin and a hint of spice

Door Peninsula Red Christmas

A light cherry and white grape blush wine with a hint of sweetness.



TOP 10

GOURMET GIFTS

Virtually everyone on your list will appreciate the gift of food. We make it easy with pre-packaged gourmet gift sets. We're also happy to create custom gift baskets—**GREAT FOR CORPORATE GIFT GIVING.**

1. **Stackable gift boxes** filled with treats \$15.95 - \$19.95
2. **Highland Sugarworks** novelty-shaped syrups.
3. **Mrs. Weinstein's** boxed toffees & chocolates.
4. **Walker shortbread** wobbly tins (pictured)
5. **Stonewall Kitchen** holiday grilling collection.
6. **Robert Rothschild** chocolate pretzel & Peppermint Candy Cane Dip set.
7. **Brown Family Farms** syrup & pancake mix boxed sets.
8. **Stonewall Kitchen** boxed holiday & blueberry jam singles.
9. **Robert Rothschild** sweet & savory combination gift box.
10. **Custom gourmet gifts**—choose what you want & we'll gift package it for FREE!



GOURMET

Little Pleasures

soup mixes are a guilt-free pleasure—they're all-natural, contain no MSG, and are low in salt.

Enjoy in hearty flavors like Bean, Beer & Brat, Southwest Taco, Dutch Pea, and French Market. Their pretty packaging makes them great for gift giving. As you come and go for the holidays, be sure to pick up a few pre-made grab 'n go snacks, like healthy trail mixes to keep in your purse, in your car, anywhere the munchies might hit you.



TOP 10

SILLY STRING LIGHTS

Ten fun shapes we bet you never expected to find in string lights:

1. R2-D2
2. Peace Signs
3. Owls
4. Minions
5. Chili Peppers
6. Flickering Candles
7. Ballerina Slippers
8. Soccer Balls
9. Fishing Bobbers
10. Peppermint Candies



NEW IN DEPARTMENT 56 VILLAGES

As a **Platinum Key Dealer**, The Little Traveler has the most complete collection of Department 56 in the area. Celebrate 40 years of Department 56 with commemorative pieces, like Anniversary Gazebos. Relive a modern classic in miniature with Gimbels and other buildings and figures from the new Elf the Movie collection.

JOIN OUR DEPARTMENT 56 CLUB: Buy 1 building, get 15% off 2 accessories. Buy 5 buildings, get 20% off a 6th building.

A stroll through our forest of themed trees in our year-round Christmas Rooms will get you in the spirit. We even have a chandelier tree hanging upside down from our ceiling. Find an ornament for everyone you love and even those you're not so sure about, featuring pets, food, sports, princesses, Dr. Who, Star Wars, Minions, need we go on? Honor a special person or occasion with a personalized ornament—just tell us what you want it to say. Fair Trade copper and brass ornaments from **Pilgrim Imports**, like the new Chicago ornament pictured here, are stunning in detail and made in a once-impooverished village outside Chiang Mai, Thailand. Artisans use traditional metalworking skills to earn a living and keep their families together.



HOLIDAY DECORATING & ENTERTAINING SEMINAR

Thursday, Nov. 10 5:30-9pm



Enjoy an evening of shopping and demonstrations by our experts—on everything from beautiful holiday floral décor to delicious party foods to fashionable apparel for seasonal events. \$15 ticket includes refreshments, wine tastings, all demonstrations, and a shopping coupon to use that night. Register online or by phone (ask for the Gift Galleries).



CITY OF GENEVA ORNAMENT

This year's City of Geneva collectible ornament features the historic Moore House, aka The Little Traveler building. This limited-edition piece is available in our Christmas Rooms.

JIM SHORE

Hand-painted figurines by Jim Shore blend elements of folk art with traditional imagery. In our Christmas Rooms, you'll find beautiful angels, international Santas, eccentric nutcrackers, a nativity, and characters from Disney's *Frozen* among many others



BYERS' CHOICE

Collectible carolers are hand-crafted in the Byers' Pennsylvania workshop. Come in to see our extensive selection of new pieces for 2016, including playful and adorable Christmas mice.

OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS

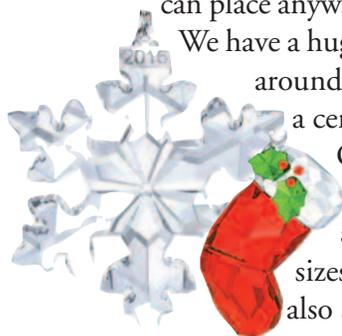


Old World Christmas founders Tim and Beth Merck are credited with revitalizing the art of blown glass ornaments in America. Old World glass ornaments are hand-crafted in age-old tradition using the same techniques that originated in the 1800s. Molten glass is mouth-blown into finely carved molds. The ornaments are then hand-painted and glittered in a series of steps to create beautiful pieces from traditional to whimsical.

FINE GIFTWARE IN OUR GIFT GALLERIES

Make Christmas more magical with battery-operated mini string lights that you can place anywhere—with no gawky electric cord to get in your way.

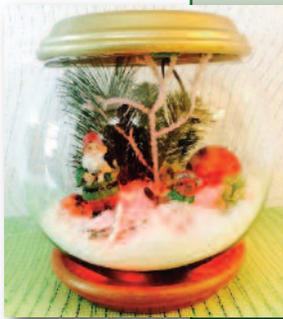
We have a huge selection of colors with the best quality and pricing around. Stick them in a glass vase filled with ornaments for a centerpiece, accentuate your mantle décor, get creative!



Our **Swarovski Crystal Forest Boutique** is a sparkling winter wonderland. The Swarovski collectible snowflake is in its 25th year, featuring three different sizes for 2016. Collectible bells and ball ornaments are also stunning along with other holiday designs.

CONSERVATORY

The beautiful pre-lit Christmas trees in our Conservatory are for sale. Choose from full-size to small, including battery-operated tabletop trees—perfect for dorms, apartments, and retirement-home living. See our delightful selection of holiday fairies and fairy garden accessories as well as festive floral accents for the entire home.



FAIRY GARDEN SNOW GLOBE SEMINAR Sat., Dec. 10; 8:30am

Enjoy breakfast in our Atrium Cafe and then create a winter-garden fairy snow globe for the holidays, complete with lights. \$35 ticket includes all supplies and breakfast. Register online or by phone (Conservatory).

CANDLES - TRADITIONAL & FLAMELESS



We carry the top names in candles—**Ribbonwick, Trapp, Thymes, Colonial**—for the best scents, longest lasting & most comprehensive selection around, including a variety of options in flameless candles. Find votives, jars, pillars, and candlesticks in a full array of colors.

LINENS AND HOME DECOR

Change the look of a room with a new piece of wall art or a lighting fixture from our huge collection of home décor.

Whether you prefer a country Christmas or a glitzy one, our Linen Room has everything you need for your holiday entertaining. Find placemats, tablecloths, runners, napkins & napkin rings from favorite designers like **Spode, Pimpernel, and April Cornell**.

Floral wreaths & swags throughout the store are for sale. We also make custom pieces. Inquire in our Conservatory.

HOLIDAY PAPER GOODS & NOVELTIES

Holiday gatherings can be easy and elegant with beautiful paper plates & napkins. The “Thomas T. Byrd” pattern by **Caspari** will lend a traditional look to your Thanksgiving table. Add some fun to stockings with earrings, bracelets & fun Christmas glasses that light up. Give the gift of relaxation with adult coloring books and colored pencils.



REMEMBERING MARSHALL FIELD'S AT CHRISTMAS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13; 8:45am



For many Chicagoans, no Christmas season was complete without a visit to Marshall Field's, the city's grande dame of department stores. This illustrated talk with Leslie Goddard traces the store's beloved holiday traditions, including the Walnut Room Christmas tree and holiday window displays. Peek behind-the-scenes at the employee party. And of course, meet Uncle Mistletoe and his family. \$25. Due to the popularity of this program, all tickets will be available online only. Registration begins **Monday, Nov. 14 at 7am**. Please visit the event at our website before that date to be informed of our registration rules. There will be no phone-in registration.

TOP 10

GIFTS FOR PETS & PET LOVERS

1. Portable dog bowls
Gift Gallery
2. Pet picture frames
Gift Gallery
3. Pawsitive bracelets & keychains
Paper Dept.
4. Pet magnets
Housewares
5. Pet dishtowels, aprons & more
Housewares
6. Somewhat Organic dog soap
Bath Shop
7. Car Coasters by dog & cat breed
Housewares
8. Sassy pet bandanas & dog tags
Paper Department
9. Crinkle Paw plush toys for pets
Paper Department
10. Healthy Dogma dog treats
Gourmet



THE BATH SHOP

The Bath Shop at the center of our store has everything you need to relax and unwind during the hectic holidays. **Greenscape Organic** hand creams, body lotions, and hand wash are naturally nourishing with essential oils. Enjoy in Grapefruit & Lime, Mint & Bergamot, or Lavender Wood scents. **Lindo** heath & beauty products are little luxuries to aid in body care.



The twist-n-roll tweezer gently removes hair in one twist motion. Shiatsu back massager and foot roller decrease tension in key spots. Introducing mega-moisturizing Argan oil in body butter and soaps from **Pre de Provence** in sweet orange and lavender. **At the Sink** hand soap, hand lotion, dish soap & counter spray are plant-based products with a dash of fragrance. Made in France.

TOP 10 GIFTS FOR MEN

We know men can be difficult to buy for, so we did the shopping for you. Just stop by to find what he'll love.

1. Knit sweaters & flannel shirts
Men's Shop
2. Novelty ties in manly patterns
Men's Shop
3. Pro team & college Tervis
Housewares
4. Chicago team coasters
Housewares
5. Bookends
The Gift Gallery
6. Omega shave cream & brush sets
Bath Shop
7. Poo-pourri bathroom spray
Bath Shop
8. Darn Tough socks for men
Shoe Room



9. Guinness chocolate pints & bars
Wine Room
10. Jack Daniels fudge & caramels
Wine Room

Winter Fashion Forecast

CLOTHING: Tops and blouses from **Collection by Bobeau** offer contemporary styling with Missy fit. **Wind River** sweaters are a favorite for the season. They have the look of handknit in marled, colorful yarn edged in black. Get your bling on with appliqued holiday themes on tops and cardigans. 'Tis the season for capes, ruanas, and lightweight knitted wraps—their one-size fitting makes them perfect for gifts. **20% off a large selection of outerwear coats.** We have fabulous new styles in down-filled, boiled wools, poly-filled, and reversible faux fur. **JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES:** Introducing exciting new collections. **Edgy Petal** is handmade in California using mixed metals and natural stone beads to create a look that's feminine with an edge. Bracelets and necklaces by **My Saint My Hero** are inspired by ordinary people with extraordinary faith, encouraging wearers to live a life of purpose. Also find new pieces from favorite collections, like inspirational **MantraBand** bracelets. We have *exclusive* red & green combos from popular **Dona Bela Shreds** scarves—only available at The Little Traveler. Cold-weather accessories don't have to be boring to be warm. Our collection of scarves, gloves, mittens & earmuffs come in fun fur, chunky knits, and lush woven yarns.



Add an infinity scarf with fringe over a sweater or coat to keep warm and on-trend.



Watch our e-mails for details about our first ever **Uno De 50 Trunk Show** on December 10. Distinctive jewelry designs from Madrid, Spain.

Nancy Neill Trunk Show December 17th; 10am-2pm

Get your last-minute shopping done in the most thoughtful of ways. This local designer uses metal, glass, crystal, and stone components in her artful jewelry designs.



Patricia Locke Trunk Show

NOVEMBER 12; 10AM-1PM

Our Patricia Locke rep will show what's new from this favorite Chicago designer. The regal Winter Palace Collection is available in a variety of color stories.



NOTHING SAYS SNUGGLY LIKE SOCKS & SLIPPERS



Super-soft **Snoozies** come in fun novelty prints and blingy sequins with a washable, non-skid sole. You'll love new Nordic-influenced patterns. **Darn Tough** socks are made in Vermont and live up to their name. Using natural fibers and dyes, artisans in Peru craft beautiful & soft **Tey-Art** alpaca socks. **Happy Socks** turn an everyday essential into a fun design piece, made with quality materials for durability. **Simply Accessories** is in the spirit with snowmen, santas, penguins, trees & more on their cotton-blend socks. Don't miss snowman booties & reindeer slippers for under \$20.

HANDBAGS & TRAVELBAGS

Everyone's nuts about the Peanuts collection from **LeSportsac**, featuring Snoopy, Woodstock & Charlie Brown. **Vera Bradley** has gone through a reinvention, introducing collections with an entirely new look that you'd never guess are Vera Bradley, like the bowler satchel pictured here. Also see classic styles in new signature prints.



Vera Bradley



LESPOUSAC

WINTER-TOUGH SHOES & BOOTS

The classic **Birkenstock** style for winter is the shearling-lined Boston clog. Shoes and boots from **Taos** are increasingly popular as more of you discover their superior blend of comfort and style. Their top-selling Crave boot is now available in more colors than ever. New **Naot** styles in Mary Janes, clogs & boots have a contemporary edge. Stylish outdoor winter boots by **Cougar** are guaranteed waterproof.



BIRKENSTOCK

NAOT

COUGAR

taos

Gracious Goods Gallery

featuring Fair Trade and Philanthropic Goods

Our fair trade and philanthropic collections have been combined into one gallery that's good for the world. Anything you purchase in our renamed Gracious Goods Gallery either provides income for artisans living in marginalized communities around the world or supports charitable giving to those in need. These international collections are now highlighted in new display fixtures to better showcase their uniqueness and beauty. We're excited to be among the first retailers to carry handcrafted jewelry from **Muse Group**, providing economic and professional development opportunities for young, low-income women in Côte d'Ivoire in



West Africa. These artisans have designed custom jewelry exclusively available in our Gracious Goods Gallery! **Riri** jewelry is inspired by the Kenyan landscape, using semi-precious stones, brass, and upcycled materials such as horn, bone, recycled wood, and glass. Riri designers work with a vast network of Kenyan artisans to make jewelry that honors and celebrates their heritage. This season, we introduce a Riri collection especially designed for The Little Traveler. Pair your jewelry with new styles of winter dresses from **Mata Traders** and boho palazzo pants from **The Elephant Pants**—proceeds help protect elephants. **TOMS** has many fabulous new shoes & boots. For each pair sold, a new pair of shoes is given to a child in need. Colorful beaded bracelets by **Chavez for Charity** benefit many great causes.



ALEX AND ANI[®] (+) ENERGY



With one of the biggest selections of Alex and Ani around, we needed more room to showcase these meaningful charm bracelets, rings, and necklaces. So we expanded our counters to bring you even more of what you love. This season, watch for the arrival of the limited-edition 2016 Snowflake bangle and more new styles and sets for the holidays, including 2 new Charity by Design collections that give back.

Sign up for our e-mail list to learn about special Alex and Ani promotions.

TOP 10 STOCKING STUFFERS

1. **Limoges-style boxes**
Gift Gallery
2. **Light-up bottle stoppers**
Housewares
3. **Holiday list pads w/ spatula**
Housewares
4. **Password-keeper notebooks**
Paper Department
5. **Triple-dipped malted milk balls**
Candy Room
6. **Fair Trade ornaments**
Gracious Goods
7. **Armored Wallets**
Paper Department
8. **Snowflake jewelry**
Accessories
9. **Novelty socks**
Shoe Room
10. **Cupcake soaps**
Bath Shop



Mini Fashions



Get your elves ready for holiday gatherings with the cutest and coziest in children's fashions. Sizes newborn to 6X for girls and newborn to 4T for boys. Jellycat is the master of making stuffed animals with personality. Meet Divine Reindeer.

Brighton.

We're the Largest independent Brighton dealer in the Midwest.



The brand new Christo Cuff bracelet is designed to go with everything. It comes with reversible leather with a different color on each side so you can transform your look instantly. New open-heart Contempo Love jewelry is designed to match the popular Contempo collection. Boxed jewelry and charm sets feature favorite Brighton styles ready-to-go for gift-giving.



Empty Arms, Open Hearts

November 15 at 2pm

Meet Evangeline Skowronski and Claudia Byrne, authors of these poignant & humorous stories about adoption & parenthood. Tea 2-3pm. Book signing 3-5pm. \$10 for Tea, includes a shopping coupon. Seminar registrants who come early to shop can pick up the coupon in the Conservatory at any time on the day of the event. Register online or by phone (Floral Dept.).





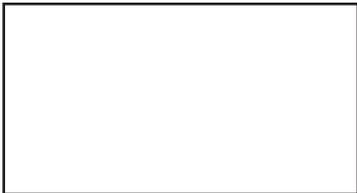
SHOP HOURS
 Mon.-Fri. 10am-5pm
 Sat. 10am-5:30pm
 Sun. 11am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving,
 Christmas & New Year's Day



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Don't forget to sign up at our website for weekly e-mails to receive notice of our online-only spring & autumn Almanacks. We'll continue to mail the summer & holiday issues.

IN THE ATRIUM CAFÉ

LET US DO YOUR HOLIDAY BAKING FOR YOU. Through Dec 23, we'll take orders from our **Fresh-from-Scratch Pie Shop**. (Minimum of 24-hour advance notice.)

Pies are \$9.95 each. Choose from:
 Apple • Cherry • Blueberry • Strawberry
 Rhubarb • Pumpkin • Pecan • Key Lime
 Fresh Strawberry • Lemon Meringue
 Coconut Meringue • Chocolate Peppermint

HAPPY HOUR 2-4pm Mon.-Sat.
 1/2 price desserts. Dine-in only.

The new menu in the café has classic favorites & new seasonal items, including Weight Watchers-friendly and gluten-free selections. Expanded offerings at **Sunday Brunch**, served Sundays 11-3. **Afternoon Tea** on Thurs. & Sat. 2-4pm; 24-hour advance reservations required. We'd love to host your special **group event** or **shower**. E-mail davidb@littletraveler.com to plan.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Traveler,

My name is Brooke and I am 7 years old. I have always loved coming to the Little Traveler. Most of all I enjoy the trinkets in the shop.

My favorite thing is the Atrium Cafe. I especially like their vegetable soup and their chicken salad. My Nana makes a chicken salad similar to the cafe's salad, but not quite as good, but please don't tell her. Thanks for having such a wonderful store and great Cafe. I really love it.

Sincerely,
 Brooke, St. Charles, IL

*If you see Brooke's Nana,
 mum's the word, right?*

Brooke 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.

Schedule your own exclusive **JULIETS day (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together & Shopping)**

- ❄️ • For groups of 6-15. Mon.-Fri. To begin planning, e-mail juliets@littletraveler.com
- ❄️ • Special welcome & exclusive offers, like free dessert or wine with lunch in the Café.
- ❄️ • When your group spends \$200+ we'll donate 10% to a qualified charity of your choice.
- ❄️ • During your visit, you'll be treated to an exclusive Little Traveler "experience."

ONION BLOSSOM SMASHED POTATOES

- 1 1/2 lbs. small red potatoes, quartered
- 1 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, freshly ground
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup heavy cream, warmed
- 1/4 cup **Robert Rothschild Onion Blossom Horseradish Dip***



Scrub potatoes but don't peel. If unable to use small red potatoes, use medium and cut into quarters. Put the potatoes in a saucepan and cover with water. Season with 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. black pepper. Boil until fork tender, about 20 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain and return potatoes to pot. Add butter, cream, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/4 cup Onion Blossom Horseradish Dip. With a fork, coarsely mash the potatoes and mix well. Check seasonings and add salt, pepper, and Onion Blossom Horseradish Dip to taste.

*Available in the Gourmet Room at The Little Traveler

REPAIR EXPERTS

Metal Restoration

Nov. 5; 10am-4pm

Crystal Repair

Nov. 9; 10am-4pm

Chair Caning

Nov. 12; 10am-4pm

Knife Sharpening

Nov. 19 & Dec. 10
 10am-4:30pm

Dec. 2 & 3; 11am-3pm

Meet Mary Lou Gates of Mary Lou's Crystal Repair & Rita Robbins of Robbins Metal Restoration in our Gift Galleries. They'll tell you more about their restoration processes.