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# THE LITTLE TRAVELER Almanack

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## A Spring Full of Surprises

Hi, everyone! We're excited to share all the fun new events and discoveries we've got in store for you this spring. On these pages, we highlight some of our favorites, but as you know, there's always a LOT going on at the Traveler, so if you want to keep up with what's up throughout the season, join our weekly email list ([littletraveler.com/signup](http://littletraveler.com/signup)) and follow us on Facebook & Instagram. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## THE GREAT EASTER BASKET HUNT

MARCH 15 - APRIL 15

The hunt is on. Starting Monday, March 15, hop around our store to find baskets filled with great new items for spring. Choose your favorite and enter to win it. Just pick up a form at any register, fill it out, then hop around the store to find the baskets. Drop your completed slip into the box by the basket you'd most like to win. Winners will be notified by e-mail.

### Introducing: THE PAW PLACE

Our collections of pet picture frames, coasters, mugs, note-cards, doggie treats, food bowls, bandanas, etc. keep growing in popularity, so we've put them all together in The Paw Place display in the front room of our year-round Christmas Shop. You can still find individual pet items in other rooms, but now we have a one-stop pet-lovers shop.



## Spa Night

Thursday, April 11  
5:30pm - 8pm



This event has become one of our favorite things about spring. At our 4th annual Spa Night, you'll learn tips from local beauty and wellness experts and get complimentary sample treatments. Therapists from **Elements Massage** will be back, along with many others. Be sure to check the Events tab at our website to see who's been added to the list. \$12 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, wine (for those over 21), a shopping coupon, and a goody bag. Register online or by phone (ask for Bath Shop).

## March Events

### DOLLMENDERS—NEW! *Doll Identifications*



Saturday, March 23; 11am-2pm  
The Dollmenders, experts at repairing antique and modern dolls, now offer doll identifications (not appraisals) for an additional fee. Learn your doll's approximate time period, possible manufacturer, and more. They'll also accept dolls for repair that day.

### Easter Basket Special

Hop in and buy \$20 in items for an Easter basket (from anywhere in the store) and bring them to the Gourmet Rooms to receive a FREE basket and FREE gift-wrap design.

### PATRICK AND THE SAINTS OF THE EMERALD ISLE Tuesday, March 26; 9am



Veteran actor Terry Lynch portrays Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Hear tales from St. Patrick's life and fun facts about St. Patrick's Day.

Did you know the celebration's original color was blue? Also learn about other Irish saints, including St. Brigid, and St. Columba. \$30 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online.*

### SPRING MESH WREATH WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 20: 2pm

Bring home a beautiful custom mesh wreath made by...YOU. Our expert floral designer will lead you in crafting art deco mesh into a spring-time wreath using the colors of the season and the latest techniques in mesh design. \$30 ticket, includes all project supplies, dessert, and a shopping coupon. Register by phone (ask for extension 135).



Project colors & ribbon may vary

### PETER RABBIT SECRET GARDEN & TEA PARTY

Sunday, March 31; 9:30am



Toy designer Joyce Sprau returns with her brand new collection inspired by Beatrix Potter's classic tale. She'll show children ages 4 & up and adults how to create their very own Peter Rabbit garden. \$35 per garden (if more than 2 people work on one garden, the cost is \$5 for additional guests), includes a Peter Rabbit figure, all supplies to make one garden, iced or hot tea, and tasty treats. Register online or by phone (ask for Paper Dept.).

### HISTORY OF THE LITTLE TRAVELER

Wednesday, March 13; 10am



Learn something new about The Little Traveler during this breakfast seminar with a historian from The Geneva History Museum. Discover how Kate Raftery, founder of The Little Traveler, was instrumental in creating the Third Street we know today. Watch video interviews with Kate's former employees and hear excerpts from her letters. \$20, includes a traditional Swedish breakfast and a shopping coupon. Register online or by phone (ask for Gift Gallery). All proceeds will be donated to the museum.

### VISIT OUR CONSERVATORY



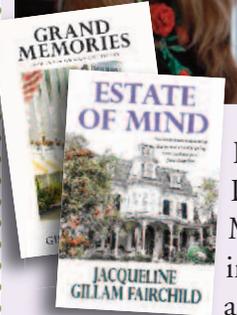
We'll soon be spending more time outdoors, and our Conservatory is brimming with beautiful ways to enliven your porches, yards, and patios. Stop in to see fresh designs in stepping stones, sea-grass baskets, gnomes, garden angels, bird feeders, and so much more. Give a unique gift with our new collection of Birthday Bells—wind chimes made special for each month of the year.



Monthly tours with Geneva History Museum.  
 Spring dates: March 20, April 18, May 21.  
 For info & tickets call Geneva History Museum  
 630-232-4951 or visit [GenevaHistoryMuseum.org](http://GenevaHistoryMuseum.org).

# April Events

## BOOK TALK with JACQUELINE GILLAM FAIRCHILD



Sunday, April 7; 9:30am

Meet author Jacqueline Gillam Fairchild in this breakfast program about novels for women—plus advice for aspiring authors. Jacqueline writes cozy fiction set in the countryside and Nantucket. For some of her stories, she's even drawn inspiration from *The Little Traveler*! She studied at Le Cordon Bleu, Paris, was an interior designer, and now owns Her Majesty's English Tea Room in Dunlap, IL. She's also a cast member of Murder Mystery at Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. \$20, includes breakfast and a shopping coupon. Register online or by phone (ask for Paper Dept.). *Book signing to follow in the store.*

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## SERVICE IS A FOUR-LEGGED JOB

Wednesday, April 3; 2pm

Pam Osbourne, accompanied by her therapy dog Rufus, and Jennifer Rae Trojan will take you on an exciting journey into the lives and changing roles of assistance and therapy dogs. They'll share unique photos and personal experiences as well as various training techniques. Both women have extensive experience working with service dogs and have authored books on the subject. \$15, includes dessert and a shopping coupon. Register online or by phone (ask for Paper Dept.). *Book signing to follow in the store.*



ORDER PERSONALIZED  
 SANDBLASTED ROCKS  
 Saturday, April 13; 10am-3pm



Images courtesy of the Geneva History Museum

## GENEVA HISTORY: ART & ARTISTS

Tuesday, April 23; 10am

A historian from the Geneva History Museum will share stories of artists inspired by Geneva's beauty, including William Moulis, who painted murals in *The Little Traveler*, and Sylvia Simon, former owner of our store. \$20, includes breakfast and a shopping coupon. Register online or by phone (ask for the Gift Gallery). All proceeds will be donated to The Geneva History Museum.



## VINTAGE BOTANICAL

ART CLASS with Carol Bonick & Pam Bernard

Tuesday, April 16; 2pm

Learn how to create a vintage-inspired botanical image of a purple cone-flower. \$30, includes project supplies, refreshments, and a shopping coupon. Register online or by phone (ask for Paper Dept.).



## Visit our Bath Shop

We're always on the hunt for top-quality body products made with wholesome ingredients. This spring, we introduce hand creams, body lotions, body wash, soaps, and salt scrubs from **The Cottage Greenhouse**. They're filled to the brim with botanic plant infusions in fresh scents like Cucumber & Honey, Carrot & Neroli, and Grapefruit & Blood Orange. We're excited to welcome **LaChatelaine** ultra-rich organic hand creams and vegetable based soaps to our luxury bath collection.

Also find natural lip balms and lip butters in crisp fruity scents from **Mad Gab's**, in packaging as fun as the flavors. Shampoo bars from **The Naked Bomb** are all-natural with essential oils rather than perfumes or dyes. You're going to love the new spring scents from favorite brands like **Michel Design Works** and **FarmHouse Fresh**. Great news—**Pinch Me Therapy Dough** now comes in travel size!



## MRS. GRANT & MADAME JULE

Tuesday, April 30; 9am



Barbara Rinella brings to life the historical novel *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule* by Jennifer Chiaverini, which explores the friendship between Mrs. Ulysses S.

Grant and Julia, a slave in her home. \$30 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online.*

Our buyers have recently returned from market. Here are some of their favorite discoveries of the season.

## Fresh From Market

### DEFINEME FRAGRANCES *in the Bath Shop*



Find your perfect scent. Are you a graceful Clara, a creative Delphine, or a fresh Audrey? DefineMe understands the connection between scent and emotion, so they've created fragrance mists, hair mists, and fragrance oils that deliver positive affirmations throughout the day. For every bottle purchased, \$1 goes to She's the First, a non-profit supporting girls who'll be the first in their families to graduate high school. Oh, and one more thing to love about the brand—it's 100% vegan and cruelty-free.

### Pomar Junction Vineyard & Winery



Set in the rolling hills of Paso Robles on California's central coast, the Pomar Junction Vineyard & Winery dates back eight generations. All wines produced are exclusively farmed by the Merrill family, which maintains quality control from planting and pruning through harvest, fermentation, and cellaring. Every step in the process is mindful of environmental sustainability. Our Wine Room carries two new selections from Pomar Junction: **Picnic Chardonnay** is fresh and crisp with bright citrus and apple flavors. Made in the "naked" (non-oaked) style. It's a quintessential selection for an outdoor picnic on a sunny day. **Brooster Red** has a medium body and spicy accents in homage to traditional Paso Robles table wines. It's sure to give you something to crow about.

### CBD: THE NEW WAVE IN WELLNESS

More and more people are seeking CBD, or cannabidiol, a non-psychoactive compound in cannabis, for its restorative and healing properties. Reported benefits include easing of inflammation and reduced anxiety. **CBD for Life** uses 99% pure cannabidiol extract derived from stems and stalks of industrial hemp and combines it with nourishing essential oils to produce natural pain management and beauty products. Our Bath Shop now carries CBD pain relief spray, rejuvenating lip balm, tension-relieving rub, and a fast-acting ingestible tincture.

All our CBD products have less than the legal limit of 0.3% THC.



### BUDDHA CBD TEAS

**Buddha Teas** has combined water soluble CBD with its 4 best-selling teas to create the perfect cup of bliss. Artfully crafted tea blends add even more healing potential.



### Bella Tunno Kidware *in Housewares*

Who knew kids' dinnerware could have so much personality? Bella Tunno divided plates, bowls, bibs, and spoon sets for babies and toddlers come with sayings like "Stud Muffin" and "Hangry" to make mealtime a good time. How clever is this—the bowls and plates suction right onto the highchair tray! All products are made with 100% food-grade silicone that's BPA-free and microwave & dishwasher safe (yes, even the bibs). Even better: for each piece purchased, Bella Tunno donates a meal to a hungry child.

### TWINNIES!

It's difficult to choose a favorite thing in our Baby Room because this spring, there are SO many adorable new outfits and plush animals for babies and toddlers. But if we *have* to choose just one item, it's these Twin Bears. With "Born Together, Friends Forever" stitched into their paws, they make the perfect welcome for new twins.



## Meet The Little Traveler's Buyers

They travel the country and scour the markets to see what's new and bring the best of the best back to Geneva, IL. Thanks for all the hard work, ladies!

Pictured left to right in main pic: Pat Bokina (Gift Gallery), Heidi Brothers (Gourmet), Nancy Jones (Housewares), Leslie Waterson (Apparel, Accessories, Shoes), Kay Weir (Babies). Inserts: Annette Shamloo (Fair Trade, Christmas), Marcia Hardin (Linens, Decor, Bath, Toys, Conservatory, Paper).



## STONY CREEK ILLUMINATED GLASS

*In the Gift Gallery*

Lighted candle vases by Stony Creek have an heirloom quality. They're handpainted with beautiful spring-time images of florals and birds.



## FLOSS & ROCK HAPPY TOYS

Originating in the land of candy floss and sticks of rock candy (a/k/a Blackpool, England), toys by Floss & Rock are inspired by the creative, joyful vibes of this seaside resort. Colorful and clever puzzles, tea sets, and more will keep children 10 and under busy creating and having fun. We're excited to welcome this whimsical & playful line to our Toy Room.



## PAPAYA STATIONERY & ACCESSORIES

Add a touch of fun & femininity to your office supplies with **Papaya**, a new line in our Stationery Dept. Tassel Clips give a dash of charm to your house keys, handbag, or whatever you clip them onto. Full sized and "Little" Legal Pads are pretty & perfect for keeping track of to-dos, grocery lists, or your next big idea. We also carry Papaya weekly planners, luggage tags, and tassel pouches.



## STEP UP YOUR SPRING STYLE

We're always on the lookout for great shoe brands that match comfort with style. You already love the **Naot**, **Taos**, **Birkenstock**, **Dansko**, **Cougar**, and **L'Artiste** collections in our Shoe Room; now meet two more fabulous brands to fall in love with. With over 30 years of research and development behind their technology, **Vionic** shoes and sandals hug your arches

VIONIC



The FLEXX

like a natural footprint and promote alignment from the ground up. Footwear by **The Flexx** features incredibly flexible air pocket soles with shock absorbing technology to give relief to both spine and knees, designed in Tuscany, Italy and 100% handmade in California. **Stay tuned for our Spring Shoe Event.**

## NEW FROM Vera Bradley

This favorite brand stays new every season with updated styling and the introduction of freshly designed fabrics. Here's a sneak peek at one of our favorite upcoming patterns (releasing on March 7): **Kaleidoscope**,



influenced by traditional ceramics motifs with a floral twist. It's bright & feminine with bold pink, purple, and teal splashes. Coming in April: **Lavender Meadow**, a feminine print of densely arranged blooms and foliage—plus ladybugs & bees!

# May Events

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER/ GRANDMOTHER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 11; 9:30am



Enjoy a fun morning of dining and shopping with your very best girls. This annual breakfast has become a tradition—and it sells out fast, so don't hesitate to reserve your spot.

\$12.95 adults; \$9.95 children (12 & under)  
Register by phone (ask for the Gift Gallery).

## Cinco de Mayo Buffet Luncheon

Thursday, May 2; 12:30pm

Join us for this themed buffet luncheon set amid our treasures in the Gift Galleries. Chef David will prepare a delicious buffet of Mexican-American cuisine. \$14.95. Call or stop in to make your reservation (ask to speak to the Gift Gallery).

## THE SECRET LIVES OF JACKIE, JANET, AND LEE

Tuesday, May 14; 9am



Learn more than you ever knew about Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis through her interactions with her mother, Janet, and sister, Lee. Professional storyteller Jenny Riddle reveals the secrets of the Bouvier women in her dramatic review based on Randy Taraborelli's fascinating biography.

\$30 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online.*

# The Atrium Café

**Mother's Day Brunch - 11am-3pm Sunday, May 12**  
Now taking reservations for brunch on Mother's Day. Call and ask for the Café. Limited seating available. Free mimosas for moms!



Our Atrium Café is always a fun place to stop—either to indulge in longtime favorites, like LT's signature cheese sandwiches, or to see what new creations Chef David has come up with. This spring, look for a variety of hot and cold shareable small plate offerings. Find several gluten-free options on our menu as well as WW (Weight Watchers)-friendly entrees & desserts.

**Afternoon Tea—Mon.-Sat. 2-4pm (reservations required)**  
**Sunday Brunch—Sundays, 11am-3pm. Only \$8.95!**

Just in time for  
Mother's Day!

## ARTISAN POP-UP SHOPS

**NANCY NEILL**  
Saturday, April 13; 10am-2pm



Meet the designer of these heartfelt & handmade pieces.  
*Locally crafted.*

**PATRICIA LOCKE**  
Sat., May 4; 10am-1pm

Our rep. will show new color stories and designs.  
*Heirloom quality with contemporary flair.*



## SPRING FASHION FORECAST

Hot trends for Spring 2019: tropical prints & flamingos, vintage florals, shades of blue, and destination prints. The **Habitat** collection (pictured right) has become so popular, we're devoting a whole room to it this season! These easy care and wear shirts, jackets, and tops in either vibrant colors or subtle patterns go everywhere. Spring fashions by **Tribal** feature a spritz of sun with black, white, and citron combinations, designed in Canada with a hint of Italian flair. *Ciao, Bella!* **Democracy** casual jeans and tops in the latest trending styles are the perfect backdrop for bold spring accessories. Introducing fashions by **Dolcezza**, unique prints created from the works of artists from around the world, designed in Montreal and produced in Europe.



## 2019 KENTUCKY DERBY HATS ARE IN!

Kentucky Derby Day is Saturday, May 4, and you know what that means—an excuse to buy a fancy new hat! Every spring, The Little Traveler has one of the best derby hat collections around, famous for the depth and uniqueness of our selection. Bold & bright acrylic and painted enamel is what's hot in jewelry.

Scenic destination themed bags and accessories are also trending this season. **Spartina 449** sends greetings from the Great Lakes with watercolor maps of favorite Great Lakes destinations on scarves and totes (pictured).



# The Little Traveler Is the Go-To Place for...

When we find a product line we trust and believe in—and when you tell us you love it, we go all-in so that we can provide you with the largest selection around. THE LITTLE TRAVELER is proud to be a top retailer for these wonderful products.



## NORA FLEMING: WE'VE GOT IT ALL

Because you've shown us that you love, love, love Nora Fleming serveware and interchangeable Minis, we strive to have every piece in stock. Above, you see all that's new for Spring 2019. The square bowl is melamine for casual entertaining. New Minis: rainboots, a mermaid tale, bunny, piñata, and bride & groom.

## THE AREA'S BEST SELECTION OF NAOT SHOES

Naot's story goes back to a one room workshop in 1942, when Kibbutz Naot Mordechai in northern Israel founded the kibbutz shoe factory. Now, Naot shoes are worn all over the world. Their mantra of "It's fashionable to walk in comfort" has caught on. Naot's unique anatomical footbed is a negative footprint, like we leave in the sand. It is flexible, soft, shock absorbent, supports the heel, and alleviates fatigue and pain. After all, "naot" means "oasis"!



**Brighton.**  
Ready, set travel! Our large collection of Brighton jewelry & bags is ready to go-go-go with lightweight travel backpacks & duffels. We can't wait to show you Brighton's artistic new Sakura (cherry blossom) jewelry collection.

When we opened our **Fair Trade+ Gallery** five years ago, we weren't sure what to expect, but you've embraced the movement and allowed us to grow our Fair Trade collection—made by farmers and craftspeople in socially and economically marginalized areas of the world. We now have the most extensive selection of Fair Trade goods in the Chicagoland area. Your purchases of these beautiful handmade items help workers earn a fair living.

**CHICAGO FAIR TRADE**

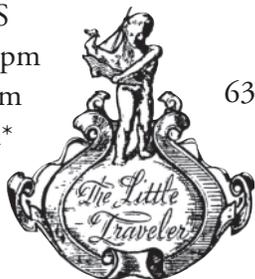
## The STONEWALL KITCHEN SHOP at THE LITTLE TRAVELER

The **Stonewall Kitchen** family is growing! They've broadened their offerings by seeking out established brands that apply their same exacting standards for flavor and quality. Now their lineup includes crisp cocktail garnishes from **Tillen Farms**, premium pastas from **Montebello**, and fine olive oils and vinegars from **Napa Valley Naturals**. Stonewall has also partnered with New England superstar **Legal Sea Foods** to create an exclusive line of restaurant-style seafood sauces and spreads. Our Gourmet Rooms carry a selection from each of these brands—because if it's good enough for Stonewall Kitchen, we know it's really, *really* good.



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

\*Closed on Easter Sunday



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**REPAIR EXPERTS**

**CHAIR CANING**

Saturdays, March 9 & May 4; 10-4

**DOLLMENDERS**

Saturday, March 23; 11-2

**NEW! CLOCK REPAIR**

Saturday, April 6; 10-4

**LIGHTING REPAIR**

Wednesday, April 10; 10-4

**KNIFE SHARPENING**

Saturday, April 13; 10-4:30

**CRYSTAL & CHINA REPAIR**

Wednesday, April 17; 10-4

**METAL RESTORATION & BUY BACK**

Saturday, May 11; 10-4

**ASTRID LINDGREN:**

**On Writing Her War Diaries, Pippi Longstocking, and More**

Tuesday, June 11; 9am

Lynn Rymarz tells the remarkable story of



Astrid Lindgren. Before she became famous as the author of Pippi Longstocking books, Astrid lived with her family in Stockholm at the outbreak of World War II. Learn about her

childhood, her life as a mother during the war, and how Pippi Longstocking came to life. \$30 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online.*

**SUMMER GRILLING SEMINAR "GRILLING LIGHT"**

**Saturday, June 15; Noon**

Using WW recipes, Chef David will share tips and tricks for healthy grilling. Sign up for our weekly emails to be notified when registration opens:

[www.littletraveler.com/signup](http://www.littletraveler.com/signup)

*A Letter from a Friend*

Dear Little Traveler,

I had the good fortune of being able to care for my grandson when he was at the adorable ages of 2-6, He is now a grown man of 23 and he remembers this fondly as well. He LOVED Jelly Bellies! Maybe as much as our president who made them famous. We had a special lucite box just for Jelly Bellies. It had 24 small cubicals so we could get 24 different flavored jelly beans. I'm sure the candy sale's lady cringed every time we walked up to that candy counter, but we never saw anything but a beautiful smile on her lovely face. Nicholas would study all the different flavors and take the little shovel and place about 15 beans in each bag of every delicious, colorful bean he would choose. Occasionally, a bean or two found its way to the floor, but we never heard one word, sigh, or scuff from the lovely lady behind the counter. And after everything was paid and accounted for, we received a very pleasant goodbye and a promise that she truly did look forward to our coming in again. The smile on her face was truly genuine! Our final destination was the Toy Room, but that is another story for another day.

Sincerely, Barbara Maxwell Kelley, Geneva, IL

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

*Barbara will receive a \$50 gift card as a token of our thanks.*

**Pesto Tomato French Bread Pizza**

- 1 Jar **Stonewall Kitchen** Garlic Pesto Pizza Sauce\*
- 1 loaf of French bread
- 1 16oz bag shredded mozzarella
- 1 c. sliced cherry tomato
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- Arugula for garnish

Slice bread in half the long way. Brush insides with olive oil, sprinkle with salt & pepper, and place, crust side onto baking sheet. Spread each half evenly with Garlic Pesto Pizza Sauce. Sprinkle with Mozzarella cheese. Top with tomato slices and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Drizzle pizza with olive oil and bake at 400° for 15 minutes, until edges have browned and cheese is melted. Turn oven to broil and broil on top rack until cheese is slightly browned. Remove from oven and top with arugula before serving.

\* Available in our Gourmet Department