



THE
Little Traveler
GENEVA ILLINOIS

Spring 2024

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Spring happenings

5th Saturdays Charity Shopping
Saturday, March 30

History of Barbie Program
Thursday, April 4

Crystal & China Repair
Saturday, April 13

Little Traveler Trivia Breakfast
Wednesday, April 17

Coin Appraisals
Friday, April 19

Geneva Coffee Crawl
Saturday, April 20

Patricia Locke End of Era Event
Saturday, April 27

Jane Austen Program
Thursday, May 2

Silhouette Artist
Saturday, May 4

Girls Night Out
Wednesday, May 8

Pre-Mother's Day Breakfast
Saturday, May 11

Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 12

Cleopatra Program
Wednesday, May 29

Chair Caning
Tuesday, June 4

Here for You at One Hundred & Two

Since our founding in 1922, The Little Traveler has been all about discovering new treasures and bringing them back to you at our Geneva store. Wander our rooms for yourself this spring to see all that's new. Keep the fun going by attending one or ALL of our many new events. Let's celebrate the new season together!

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, May 8 | 6-8:30 PM

We're planning a fun night out for you and your friends. Enjoy an evening of shopping, demonstrations, and product sampling. We'll also serve tasty snacks created by Chef David. Visit the event page on our website to get all the details and buy your tickets. \$20 ticket includes snacks, wine, a goody bag, and a shopping coupon. **Register online.**



Shop for Charity on 5th Saturdays

During a month that has five Saturdays, on that 5th Saturday, we'll donate 10% of your Little Traveler shopping total to a local charitable organization. Designate the donation on your purchase to go to Northern Illinois Food Bank, Living Well Cancer Resources, or Cal's Angels. Simply mention "5th Saturday Charity" when you make your purchase. **Our first 5th Saturday Charity Shopping Day is on March 30.**



WE UNCOVERED A TREASURE!

When we decided to refresh the décor in our Accessories Rooms and peeled back the well-worn carpeting, we were elated to discover that the original hardwood flooring underneath was still in very good condition. It just needed a little love to make a big difference. These two front rooms are part of the original home where our founder and her family lived, entertained, and eventually opened a unique boutique store that has stood the test of time for 102 years. Thanks to all of you who have loyally tread upon these hidden boards over the years.



New Arrivals



WILD BILL'S CRAFT SODAS

Wild Bill's sodas are made with pure cane sugar—that means NO high-fructose corn syrup. They're also low in sodium, gluten-free, and caffeine-free. Choose from 11 flavors, including Root Beer, Orange Cream, Sarsaparilla, Black Cherry, Rocket Pop, and Mojito Soda.

Gear Shark & Fish

Gear up for a great time with this toy shark that plays music while it spins on the floor and snaps its jaws. If "swimming" with the sharks is too intense, our Toy Shop also carries Gear Fish. Both are transparent, so kids can watch the colorful gears spin.



DOOR COUNTY COFFEE

Many factors make the Wilson family's Door County Coffee the best. It starts with Specialty Grade 1 Arabica beans from small family farms in growing regions around the world. These flavorful beans are then roasted to perfection with a proprietary air-roasting process. Door County Coffee also has the best flavors, like Vanilla Crème Brûlée, Highlander Glögg, Brownie Batter, classic Sunrise Roast, and many more. Each 1.5 oz. Full-Pot bag makes a perfect pot of specialty coffee. Also try delicious ready-to-drink cold brews with zero grams of sugar and only five calories per can. Sip as they are or pour over ice cubes and cream.



FLORAL ROOSTER DINNERWARE

Colorful roosters are surrounded by floral wreaths in this brand-new ceramic dinnerware collection artfully designed by Susan Winget.



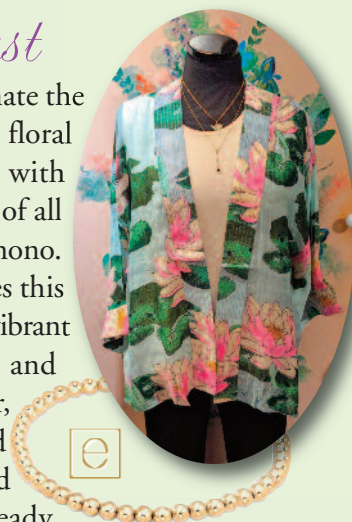
The Fashion Forecast

APPAREL: Greens, blues, and fruity peaches dominate the color scene in clothing this spring. Also look for floral and tropical prints. Silhouettes include pants with wider legs at ankle-length and even shorter. Tops of all lengths are popular, like this easy, breezy short kimono.

ACCESSORIES: Color adds playfulness to accessories this season. Express your fun-loving self with vibrant mini crossbody bags, fanciful earrings, and Hollywood-style sunglasses. Last year, we introduced 14K gold-filled beaded bracelets by **enewton** and are amazed



by the loyal fanbase they've already acquired. Also stop by to see what's popular in jewelry from **Kendra Scott**. **Vera Bradley** is fresh for 2024 with bold paisley prints on sky blue and cloud gray backgrounds.



* * * New in the Bath Shop * * *

POPPY & POUT LIP CARE

One of Oprah's Favorite Things two years in a row! Made with a clean combination of natural ingredients such as coconut, beeswax, and a drop of Vitamin E for smooth, hydrated lips. Our Bath Shop now carries Poppy & Pout lip balms, lip scrubs, and lip tints.



GLOW-IN-THE-DARK NAIL POLISH

Show off bright neon nails during the day and glowing nails at night. Now your nails can have as much fun as you. Cruelty-free, paraben-free, sulfate-free, and vegan.



BLOSSOM BEAUTY

Every product incorporates real flowers. Color-changing lip balm combines with your natural pH level to create a custom tint. Floral cuticle oil hydrates and repairs dry cuticles with essential oils. Flower-infused lip gloss gives a glossy wet look without stickiness.



VEGAN SPA CARE by VOESH

Made with the cleanest, safest, most effective ingredients for optimal skin health and wellness—including mood. Pedi and Mani "Moments" single-use treatments in serene scents are great for small indulgences and gifting.





COLD BREW HIBISCUS TEA

Jane's favorite is not only delicious, it's good for you. Refresh and rejuvenate with hibiscus tea blossoms in easy-to-steep cold brew iced tea pouches. Hibiscus flowers are high in antioxidants and have vibrant flavor, much like juicy cranberries and ripened raspberries. Try complementary flavor combinations like Hibiscus Sangria Spice and Hibiscus Tangerine Yuzu.

Handwoven Pillows & Throws for Outdoors

Marcia is always on the hunt for items that will bring more comfort and style to your outdoor spaces. She was thrilled to find cozy modern designs in indoor/outdoor pillows and throw blankets. They're UV-protected and durably handwoven with materials made from recycled water bottles.



YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Kay fell in love with the newest dragon by Jellycat.

Meet Darwin the baby dragon. Kay couldn't resist his fabulous colors and detailing.

During this Year of the Dragon, she's also quite fond of Jellycat's traditional Festival Dragon, floppy Golden Dragon, and Lavender Dragon. In 2024, Jellycat celebrates 25 years of adorableness.



A Few of Our Favorite Things

Our buyers recently returned from spring market, where they made a bunch of exciting discoveries. We asked each of them to tell us about their favorite new find of the season, and here's what they're super-duper excited about...



GEOMETRY KITCHEN TOWELS

Heidi was blown away by the incredible absorbency of Geometry kitchen towels. She also loves their eye-catching patterns. And she's not the only one—Geometry was named Best Kitchen Towel of 2023 by *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine! Geoweave™ technology makes these towels super absorbent and fast-drying. They're also superior cloths for cleaning. Printed in California and made of post-consumer recycled materials.

You've Never Smelled Candles Like These Before

When Mary Lou set out for AmericasMart in Atlanta, the last thing she expected to find was a gasoline-scented candle. Much less did she expect to order it! But she found a candle collection that has a way of finessing unlikely scents into pleasant fragrances that evoke nostalgia. As a matter of fact, each scent is specifically crafted to reconnect you with fond memories. Fresh Cut Grass brings on summers past, while Birthday Cake recalls festive celebrations. Saturday morning cartoons from your childhood reawaken with Fruit Loops scent. Or perhaps Library is more your style, inspired by aged papers with a musty hint of leather. And yes, you can reminisce about Dad's garage with good ol' Gasoline. Made with pure fragrance oils, cotton braided wicks, and 100% pure soy wax. Hand-poured in the USA.



INTRODUCING ORI LONDON AND &LIVY

Leslie, our chief fashionista, chose one favorite new jewelry line and one favorite new accessories brand. When she saw the multi-pockets and versatile features of simple and stylish backpacks and purses by ORI London, she knew she had to have them. They're made from recycled materials to be weather-resistant, durable, and lightweight. ORI London is expected to arrive in April.

Jewelry designer Carolyn Rafaelian, founder of Alex & Ani, brings us a new collection with her &Livy brand, designed to celebrate every facet of life.



This tarnish-resistant, nickel-free jewelry is proudly made in the USA with recycled metals.



✿ ✿ NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR ✿ ✿
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 12
 Call 630.232.4200 & ask for the Atrium Café.

Springtime Events



A CHANGE OF VENUE. We're thrilled to partner with our neighbor Copper Fox for upcoming off-site programs. This venue is located at 477 S. Third Street, Suite 190, Geneva—in Dodson Place, right across the street from our front porch. As one of the newest venues in Geneva, Copper Fox elegantly hosts weddings, birthdays, business meetings, and events of all types. They've been wonderful to work with, and we're excited to welcome you into their beautiful space.

BARBIE: THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS DOLL

with Leslie Goddard, PhD

Thursday, April 4 | 10AM

No other doll has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized, and loved more than Barbie. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard will delve into the history of this iconic doll and her inventor, the passionately creative and intensely competitive Ruth Handler. Learn what inspired her to develop Barbie in 1959, and discover how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies. Goddard will also discuss the impact Barbie has had on American culture throughout the last six decades. \$25. **Register online.**

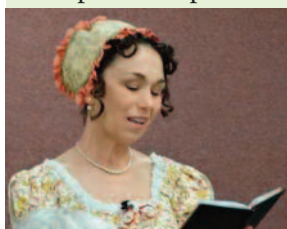


A VISIT WITH JANE AUSTEN

with Debra Ann Miller

Thursday, May 2 | 10AM

We welcome Debra Ann Miller to the LT stage! Debra has over 30 years of experience performing in front of live audiences.



In this portrayal, she'll explore the personal life of Jane

Austen, one of the most beloved novelists of the 19th century. Step back to Autumn 1815. Austen's first three novels, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Mansfield Park* are published, and *Emma* is complete. Drawing from Austen's letters, juvenilia, and novels, this dramatization is suitable for casual readers as well as the most devoted Jane-ites. \$25. **Register online.**

CLEOPATRA: THE LAST PHARAOH OF EGYPT

with Martina Mathisen

Wednesday, May 29 | 10AM

Martina Mathisen will step out of the pages of history as Cleopatra. You might be surprised to learn that the real Cleopatra was strikingly different from the



Hollywood version of the queen. Hear this impressive woman's astounding true story—as intriguing as any fictional tale—while you witness her audacious spirit and astonishing guile, presented in Martina's signature educational, entertaining, and engaging style. \$25. **Register online.**

There is no breakfast option for these three events. We hope to add breakfast to programs starting this summer!
Check in for the above programs at the courtyard entrance of Copper Fox, 477 S. Third St., Suite 190. Ticket includes a shopping coupon good that day. In order to continue offering excellent programs at affordable prices, we require all registrations to be completed online, and we must enforce a strict two-week cancellation policy. Thanks for understanding.

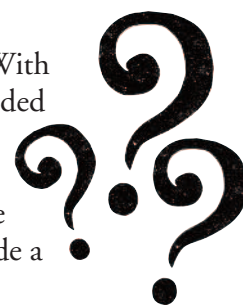
✿ ✿ GROUP VISITS ✿ ✿

Do you have a park district or other large group that would enjoy a day out at The Little Traveler? Or a group of friends who'd love to earn money for their favorite charitable organization? Visit our website or email betsyk@littletraveler.com to learn about special perks when you plan ahead for group visits.

LITTLE TRAVELER TRIVIA BREAKFAST

Wednesday, April 17 | 9:30AM

Do you think you know all about The Little Traveler? With 102 years of history, there's a lot to know! Join like-minded Little Travelerphiles and an expert from the Geneva History Museum to test your knowledge at this fun breakfast in our Atrium Café. \$20. Net proceeds will be donated to the Geneva History Museum. Tickets include a shopping coupon good that day. **Register online.**



Mother's Day GIFT IDEAS

1. **Tickets to Girls Night Out**
(Featured on page 1) *
2. **A Springtime Yard Flag** *
Conservatory (see page 8)
3. **Jewelry by & Livy** *
Accessories Rooms (see page 3)
4. **Blossom Beauty Cuticle Oil**
Bath Shop (see page 2)
5. **Cold Brew Hibiscus Tea** *
Tea Shop (see page 3)
6. **A Nostalgic Candle** *
Gift Gallery (see page 3)
7. **Artistic Quilling Card** *
Fair Trade+ (see page 6)
8. **A Nora Fleming Mini** *
Housewares (see page 6)
9. **Kyoto in Bloom Wallet**
Brighton Room (see page 6)
10. **Little Traveler Gift Card**
At any register or online

Silhouette Artist

Saturday, May 4

By Appointment



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. A wonderful gift for Mother's Day! **Make 10-minute appointments on our website.** \$33 per silhouette, \$15 for duplicates cut at the same time. Oval frames available for purchase.

GENEVA COFFEE CRAWL

April 20

Visit www.genevachamber.com
for details and tickets.

PRE-MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 9:30AM



This annual breakfast has become a tradition in our Atrium Café. Celebrate the wonderful women in your life while you enjoy a special breakfast together. Harpist Nichole Young will create an enchanting atmosphere as she fills the café with elegant music. \$17.95 for adults; \$10.95 for children under 10. **Online registration required.** Seating is limited.

Visiting Restoration Experts

CHAIR CANING

Tuesday, June 4 | 11AM - 2PM

Chair caning is not a lost art. Your broken caned chairs can be made functional again by our visiting repair expert. Two-month minimum turnaround for repairs & delivery.

Learn more on our website.

KNIFE SHARPENING DROP-OFF SERVICE

Any time during store hours.

No need to wait for an event date. Simply bring your knives, garden clippers, or household scissors into our Housewares Department.

Learn more on our website.

MARY LOU'S CRYSTAL REPAIR

Saturday, April 13 | 10:30AM - 2PM

After a bit of trial and error on her father's lapidary machinery, Mary Lou taught herself how to buff out scratches and make a multitude of other repairs on crystal, china, and porcelain. Word of her talent spread, and before she knew it, she had a lifelong career. She's been serving our customers for 40 years! **Scan QR Code at right to learn Mary Lou's story as featured on WGN.**



No appointments required. Bring Caning and Crystal Repair items into our Gift Gallery on day of event. Crystal items can also be dropped off at any time.

COIN APPRAISALS

Friday, April 19 | By Appointment

Coin expert Ron Beckstrom of Golden Rule

Coins will return to The Little Traveler to appraise coins

and paper money. Who knows—you may have a lucky penny!

Learn more about your old coins and paper money and find out what they're worth during a 15-minute appointment with Ron. You may bring in as many items as you wish. **Schedule your appointment on our website.** Appointment fee of \$10 will be donated to the Geneva History Museum.





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



★ = Largest collection in Chicagoland

★ Nora Fleming Newness

We strive to always have everything Nora in stock, both in store and online, including all that's new this spring (pictured).



★ The STONEWALL KITCHEN SHOP

Stonewall Kitchen never wavers in its commitment to quality. That's why every single jar tastes so good. Pickle Slaw is the newest must-have condiment. Tangy gherkins combine with a garden full of other pickled veggies to create a perfect pairing for sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salads, and more. Stonewall Kitchen's creamy Truffle Hollandaise Sauce is made with non-GMO ingredients to elevate brunch favorites. Spoon over hash browns, savory crêpes, steamed asparagus, and of course, Eggs Benedict.



★ Doing Good in Fair Trade+

Every purchase in our Fair Trade+ Gallery helps to improve someone's life. You'll be amazed by the **Quilled Artist** series that reimagines famous paintings through the incredibly intricate technique of quilling. Hand-crafted by artisans in Vietnam.



Best-selling earrings from **Project Have Hope** return! Artisans in small communities in Uganda dye recycled newspaper and hand-roll it into beads using a specialized technique. They then craft the beads into colorful lightweight jewelry. Project Have Hope helps women in Uganda achieve economic independence.

Giving Angels pins incorporate upcycled ceramic pieces. The artisans in Haiti who make them are paid a fair wage for their work. Each pin comes with a poetic and meaningful sentiment card for gifting.

We have so many more stories to tell! Visit our Fair Trade+ Gallery to see new felted goods from Nepal (pictured) in our **Winding Road Shop**, empowering socks from **Conscious Step**, and recycled paper pouches, wallets, and tablet covers.



★ The Brighton Shop at The Little Traveler

Brighton offers refined design every season. This spring, we're especially excited to introduce the Kyoto in Bloom series by designer Catherine Hong. Inspired during her recent journey to Japan, she drew upon the elegance of ancient fans and the intricacy of Kyoto's gardens to incorporate chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms, peonies, and butterflies into stunning enameled jewelry and leather handbag accessories.



FASHION + COMFORT ★ Shoe Collections

For Spring/Summer 2024, shoes are all about the soles. Favorite comfort shoe designers **Naot**, **L'Artiste**, and **Taos** fully embrace that trend with wedges, stacked soles, and platform soles.



Not a sandal fan? Try Bend, a sneaker by **Birkenstock** with the same support footbed that makes these shoes an all-time favorite.



JELLYCAT®

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

For 25 years, Jellycat has been on a mission to put a smile on your face with playful designs and luxurious quality in its imaginative plush toys. In addition to Kay's favorite Darwin Dragon, we love the new slouchy Amore collection, designed to comfort with soft textured fur, a weighted base, and a snuggly tummy.



* SEASONAL HOME DÉCOR *



Our Linen Room is blooming with refreshing looks for your home. This season, **April Cornell** celebrates natural florals in timeless designs on 100% cotton tablecloths and napkins. New patterns come in aqua, white, and yellow motifs. For over forty years, linens by April Cornell have set a beautiful stage for making countless memories around the table. Explore our home décor collections to discover the perfect pretty little touches to bring a bit of spring inside.

Around the House

EASTER CANDY

Hop into our Candy Shop for all your Easter basket needs. We're talkin' chocolate bunnies and Jelly Belly beans galore!



The Atrium Café

Our most popular new item on the menu is the **Vegan Thai Noodle Salad**, with soba noodles, sweet peppers, and cashews in a ginger cashew butter vinaigrette. Watch for Chef David's "Dining Across America" themed daily café specials, featuring classic favorites from various regions across the USA.



SUNDAY BRUNCH—Sundays, 11AM-2:30PM
Reservations required for Mother's Day. Closed Easter.

TRADITIONAL 3-COURSE AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday-Saturday 11AM-2:30PM
24-hour advance reservations required.

SHOWERS & PRIVATE PARTIES

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

A Fresh Take on Dips



Country Home Creations has been crafting exceptional dry herb and spice mixes since 1980. To this day, they're made by hand, using premium-quality ingredients. Impress your guests with creative flavors like White Cheddar Jalapeño, Bacon Cheeseburger, Dill Pickle, Truffle Parmesan Garlic, and BLT. Pair with all-natural pretzels from **American Gourmet**, made delicious via a process so unique that it was patented.

A LITTLE TRAVELER RECIPE

Blueberry Sour Cream Coffee Cake

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| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 2 large eggs, beaten lightly |
| 1 tablespoon baking powder | 1 cup sour cream |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1 tablespoon vanilla extract |
| 2 cups granulated sugar | 1 12.5 oz. jar Stonewall Kitchen Wild |
| 1 cup unsalted butter, softened | Maine Blueberry Jam,* stirred well |

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Butter and flour a 10-inch bundt pan. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. Cream sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add eggs, blending well, then mix in sour cream and vanilla. Gradually fold in flour, baking powder, and salt until just blended. Mix 1/2 cup of batter with 3/4 of the jam. Pour 3/4 of the remaining batter into pan, smoothing to the edges and creating a slight "trough" with a spatula. Gently spoon blueberry mix into the trough, being careful not to touch the sides of the pan. Spread remaining batter over the top. Bake on middle rack for 50-60 minutes, or until sides of the cake pull away from pan. Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Turn onto a plate, sprinkle with confectioner's sugar, drizzle with remaining jam, and enjoy!

*Available in our Gourmet Department



Modern Greetings

Our Stationery Department combines modern sentiments with the long-held tradition of sending a handwritten greeting card. Browse our extensive collection to find a card to suit every purpose. New arrivals include engaging contemporary designs and artistic pop-up cards.





SHOP HOURS

Tues.-Fri. 11-4:30

Sat. 10:30-5

Sun. 11-4

Closed on Mondays

Closed on Easter



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SAVE THE DATE PATRICIA LOCKE END OF AN ERA EVENT

Saturday, April 27 | 11AM-2PM

With jewelry designer Patricia Locke's retirement, we're honored to offer this last opportunity to own special pieces. You'll also have a chance to win prizes!

Get more details on our website.

IN THE CONSERVATORY

Explore stunning fountains, yard décor & garden accessories—everything you



need to enhance your outdoor living spaces. Add a pop of instant color with a yard flag, crafted to withstand the weather with durable, fade-resistant fabric. Hang a Rain Chain from your gutter and watch rainwater cascade down its decorative elements.

Here's to Your Health



SuperHerb organic teas from Republic of Tea encourage wellness with every sip by incorporating “wonder” herbs that are unique in flavor. Egyptian Hibiscus features flowers grown on the banks of the Nile, reputed to aid in hypertension relief. Egyptian Chamomile is blended to help you rest, while American Peppermint is intended to bring comfort.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Little Traveler,

Your store has meant so much to me over the years. I remember the first time I came to The Little Traveler for lunch and to shop in the stores. Being a young girl, the store seemed so large—I was afraid that I might get lost! There was room after room with glorious things to behold in each one, each very different than the last.

As I became a young lady in the 1980s, I began organizing monthly outings with my friends. We have been getting together every month since then! One of our favorite places to go is The Little Traveler. We look forward to the newsletters, planning to see the programs (which are always wonderful), the lunches, and of course, shopping! There is always something amazing to discover every time we visit. We always come home with treasures for ourselves, gifts for others, and big smiles.

Over these many years, I make sure to bring friends with me who have never been to The Little Traveler—and they become enthralled with the store and programs, as well. Thank you to everyone who works at The Little Traveler—the cooks, servers, those who organize the events, the Almanack editor, and everyone who works in the shops. It is a labor of love.

Sincerely, Kimberly Johnson

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

Kimberly has been sent a \$50 gift card as a token of our appreciation.

THE WRENDALE SHOP AT THE LITTLE TRAVELER

When Hannah Dale was a student, she switched from art to Zoology at Cambridge University, and then spent five years as a stockbroker in London before marrying a farmer and becoming a mother. She eventually reconnected with her artistic roots and created Wrendale Designs, featuring her characterful watercolor designs on cards, journals, socks, and more. The collection is an ode to the English countryside and the adorable critters who call it home. Explore Hannah's enchanting artwork in our Wrendale Shop just outside the Atrium Café entrance.

