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THE LITTLE TRAVELER ******

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Tirst Signs of Spring

We've wasted no time in welcoming spring to The Little Traveler. Winter's been long enough! For a springtime fix, come on in to take a stroll. Bunnies hop & flowers bloom in our Conservatory. Stop by for a taste of spring in our Gourmet Rooms, and be among the first to try on the hottest styles for 2020 in our Clothing & Fair Trade+ Galleries. Discover even more signs of spring throughout the store. We look forward to celebrating the season with you.



THE GREAT EASTER BASKET HUNT

From March 1-31, hop around our store to find baskets filled with great new items for spring. Choose your favorite and enter to win it! All baskets are put together by our talented Gift Basket Design Team (inquire about this free service in Gourmet). Ask for an entry slip at any sales register. No purchase necessary. Winners will be notified by email before Easter.

SUSTAINABLE STYLE

Introducing two great new earth-friendly fashion lines:

Vera Bradley has just launched a new line that's all about sustainability. Each yard of fabric in the ReActive collection is made from 16 recycled plastic bottles. Instead of going into a landfill or polluting our earth, this plastic is used to make lightweight, water-repellent, and durable bags. Styles in the ReActive line are intentionally designed for the busy, active woman on-the-go. Most pieces offer hands-free design. What's even better? The fabric itself is also fully recyclable. Look for the

TATAMI BAGS FROM CAMBODIA

pink water bottle tag in our Vera Bradley room.

In our Fair Trade+ Gallery, we're excited to bring you super strong and elegantly designed purses, lunch bags, and wine bags by Saraye (rhymes with "today" and means both "woman" and "freedom" in the Cambodian language of Khmai). They're made in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia under a business model that's fair and empowering to the people who handcraft each and every item. Grass is harvested and then colored using natural vegetable dyes. Skilled artisans weave the grass on a loom into a stiff mat material, which helps the bags maintain their unique shapes. They hold up in any weather!

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Game Day

Saturday, March 21; Noon-3pm Join us in our Toy Room for an afternoon of fun with Crazy Aaron's Ultimate Putty Challenge, a collection of 25 fun, fast-paced games featuring this one-of-a-kind putty.

SPRING MESH WREATH WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 25; 2pm

Our floral design experts will lead you in creating your very own deco-mesh wreath in springtime colors. This

dash of spring decor will come with bragging rights because you made it yourself! \$35, includes supplies, shopping coupon & refreshments. Register online or by phone (ask for Paper Dept.)



Project colors may vary.

HISTORY OF THE LITTLE TRAVELER



Wed., March 11; 10am The descendants of our founder, Kate Raftery, have uncovered new items in the family archives and shared

them with the Geneva History Museum to reveal more about our store's and Geneva's history. Join us at this breakfast with a museum historian to see what they've learned. \$20 ticket includes a traditional Swedish breakfast & a shopping coupon. All proceeds will be donated to the Geneva History Museum.

PHYLLIS DILLER IS ON!

Tuesday, March 31; 9am Ellie Carlson portrays the irrepressible Phyllis Diller, America's first female



stand-up comic. She paved the way for Joan Rivers, Lily Tomlin, and so many more talented women. Ellie will explain how Phyllis

invented a rotten husband—Fang—and her true trials and tribulations in the marriage department. Diller joked about being ugly and worthless in the kitchen, when in reality, she was quite stunning and an excellent cook. Ellie gives us a glimpse backstage while also delighting with onstage antics. \$35 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online*.

Spring Fashion Forecast

Introducing **Oh My Gauze** (pictured, right). These easy-wear styles are made with breathable, 100% cotton gauze. They're completely washable with NO shrinking, and best of all—no iron required. The **Habitat** line of clothes-to-live-in has outdone itself this spring with fresh fabrics and prints. We'll receive shipments throughout the season, so stop by to see what's new. You'll flip for hand-painted leather bags and accessories by **Anuschka**. Each one

sans. Although the brand is now sold in over two dozen countries, the company remains family-owned—that's a pretty great story all on its own. Hoop earrings of all sizes and chunky chain necklaces are the jewelry to wear in spring 2020.

Add a splash of color and a dash of fun with lightweight

acrylic chains and pendants.

THE FASHIONABLE COLORS FOR SPRING 2020:

Zesty Saffron

Classic Blue Biscay Green Chive Green Faded Denim Orange Peel Mosaic Blue

St. Pat's Recipe: Fancy Shepherd's Pie

1 lb ground pork 8 tbsp butter, reserve 2 tbsp and keep chilled

1 lb ground beef 1 medium onion, finely diced

1 tsp salt 1 cup frozen corn 1/2 tsp pepper 5 large potatoes, peeled

1/2 cup milk 1 jar Stonewall Kitchen Corn Relish*

1/4 cup Stonewall Kitchen Maine Maple Champagne Mustard*

1 Tbsp Stonewall Kitchen Organic Olive Oil*

1/4 cup Stonewall Kitchen Roasted Garlic Onion Jam*

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender. Heat oil in skillet. Add onion; cook until soft. Add beef, pork, salt, and pepper. Cook until crumbly and no longer pink. Drain fat. Add mustard and mix well. Pour into a 9x13 baking dish. Mix Corn Relish with frozen corn and layer evenly over meat. Drain potatoes; add 6 Tbsp butter and coarsely mash. Add Garlic Onion Jam and mash well. Add milk slowly until desired consistency. Spread potatoes evenly over corn layer. Top with pats of chilled butter. Bake uncovered at 350° for 40 minutes or until potatoes are browned.

* Available in our Gourmet Department

pa Sight Thursday, April 23 5:30pm - 8pm

Learn tips from local beauty and wellness experts and get complimentary treatments, like hand massages, as well as samples of beauty products. Subscribe to our emails (littletraveler.com/signup) or check the Events tab at our website to learn more about the local wellness and beauty experts who'll be here. \$15 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, wine (for those over 21), a shopping coupon, and a goody bag. Register online or by phone (ask for the Bath Shop).

Easter Basket Special

From March 1-April 11, when you spend \$20 in our Candy Room, we'll give you a FREE basket and FREE gift-wrap design. Choose from Chocolate Bunnies & Eggs, Retro Favorite Candies, Jelly Belly Beans, and more.

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❖ VINTAGE BOTANICAL ART CLASS

Tuesday, April 14; 2pm Artists and degreed instructors Carol Bonick and Pam Bernard will teach you how to create a vintage-inspired spring botanical art piece using colored pencils. \$35, includes all art supplies, instruction, refreshments, and a shopping coupon.



Past Projects



Order Personalized SANDBLASTED ROCKS Saturday, April 18; 10am-3pm

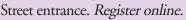
FLY GIRLS

Tuesday, April 21; 9am Barbara Rinella brings to life Fly Girls

by Keith O'Brien, the story of how five daring women defied all odds and made aviation history. This little known slice of history highlights Amelia



Earhart and her four brave friends: Ruth Elder, nicknamed the bravest of the fair and the fairest of the brave; Ruth Nichols, the flying debutante; Louise Thaden, the smalltown dreamer; and Florence Klingensmith, the darling of the Northern Plains. \$35 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton



Charm Events

Saturdays, March 14 & April 4 From 11am to 4pm on each of these dates, our Brighton rep. will be in the house to help you update your Brighton Charm bracelets. She'll introduce the new Amulet collection.



BELDEN BOY SERIES BOOK SIGNING

Saturday, April 11; Noon-3pm

Meet educator & author P.J. HarteNaus. She'll sign books in her award-winning anti-bullying Belden Boy Series. Annie's Tale is the 4th and newest arrival in the series. This recipient of the Mom's Choice Award depicts bullying from the perspective of a strong girl in the 1890s.

HOME SPA + NEW CBD OFFERINGS

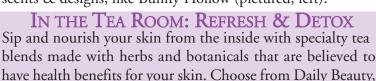
We look better when we feel better, and we feel better when we look better. Our Bath Shop is filled with all sorts of products that'll help you treat yourself right every day. Many of you have told us of your positive experiences with CBD products, so we've expanded our offerings. The Medterra line is grown and extracted within the strict guidelines of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. We carry their 99% pure CBD isolate tinctures



(1000mg and 3000mg) with coconut-derived MCT oil as well as Medterra CBD products for pets: tinctures, calming chews, and joint support chews.*

Painlessly remove unwanted peach fuzz with new Glam Sticks, lipsticksized facial hair removal devices so compact, they fit in your purse.

Foaming handsoaps, lotions, and more from Michel Design Works smell as pretty as they look. This spring, Michel introduces 7 new scents & designs, like Bunny Hollow (pictured, left).



*Consult your physician or your pet's veterinarian before using products containing CBD. These products have not been evaluated by the FDA.



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

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💥 Fresh From Slarket 💥

PLUM ISLAND SOAP CO. in the Bath Shop

We're pleased to bring you a new way to relax, unwind, and nourish. Onehundred-percent all-natural bath, beauty, and skincare products for women and

men by Plum Island Soap Co. are handcrafted in small batches in a little factory on Plum Island, MA. The company contin-

ues to operate sort of like a bakery, using similar equipment and making everything in small batches to ensure freshness and quality. The Little Traveler's Bath

Shop carries Plum Island foot soak, foot butter, and foot mist as well as cucumber and rosewater mists. For men, we have The Man Can gift set and fisherman hand butter.





The Pet Palace

We know your pets are more than just pets; they're members of your family. That's why we've dedicated a whole section of our Gift Gallery to toys and accessories for your pets. We've also got pet picture frames, socks, towels, and more for the humans who love them. This spring, we've loaded the dog house with a pet-a-palooza of fun new pet bandanas, leashes, collars, toys, frames & decorative pet-related signs.

It's easy to give the gift of shopping.

You can now order Little Traveler Gift Cards at our website. Perfect for Mother's Day, Easter, or just because.

TEAS INSPIRED BY THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



If you're looking for a truly special gift for Mother's Day, this is it. The floral blends in the Fleur collection by Tea Forté combine green, white, black, and herbal teas with an organic harvest of peach, blueberry, jasmine, and hibiscus. This signature collection is packaged in original artwork created from the New York Botanical Garden's world-renowned archive of botanical prints. The Fleur Gift Set Box includes a limited-edition pale mint cafe cup, tea tray, and a box of 10 Fleur collection tea infusers.

It's the Little Things

in the Stationery Dept. At the spring markets, we found lots of great little thingamabobs that make life just a little bit better.

- Breatheable, flexible silicone Groove Life rings let you go on active adventures without cutting yourself on metal rings.
- Handcrafted soy wax Scentchips make your world smell better.
- Minimergency kits are packed with those items you don't know you need until you absolutely need them, like stain remover, earring backs, safety pins & clear nail polish.
- Funky Rico has your portable technology needs covered with clippable earbud cases, wireless retro mini speakers, and mini USB splitters that let you listen to music and charge at the same time.



You won't want the rain, rain to go away when you see the adorable rain coats with coordinating outfits in our Baby & Toddler Room. The jackets are



BRING THE GARDEN INTO YOUR HOME



Many of our new bedding collections, including quilts & shams, are inspired by none other than the New York Botanical Garden. Invite the artistry of nature inside with designs featuring vintage tulips, cascading wisteria, and budding roses. Add an easy dash of spring color to your decor with indoor/outdoor throw pillows. Complete the garden theme with elegant topiary doorstops.

THE GUY'S GALLERY

We're keeping our Guy's Gallery up and running all year long. Find camp shirts and T-shirts for your favorite fellas this spring.

CANDLES from the TREE FARM

Angie Geary is an innovative woman. When she wondered what to do with leftover branches from



Bedrock Tree Farm, the Christmas tree farm she and her husband own in Rhode Island, she figured out a way to grind the needles into a fine powder and create amazing-smelling candles. Bedrock Tree Farm's spring line includes a candle that blends lavender essential oils with a fir needle soy base for a unique & pleasantly surprising scent.

A New Classic Collection FROM MADAME ALEXANDER

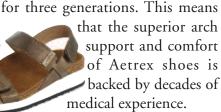
Two classics come together in the brand new Little Women collection by renowned dollmaker Madame Alexander. Amy, Beth, Meg, and Jo stand at 8 inches tall with articulated poseable bodies. Their beautiful dress detailing and hair styling are faithful to the beloved characters and to the high standard of quality expected of Madame Alexander dolls.



GET READY FOR SANDAL SEASON

We have too many cute sandal styles to count from all the best brands. Come in to find your fave. Ever since we opened our Shoe Room, we've been on the hunt for more leaders in quality, comfort, and style. In spring 2020, our Naot, Taos, Dansko, Birkenstock, L'Artiste, and Vionic collections are joined by Aetrex, a company that's been committed to foot health

aetrex.









WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS



We're fortunate to be part of a thriving community of small businesses that support one another. The positive energy that surrounds us is what makes The Little Traveler the happy place that it is. This spring, we want to give a shout-out to our newest neighbors. They're all within a block of our store, so it's easy to pay them a visit whenever you stop by.

Eye Candy | 228 S. Third St., lower level This gluten-free bakery also offers vegan, Paleo, and Keto items on their mouthwatering menu. And they make gorgeous artistic wedding & occasions cakes. www.eyecandybakeshopchi.com

Cali & Chance | 228 S. Third St., upper level You'll find "just cool stuff" in this California-style shop with Midwest roots. Shop cool clothing, decor & jewelry. www.facebook.com/caliandchance

Graham's 318 Coffeehouse | 318 S. Third St. We'll soon welcome back this neighborhood coffee shop when they move into their newly expanded digs any day now. It's *the* place to gather for a cup of Joe, gelato, chocolate fondue, etc. www.318coffeehouse.com

* Slay Events *

Mother's Day Brunch

11am-3pm Sunday, May 10 Reservations required for brunch on Mother's Day. Call our Atrium Café.

▼ Regular Menu Pricing ▼ Free Mimosas for Moms ▼

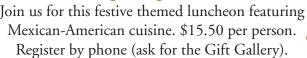
MOTHER/DAUGHTER/GRANDMOTHER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 9; 9:30am

Enjoy a fun morning of dining and shopping with your very best girls. This annual breakfast has become a favorite spring tradition—and it sells out fast, so don't hesitate to reserve your spot. \$19.95 adults; \$10.95 children (12 & under). Register by phone (ask for Gift Gallery).



Tuesday, May 5; 12:30pm





ARTIST LILLA CABOT PERRY

Tuesday, May 5; 9am Lynn Rymarz portrays American artist Lilla Cabot Perry. As a child growing up in Boston, Cabbot Perry discovered her talent for sketching,



though she didn't pursue this passion until after she was married and became a mother. She studied

her craft and developed her own unique style of painting portraits and the scenes she saw around her. When she and her family moved to Giverny, France, she met and became good friends with Claude Monet, the Father of Impressionism, who mentored her in her artistic pursuits. A move to Japan further influenced her paintings, earning her recognition. She's also known for her published poetry. \$35 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online*.

NANCY NEILL JEWELRY POP UP SHOP

Watch our website & emails for a Pre-Mother's Day Pop Up Shop with this favorite jewelry designer.

Locally crafted.

Subscribe to our weekly emails: littletraveler.com/signup

JANE ADDAMS: THE DREAM OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

Tuesday, May 19; 9am Betsey Means portrays Jane Addams,



a crusader for social justice who devoted her life to caring for the underprivileged and fighting for the rights of workers, women, and children. In 1887, during

one of her many trips to Europe, she observed the social experimentations at Toynbee Hall in London and decided to put her principles into action. She established Chicago's Hull House, which later became one of the most famous settlement houses in America. In 1931, Jane Addams was co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. \$35 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online*.

The Htrium Café

There's a reason our Atrium Café has the feel of an outdoor courtyard. It's because that's exactly what it used to be! Back in the day, when our founder, Kate Raftery, welcomed customers from the North Shore, she would also show her signature hospitality to their chauffeurs by serving them sandwiches, soups, and pies in what was then an outdoor courtyard. Today, you can still enjoy this simple fare plus creative seasonal additions. Watch for new vegan options, like a Vegan Stacked Grilled Cheese Sandwich & a Grains 'n Things Salad. In addition to serving lunch from 10:30am-4pm Mon.-Sat., our café hosts:



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sundays, 11am-3pm. Only \$8.95! (See details for Mother's Day at top of page.)

TRADITIONAL 3-COURSE AFTERNOON TEA

Monday-Saturday at 2pm.

\$12.95 (24-hour advance reservations required.)

SHOWERS & PRIVATE PARTIES

Up to 45 guests. Visit our website for details: littletraveler.com/dining/groups-parties-showers

Oble're the Go-To Place for...

These are the brands that have stood the test of time. We love them, and most importantly, YOU love them, so we're happy to provide you with the largest selection around.



NORA FLEMING SERVEWARE & MINIS

Nora Fleming serveware with its signature interchangeable Minis doesn't just have customers—it has fans! So we strive to always have every current piece in stock. Each season, Nora surprises and delights us with clever new additions. For Easter 2020, get the officially licensed Peeps Chick Mini, the first in a series. We also adore the limited-edition Inch by Inch Mini benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the versatile square napkin holder/candy dish.







KENTUCKY DERBY HATS COMING SOON

We're famous for having the biggest & best selection.

#1 (NAOT) SHOE SELECTION

Eight years ago, we introduced you to the comfort and contemporary styling of Naot footwear, and we continue to carry the largest selection in the area. Season after season, Naot delivers innovative new styles.

PATRICIA LOCKE

Handcrafted in America outside of Chicago, IL,
Patricia Locke jewelry is distinctive and timeless. We're proud to carry a large collection of styles & colors.

CHICAGO

Brighton.

Our room dedicated to all things Brighton is a fashionista's haven.

We're proud to be

one of the largest independent Brighton retailers around. This spring, arrive fashionably "light" with something from Brighton's featherweight Heart to Heart collection of quilted bags. They make great travel companions. See Page 3 for details about upcoming Brighton Charm Events.

Fair Trade+ Gallery

In 2014, we brought Fair Trade to The Little Traveler in its very

own gallery. Fair Trade provides a sustainable market for handcrafted products made by artisans around the world. Thank you for embracing the Fair Trade movement. Your enthusiasm for these products has allowed our collection to expand and incorporate the work of more and more artisans and craftspeople, including the addition of beautiful clothing.



The STONEWALL KITCHEN SHOP at THE LITTLE TRAVELER





All-natural jams, sauces, dressings, and baking mixes by **Stonewall Kitchen** are a cornerstone of our Gourmet Department. You'll find that our pantry is always stocked with staples, like Country Ketchup, as well as brand new offerings from the Stonewall family. Through Stonewall Kitchen's partnership with **Legal Sea Foods**, we have everything you need to make your Lenten Fridays extra delicious. Flavor fish and other seafoods with Lemon Dill Marinade, Lemon Teriyaki Sauce, Seafood Remoulade Sauce, or specialty seafood seasonings. Stonewall's **Tillen Farms** line sets the bar high for cocktail garnishes, and now they offer premium cocktail syrups for mixing the best drinks ever. Choose from Bada Bing Cherry Syrup, Old Fashioned Syrup, or a sweet Simple Cocktail Syrup.





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 Wednesday, March 18; 10-4

METAL RESTORATION & BUY BACK Saturday, March 21; 10-4

DOLLMENDERS Saturday, March 28; 11-2

KNIFE SHARPENING Saturday, April 4; 10-4:30

LAMP & LIGHTING REPAIR Wednesday, April 8; 10-4

CRYSTAL & CHINA REPAIR Wednesday, May 6; 10-4

WINSTON CHURCHILL: THE BRITISH BULLDOG

Tuesday, June 9; 9am Terry Lynch portrays one of the most influential people of the 20th century—Winston Churchill. Hear



about the life and career of this larger than life character, including stories from his service in the Boer War as a military journalist, his career in British

Parliament, and his time as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He led his country through the darkest days of World War II to victory and shaped allied strategy. \$35 ticket includes breakfast, program, and a shopping coupon good that day. Doors open at 9am, Fulton Street entrance. *Register online*.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Little Traveler,

The Little Traveler has been our family's go-to location to shop for gifts (and ourselves). I have been taking monthly visits to The Little Traveler since I was 8 years old (I'm 35 years old now). It is still a favorite tradition for my mom and I now. Even while living in Arizona, my yearly trips back to the Midwest always required a trip to our favorite place.

A year ago, I moved back to Illinois and continue my monthly trips back to The Little Traveler. Our favorite areas of the Little Traveler have always included the Gourmet section and the Fair Trade area since it has opened. What a wonderful gift it is to support local small-owned business while also continuing family traditions. You can guarantee, just like the past 20 years, in 20 more years, I will still be ordering the Little Traveler Petite Luncheon in the Atrium Cafe. Thank you for such a wonderful place, which is a family favorite.

Sincerely, Missy Hoekstra-Hecht

Send your letters to Almanack Editor, 404 S. Third St., Geneva, IL 60134. Missy will receive a \$50 gift card as a token of our thanks.

SAVE THE DATE: Seminar with Celebrity Grilling Expert Meathead Goldwyn Saturday, June 13

We're thrilled to add Meathead Goldwyn to our summer lineup of events. He's the author of *Meathead: The Science of Barbecue and Grilling*. His book and website (amazingribs.com) have become known as "By far the leading resource for BBQ and grilling information." – Forbes Southern Living Magazine named his book "one of the 100 Best Cookbooks of All Time." Learn the secrets and

science behind great grilling from the master himself. Subscribe to our Weekly emails to be notified when registration opens: littletraveler.com/signup