

Autumn Happenings

Crystal & China Repair
September 6 & November 15

Festival of the Vine
September 8-10

Finklepott's Original Fairy Hair™
September 30

Lucille Ball Program
October 12

Children's Book Signing:
Cumie the Brave Little Cloud
October 14 & 15

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October 18

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October 21

Jane Addams Program
October 26

Halloween Luncheon
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Christmas on State Street
November 3

Personalized Ornaments
with artist Mary Ann Johnson
November 3 & 29; December 8

Chair Caning
November 7

The Golden Age of Hollywood
November 15

Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 16

Silhouette Artist
November 18

*For holiday events through
December, see the back page.*

THE *Little Traveler* ALMANACK

GENEVA ILLINOIS

Autumn 2023

A New Season of Traveler Traditions

We're grateful to be able to welcome in yet another season with you. This September marks our official 101st birthday! Since our beginning, quite a bit has changed around here, but one thing that hasn't is the tradition of sharing good times with family and friends under our roof. This autumn, we've got a great lineup of new events along with exciting finds and expanding collections. Step inside this issue of the Almanack to see what awaits you inside our doors.

Festival of the Vine September 8-10



We'll once again transform our spacious front lawn into an outdoor tasting room. Stop by to sample more than fifty impressive wines and other new specialty drinks. Savor classic vintages as well as creative blends.

4 TASTINGS FOR \$5*

Wine Tent Hours:

Friday 11-4:30 | Saturday 11-5:30 | Sunday 11-4

Save 10% on 1/2 cases (6 bottles)

Save 15% on full cases (12 bottles)

***100% of Wine Tasting Proceeds Donated to Geneva Community Chest**



For over 50 years, The Geneva Community Chest has supported local charitable social service organizations. They also help us every year in our wine tents!

Introducing Our Wrendale Designs Shop

We've become enchanted by the original watercolor artwork on Wrendale Designs by Hannah Dale. You may have seen it pop up in various departments. But now we've gathered all of our Wrendale cards & stationery, baby & infant apparel, socks & accessories—and new items to arrive soon!—in their very own section outside of our Atrium Café entrance. With a background in art and zoology at Cambridge University, Hannah Dale is inspired by the wildlife and nature prevalent in the countryside of Lincolnshire, England. Stop by to appreciate this artistic collection in person—we dare you not to become enchanted, too.



Trends & New Finds

@newton

This effortless and classic collection by Elizabeth Newton is a popular new addition in our Accessories Galleries. Featuring 14K gold-filled beads and other quality materials, these bracelets are designed to shower, sweat, swim, and sleep in. Made in the USA.



KENDRA SCOTT

The Kendra Scott jewelry brand encourages us to shine bright and do good. Every purchase supports women and youth causes.



VERA BRADLEY

You asked for solid colors in quilted cotton, and Vera said yes! Vera Bradley now offers classic cotton in solids to complement your favorite prints. Also check out updated solids and prints in performance twill fabric.



INTRODUCING KATIE LOXTON

Handbags and wallets by Katie Loxton feature timeless designs in luxury vegan leather. The brand is based on the belief that everyone deserves elegance, so Katie Loxton accessories are both chic and affordable. Each detail is carefully considered, from the color palette to functional features.



Seasonal Fashion Notes



Who doesn't love a new top (or two)? Our Clothing Galleries are bursting with fall color and prints. Our favorite brands include Parsley and Sage, Clotheshead, Jess & Jane and Trisha Tyler, to name just a few. Top with a great cardigan sweater when the weather cools, and you'll be ready for game day or strolling down Third Street. Speaking of cardigans...keep yours pulled together with a fashionable Cardigan Clip! Try one out in our Clothing Galleries soon—they tend to sell out fast.

FOUNTAIN CANDLES

Enjoy the calming glow of candlelight and the soothing cadence of a bubbling fountain at the same time. A collection of LED fountains in our Gift Gallery look like wax pillar candles with a tiny spout of water that flickers like a flame. They're battery-operated and come with a remote for turning on and off or setting a timer.

Scan the QR code to see fountain candles in action.



HAPPY RETIREMENT TO PATRICIA LOCKE



If you haven't heard the news, Patricia Locke is beginning a well-deserved retirement after 44 years of designing one of the most stunning and unique jewelry lines around. We have a few pieces available for purchase in our Accessories Galleries, while they last. We wish Patricia all the best!

STUCKEY'S CLASSIC CANDIES ARE BACK

Three years ago, Stephanie Stuckey bought back her grandfather's business and made a commitment to return the company to its roots as a pecan snack and candy brand. Fred Harvey, a previous owner of The Little Traveler, was inspired by the famous Stuckey's roadside shops and planned to open more Little Travelers across the country. But the idea never took off and Harvey sold the business. That's how the Simon family came to own The Little Traveler to this day.

Our Stuckey's candy collection is growing!



Life, Liberty, Beaches & Pie

If you know that slogan, you know **Cherry Republic** from Northern Michigan. We brought in this iconic collection of cherry candies, salsas, snacks, etc. a few months ago, and it's a huge hit! Cherry Republic founder Bob Sutherland is fiercely proud of his Glen Arbor, MI heritage and unwavering in his support of the Northern Michigan community and its cherry farmers. He coined the motto "Life, Liberty, Beaches & Pie" back when he sold T-shirts from the trunk of his car. To Sutherland, the motto means contributing to the local community, fostering a fun work environment, protecting Michigan's lakeshores, and giving generously. Try the newest addition in our Candy Shop: Cherry Licorice Bites, or our No. 1 seller: Ruby Red Sour Cherry Patches.



IT'S CIDER SPICE SEASON!

One of the best aspects of autumn is the excuse to indulge in a warm cup of whatever tickles your fancy. Our tea collection is warmed up with flavors like Caramel Apple, Hot Apple Cider, and of course, Pumpkin Spice. Or go straight for actual cider and spice it up with Aspen Cider Spices. These spices dissolve completely in hot or cold liquid, so you can also make a nice spiced 'n iced cider.



COUNTDOWN TO HALLOWEEN

You'll have the cleverest kids around when you treat them to a Halloween countdown calendar from our Stationery Dept. Each day in October, they can open a door on a colorful Halloween scene to reveal a spooky joke or riddle. We've also got a great selection of Halloween & autumn-themed puzzles in stock—just add a cozy beverage from the selection above for a perfect fall evening at home.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS CONSERVATORY

Our elves have been busy transforming our Conservatory into a wonderland of Christmas. Our holiday collections feature traditional hand-painted figures by **Jim Shore** (pictured), collectible **Byers' Choice** carolers, and **Possible Dreams** Santas with original personalities and authentic detail. When you see something you love, don't hesitate to buy it because it may not be here when you return!



GARRETT POPCORN

Garrett Popcorn Shops have been a Chicago favorite since 1949. Its classic recipes continue to be made with simple ingredients in small batches every day, using the same secret family recipes that have been handed down for generations.



milón

From Brazil; inspired by a village in France
Our newest line of toddler apparel mixes classic with contemporary in a most charming way. Shop irresistible jogger sets and dresses by milón in our Baby Shop.



ROGER LA BORDE STATIONERY

Roger La Borde is a very British and very unique brand founded by sisters Alison and Jenni in 1985. Together they built the company on a foundation of creating unusual and beautiful things on paper. Daring design has always driven their collections of journals, notecards, writing sets, and gift bags featuring the work of stylish, independent artists—some fresh out of school. They don't follow trends; they set them.

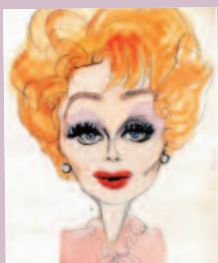


VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE IF TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THESE SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Music of the '40s, '50s & '60s—September 15

Heirloom Evaluations—September 24

Upcoming Events



LUCY!

An original solo musical based on the life of Lucille Ball

Thursday, October 12

9AM Breakfast | 10AM Program

Singer, actress, and writer Jillann Gabrielle shares Lucy's emotions and musings as she portrays this icon. We'll follow Lucy from her shaky family beginnings in upstate New York through her career on Broadway and on to Hollywood. Learn about her volatile marriage to Desi, her role as the first female head of a major Hollywood studio, and her beloved performance in the first American sitcom, *I Love Lucy*.

\$35 for ticket including breakfast. \$25 for ticket without breakfast. All tickets include a shopping coupon. Register online.



KNIFE SHARPENING
Saturday, October 21
10:30AM-3PM

FINKLEPOTT'S ORIGINAL FAIRY HAIR™



The Most
Magical
Hair in the
World!

Saturday September 30

from 10:30AM - 4:30PM

Official Finklepott Fairies
Maryanne and Suzanne will be in our Bath Shop to fuse strands of magical sparkle hair to individual strands of your human hair. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Appointments are full, but the fairies will accept a limited number of walk-ins on the day of the event. Get all the details under the Events tab at our website.

THE DREAM OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

A Social Gathering with Jane Addams

Thursday, October 26

9AM Breakfast | 10AM Program

Betsey Means will portray Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams, who devoted her life to defending the underprivileged and oppressed. She's



the co-founder of the world-famous Hull-House, established in a densely populated Chicago neighborhood, where she and other residents formed a powerful reform movement. Together, they helped launch protective organizations and legislation benefiting immigrants, children, and women. \$35 for ticket including breakfast. \$25 for ticket without breakfast. All tickets include a shopping coupon. Register online.

PERSONALIZED ORNAMENTS

with artist Mary Ann Johnson



Pick up holiday ornaments painted in Mary Ann Johnson's signature whimsical style.

Bring in a photo of your dog to order one of her popular custom dog breed ornaments!

EVENT DATES:

Friday, November 3

Wednesday, November 29

Friday, December 8

CRYSTAL & CHINA REPAIR

Wednesdays, September 6 & November 15

11AM-2PM in the Gift Gallery. No appointment necessary.

CHILDREN'S BOOK EVENT & SIGNINGS



CUMIE THE BRAVE LITTLE CLOUD

Illustrated by Kathryn Nagel &

Written by Kurt Wehrmeister from Geneva

Visit our website to learn more about upcoming events with the illustrator and author of this charming and educational book for children ages 3-8 years old.

TICKETED EVENT—Sat., October 14 at 1PM

Book reading & art project for kids. Register online.

BOOK SIGNING—Sat., October 14 from 2-4PM

BOOK SIGNING—Sun., October 15 from 11AM-1PM





GHOST WALK & HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 18 | 11AM

Every historic town comes with ghost stories, and that includes our hometown of Geneva, IL. Join us as an historian from the Geneva History Museum leads a one-hour walking tour of the most haunted places in downtown Geneva, sharing stories of spooky sightings along the way. We'll meet at the Geneva History Museum, which is just a few blocks from us at 113 S. Third Street, across from the Kane County Courthouse. Our walk will finish at The Little Traveler, where we'll enjoy a Halloween-themed luncheon in the Atrium Café. Be sure to keep an eye out for the fabled specters that are said to haunt our very own halls! Tickets are \$25 per person. Net proceeds donated to the Geneva History Museum. Tickets include a Little Traveler shopping coupon. *Spaces are limited. Register online.*

THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD

*As told by
Louella Parsons*

Wednesday, November 15
9AM Breakfast | 10AM Program



In character as powerful Hollywood gossip columnist Louella Parsons, educational entertainer Martina Mathisen will

share scintillating stories and scandals of the actors, actresses, and studio moguls of Hollywood's Golden Age. Known as the Queen of Hollywood, Louella could make or break a career with a few taps of her typewriter. All of Old Hollywood will be shaking in their fedoras when this time-traveling gossip columnist reemerges to welcome us into an exclusive insider's club, where we'll learn about the triumphs and—even better—the transgressions of the Golden era's biggest stars and bigger-than-life personalities. \$35 for ticket including breakfast. \$25 for ticket without breakfast. All tickets include a shopping coupon. Register online.

Enjoy holiday-themed luncheons served in our Atrium Café.

Halloween Luncheon

Tuesday, October 31
at 12:30PM | \$14.95

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thursday, November 16
at 12:30PM | \$14.95

Tickets are limited.
Register online.

CHAIR CANING
Tuesday, November 7
11AM - 2PM

CHRISTMAS ON STATE STREET

Friday, November 3

9AM Breakfast | 10AM Program



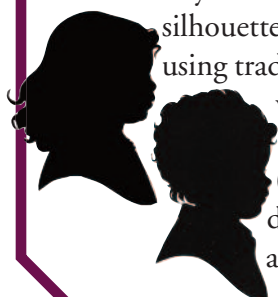
During this brand-new lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, PhD, recalls decades past when Christmastime in Chicago meant at least one trip to State Street. That's when the department stores went all out! Remember the animated window displays? How about beloved characters like Uncle Mistletoe and the Cinnamon Bear? Through photos, ads, and memorabilia, we'll explore the history of Christmas at Chicago's big department stores as we revisit cherished traditions. \$35 for ticket including breakfast. \$25 for ticket without breakfast. All tickets include a shopping coupon. Register online.

SILHOUETTE ARTIST CASSIDY ALEXANDER

Saturday, November 18 by appointment

Schedule your appointment at our website under "Events"

Artist Cassidy Alexander will return to our store to create beautiful keepsake silhouettes. She captures a wealth of detail from her live models by using traditional methods. What a wonderful surprise her creations will make for parents and grandparents this holiday season! Appointments are required—register at our website (under the Events tab). \$30 per silhouette, \$15 for duplicates cut at the same time. Solid wood oval frames available for \$29. These prices do not include tax.



We're Chicagoland's Go-To Place for...

COMFORT FOOTWEAR

The hottest trend in footwear this season is athletic styling, and our comfort-based shoe collection has a bunch of sporty footwear to choose from, like Okahu by **Naot** (pictured) and Plim Soul by **Taos**. The new Papillio collection by **Birkenstock** (pictured) elevates the look of classic sandals with a platform sole. For autumn and winter, pair with Birkenstock's cotton slub socks, designed for maximum coziness.



Jellycat Plushies

Just when you thought Jellycat plush toys couldn't get any cuter, they turn their Amuseables collection into purses and purse clips that you can carry with you everywhere. Have a



whole "latte" fun with this to-go coffee cup or animal bags & clips.

STONEWALL KITCHEN

Each season brings a host of delicious new offerings. One of our favorites is Street Corn Salsa, inspired by elote—savory grilled corn with chili



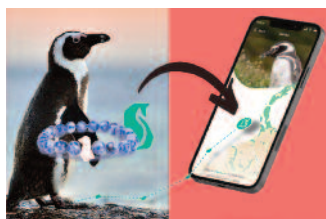
peppers & spices, a squeeze of lime, and a sprinkle of cheese. Also try Pumpkin Spice Quick Bread Baking Mix, Truffle Alfredo Sauce, and Malted Milk Chocolate Sauce.

BIG THINGS HAPPENING IN FAIR TRADE+



Introducing the **Tranquillo** collection of beautiful things from around the world for your home and life. In all of their collections, Tranquillo is committed to high standards of quality, sustainability, and transparency in caring for people and the environment. We're proud to carry a full range of Tranquillo products, from hand-stamped bakeware and pottery to natural rugs and whimsical leather pouches.

Stop by to see an expanded selection of handmade Fair Trade goods from **The Winding Road**, including their best-selling felt finger puppets from Nepal. A portion of sales goes toward school tuition for the artisans' children. Pictured (in our Fair Trade+ Gallery): The Winding Road Founder, Marla Showfer, and Madhav Pandey, owner of the felt-crafts business in Nepal.



Every Bracelet Tracks a Real Animal

When you purchase a **Fahlo** stone-beaded bracelet, you'll receive access to an app that tracks the animal in the wild! Plus, a donation is made to a wildlife conservation organization.

EVERYTHING NEW FROM NORA FLEMING

With the most complete Nora Fleming collection around, you can count on us to have the latest and greatest new offerings from Nora, like the Maple Cracker



Round and Cheese Board. Both are made in Vermont by the talented craftspeople at J.K. Adams. Get your fall Minis! We've got them all, from spooky to sweet.

THE CHANGING COLORS OF BRIGHTON

The designers at Brighton continue to find new ways to add a touch of beauty to your life. Light-as-a-feather puffy quilted totes are sassy in a playful leopard print (pictured). With multiple convenient pockets, they'll take you wherever you want to go. Brighton's popular Contempo jewelry collection now comes in the warm glow of brushed gold (pictured).





BOO-TIFUL YARD DÉCOR

Halloween is upon us in our garden collections. Find seasonal yard flags and stakes in our store and in our front yard & garden.

AUTUMN DÉCOR

Warm up your tablescapes and living spaces with autumn-hued linens, throw pillows, Tiffany-style lamps, and seasonal décor. Step into our Linens Room to be inspired by displays that show off the latest offerings for your home.



HALLOWEEN CANDY & COCOA

We've got the treats! This time of year, our old-fashioned Candy Shop is like the sweetest haunted house you'll ever see. But there's no need to be afraid to take a stroll among our candies, snacks, and hot cocoas while you keep a lookout for not-so-spooky characters. You may even experience a Big Foot sighting.



In the Atrium Café

What could make a day of shopping with a friend even better? Stopping in the Atrium Café to admire your purchases and share a delicious new Dessert Board—an ever-changing selection of homemade desserts perfect for sharing. \$12.95

SUNDAY BRUNCH—Sundays, 11AM-2:30PM. \$11.95 all-inclusive.

AFTERNOON TEA—Tuesday-Saturday 11AM-2:30PM. \$14.95
(24-hour advance reservations required.)

SHOWERS & PRIVATE PARTIES—Up to 45 guests. Get more details at our website or email Chef David at davidb@littletraveler.com

A LITTLE TRAVELER RECIPE

Roasted Garlic & Onion Meatloaf

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| 1 pound ground beef | 1/2 cup plain yogurt |
| 1 pound ground pork | 1 teaspoon pepper |
| 1 cup toasted plain breadcrumbs | 1 egg |
| 1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped | 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| 1/2 cup Stonewall Kitchen Roasted Garlic Onion Jam* | |
| 2 tablespoons Maine Maple Champagne Mustard* | |

Lightly grease a loaf pan with oil. Mix together all of the above ingredients and press into the loaf pan. Bake at 350° until meat thermometer reads 160° (about 45 minutes). When the meatloaf is cooked to this stage, brush the top with desired amount of jam and continue to cook for 10-15 minutes.

* Available in our Gourmet Department

Around the House

BATH & BODY

The Bath Shop at the center of our store is all about little indulgences for your every day. Men's grooming has never been more luxurious with new rugged-yet-refined scents in soaps, colognes, beard oils, etc. Get a whiff of Wood Barrel Bourbon by Dr. Squatch, Coastal Driftwood by San Francisco Soap Co., and the citrus & cedar scent of "The Self-Made Man" collection by Twisted Tomboy. We have plenty of offerings on the more feminine side, too. Michel Design Works always delights with beautiful new seasonal scents and artwork on soaps, lotions, and home fragrance.



FALL-TIME FUN IN TOYS

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the gravity-defying, super-bouncy Moon Ball, Waboba has released a special-edition **Golden Moon Ball**. Supplies are limited, so don't wait to get yours and start having a ball. A soft **Cushie Ball Keyring** with any letter of the alphabet provides personalized fun for anyone. Give to new drivers or attach to backpacks. Tiny **Fidlbitz** colored cubes stick together without gumminess for endless creative possibilities.





SHOP HOURS

Tues.-Fri. 11-4:30

Sat. 10:30-5

Sun. 11-4

Closed on Mondays



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AUTUMN RESTORATION EXPERTS

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PLAN AHEAD FOR HOLIDAY EVENTS

Now Open for Registration

Get more details and buy tickets at
the Events tab at our website.

STORIES BEHIND THE BEST LOVED CHRISTMAS SONGS

with Jenny Riddle

Wednesday, November 29

in St. Mark's Historic Chapel*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with the Galway Gals

Friday, December 8

in St. Mark's Historic Chapel*

SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

A Christmas Tea for Children

Saturday, December 16

in the Atrium Café

HISTORY OF THE CRECHE

with the Geneva History Museum

Wednesday, December 20

A Cream Tea in the Atrium Café

*Please note that there is no handicap
access to the chapel.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Little Traveler,

Back in 1983, I had just moved to the Chicago area and started a new job. One of the women I worked with told me about this place called "The Little Traveler" and suggested we should pay a visit. So one Saturday morning, we drove out to Geneva and spent a lovely day shopping at The Little Traveler, having lunch and getting to know one another. It was the start of a wonderful longtime friendship! Although she moved away a few years later, we visited each other frequently and celebrated the births of our children and now our grandchildren. These visits often included shopping excursions to The Little Traveler when she was in town.

This fall, she will be in town, and we are planning to celebrate 40 years of friendship with a visit to The Little Traveler, where it all started four decades ago! The Little Traveler will always hold a special place in both our hearts.

Sincerely,
JoDee Garesche

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

Want to stop receiving the Almanack by mail? Email info@littletraveler.com

HAVE FUN & EARN MONEY FOR CHARITY

Gather a group of 6-15 friends and sign up for your very own JULIETS date.

JULIETS = Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together & Shopping

Scheduled for Tuesdays-Fridays. When your group spends \$200 or more, we'll donate 10% of your shopping total to a charity of your choice. Schedule at least one week in advance by emailing Betsy at betsyk@littletraveler.com. Receive a greeting & a goody bag when you arrive; get a special lunch deal when you dine in our Atrium Café that day. Also ask Betsy about larger groups and Bus Tours.

