



# First Friends Newsletter September & October 2022

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**Holiday Celebration**  
**November 15th—12:00 noon**

**!!!! It's a Mystery! !!!!**  
**Mystery Trip - September 6-8, 2022**

**PRETTY  
WOMAN**

**THE MUSICAL**

**At the Fox**

**September 13, 2022**



**New England October 11—20,  
2022**



**Christmas on the Danube**

**November 27—December 5, 2022**



**Costa Rica**

**February 11—19, 2023**

At long last – we made it to the Oberammergau Passion Play – and it did not disappoint! Our trip began in Bern, the capital city of Switzerland. Our tour took us to the Bear Pits (the bear is the symbol of Bern and where it received its name). We certainly enjoyed an early morning visit to the Rose Gardens. These gardens are beautiful and provide a most spectacular view of the whole city of Bern. We even spotted the “Princess Diana” rose. Some of our group made their way by funicular to the top of Gurten Mountain for more spectacular views of the city. We spent a little time at Lake Geneva and the legendary, medieval Chateau de Chillon. The Alpine views were gorgeous via our Golden Pass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Next it was off to Lucerne, Switzerland. Our walking tour of the Old Town took us to see some of the 800 years of history. One of the real treasures was the covered Chapel Bridge and Water Tower. The flower boxes along the bridge were breathtaking. The flower boxes on the houses throughout this region were all very breathtaking. One special stop was at the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. We made a stop in Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world, and the only country entirely within the Alps. Next, we set off for Innsbruck, Austria. Here we had a horse and buggy ride through some of the most beautiful country. Then it was off to make our own apple strudel, and boy was it yummy. We spent a little time in Innsbruck where we were able to view the “agony of defeat” ski jump. It has been used in a couple of Olympic games, but the current jump was finished in 2003. We also viewed the interesting architecture of Maria Theresien Strasse consisting of the Golden Roof building. Our next day was all about Mozart and The Sound of Music. (I’m still singing the songs of The Sound of Music). We visited Salzburg, birthplace and home of Mozart. We began with a stroll through the beautiful Mirabell Gardens. Then it was a walk through the Old Town area. You may have heard that Europe has been experiencing a heat wave – well it was around

100 degrees the day we visited Salzburg.

This area of the world often does not have air conditioning, and if they do, it is not what we know as air conditioning. Now we are entering into Bavaria, Germany and the Passion Play. Our home for one night was right in Oberammergau. The original performance of the Passion Play was in 1634. During the Thirty Years’ War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. The story is beautiful, and the performance is moving. The performance should have been in 2020, but it was postponed for two years for Coronavirus. It was exactly 100 years ago because of the Spanish Flu that they had to postpone it for two years. Our last day took us to Munich. On the way we made a stop at Linderhof Palace, the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. He was a master at hiding his castles. We made a stop at the foothill of the Bavarian Alps in Fussen. It was quite a foggy, misty day (the only day we had a little rain), but we were finally able to get a glimpse of Neuschwanstein Castle (the Cinderella Castle). I’ve been to this area 4 times and three of the times it was foggy and we only caught glimpses of the castle. What an amazing trip – it is always kind of a fairy tale trip in this area.

We continue to play our Hand & Foot card game on the third Wednesday of each month. We can teach you if you would like to join us.

## Upcoming Events...

### **September 6-8, 2022 – Mystery Trip**

We will soon be able to let you know where we are going – or where we went. We have a full trip ready to go.

### **September 16, 2022 – Movie Day – 2:00 p.m.**

Today we will watch “Home Team” starring Kevin James. This family comedy is rated PG and is the story of suspended NFL coach Sean Payton who hopes to reconnect with his son by coaching his hapless youth football team. We will serve refreshments followed by the movie and our drawing. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to make your reservation.

### **September 21 and October 19, 2022 –**

### **Hand and Foot-1:00 p.m.**

Join your friends for a fun card game. If you are a beginner with us, no worries, we can teach you. We will serve refreshments. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to sign up for this event.

### **October 12, 2022 – Movie Day – 2:00 p.m.**

Today’s movie is “The Age of Adeline” starring Blake Lively and Harrison Ford. The movie is rated PG13. Decades after a new fatal accident caused Adaline to stop aging at 29, she resists falling in love with a smitten tech mogul to keep her secret hidden. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to make your reservation. Refreshments will be served followed by the movie and our \$10 drawing.

## Tea and Tidbits

October 7, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Join us for some really wonderful fun. Earle Shivers, aka The Pearle of Georgia, will be with us today to give us some "tidbits" of his time spent at the Georgia Governor's Mansion working for 7 of our Governors (and the First Ladies). Earle has some wonderful, some touching, and some colorful stories to tell. Enjoy tea and refreshments with your Friends as we have a few laughs together. The party starts at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Main Office. Call Dani at 678-510-1145 to make your reservation.

November 9, 2022

## Movie Day

Our movie today will be "American Underdog". In this inspirational true story, Kurt Warner goes from stocking shelves at a supermarket to become a legendary two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl MVP, and Hall of Fame quarterback. A truly touching story as well. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to make your reservation, and then join us for refreshments, the movie and our drawing.

November 15, 2022

## Holiday Celebration

12:00 noon

Today we will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with our friends. See our insert for all of the details.

## Upcoming Trips

### New England Fall Foliage

October 11-20, 2022

Highlights include: Boston; Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall; Lexington and Concord; Old North Bridge; Freedom Trail; Maine; New Hampshire; Maine Clam (Lobster) Bake; Portland Head Lighthouse; Squam Lake ("On Golden Pond"); White Mountains; Kancamagus Highway; Green Mountain; Vermont; Quechee Gorge; Woodstock; Morse Farm Sugar Shack; Cold Hollow Cider Mill; Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory; Stockbridge, MA; Newport, R.I.; Cape Cod; Martha's Vineyard. Call for last minute availability.

### Christmas on the Danube

November 27-December 5,  
2022

Highlights include Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, 6-night Danube River Cruise, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Gluhwein Party, Vienna, Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House, Christmas Markets. You can extend your vacation with an optional 3 days, 2-night magical Christmas Markets of Prague pre-tour. A brochure is available online or at our offices. Call today to check the availability of space on this trip.

### Pretty Woman

Fox Theater

September 13, 2022

Everyone loves a wonderful love story! Pretty Woman: The Musical is based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time. Pretty Woman will lift your spirits and light up your heart. If you love the movie, you'll love the musical. We will have dinner at our favorite Italian restaurant, Campagnolo before heading to the wonderful Fox Theater for the performance. We will leave the bank at approximately 2:45 and return around 11:15 p.m. The price is \$135.00 per person and includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, dinner, show, taxes, tips and gratuities. Please call for availability.

## Tropical Costa

Rica

February 11-19, 2023

Highlights of this wonderful trip include: San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero. This is a spectacular time to visit beautiful Costa Rica. Everyone stops in their tracks to watch the sunset. Brochures are available online and at our office. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to reserve your spot on this trip.

In Memoriam...  
Lee Beckham

Look for this upcoming trip in  
2023 --

Exploring Britain & Ireland, featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

September 10-24, 2023

We will soon have brochures available.

TRAVEL SHOW WILL BE JANUARY 19,  
2023 AT 11:00 A.M.



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