



First Friends Newsletter November & December 2022

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Holiday Celebration
November 15th—12:00 noon



Christmas on the Danube
November 27—December 5 , 2022



Costa Rica

February 11—19, 2023



San Antonio, Texas
March 29—April 4, 2023

As I sit here reflecting on the past 22 years as First Friends Director, I am so blessed and humbled. What a ride it has been. Who would have ever thought that this little country girl would have traveled the world one day? People often ask me, "what has been your favorite trip?" That is the hardest question to answer. I have loved every trip – everywhere is so different. My bucket list place to visit was Australia. Well, as it happens, that was my very first trip where I needed a passport – and I was hooked at that point. I would say that I love Ireland and Italy, but Switzerland, Austria and the Bavarian area of Germany are perhaps one of my favorite spots. But I will tell you right now, the grand ole USA has my heart. We have a beautiful country that can shine among the best of scenery anywhere in the World. I am an advocate for travel and adventure. Get out there and see the USA and the World while you can.

But, what I am most grateful and thankful for are the friendships I have created with all of you throughout the years. What an absolute joy to see the faces of my groups as they travel and are amazed at the sights they see. It has been an absolute pleasure and joy to work with all of you. Yes, I will miss First Friends and I will miss each and every one of you, but I am so looking forward to my next chapter. So, Thanks for the Memories!

A NOTE FROM Dani.....

I am so grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity with First Friends. I have enjoyed working with Becky and traveling with all of you so much. I have always loved the visits, the phone calls and especially the times on the trips. You all are very special to me and I will cherish the friendships and memories forever.

Our mystery trip was to Greeneville, Tennessee (Bulls Gap, Tennessee). I told the group that when we got to where we were going, they still would not know where they were. Our host, Vera Ann, (she would not call herself a tour guide) showed us parts of Eastern Tennessee. Vera Ann and her family own a 500+ acre farm, Myers Farm. She is a former school teacher and has a passion for Agritourism. She wants to educate people about farming and how important it is to our world. We stayed in Greeneville, TN, home of Andrew Johnson. Our hotel was the historic General Morgan. We visited Bristol, TN – birthplace of Country Music (bet you did not know that). Bristol is in Tennessee on one side of the street and Virginia on the other. We also visited Jonesborough, Tennessee – the storytelling capital of the world. We even heard a few stories. One of the highlights in Greeneville was the City Garage Car Museum. Vera Ann told us it was for the gentlemen on the trip, but I believe the women may have enjoyed it a bit as well. The museum was full of vintage models of all kinds. We did spend a little time at Myers Farm as well – a hayride to see the cows; lunch on the "porch"; games; and bringing home a pumpkin. You never know where a mystery trip will take you, but I can guarantee that you will have a blast with the group.

We really enjoyed our trip to the Fox Theater to see Pretty Woman. First, we stopped at Campagnolo for the most delicious Italian dinner.

Our movie in September was "Home Team" and Susan Garrett was the drawing winner.

Our movie in October was "The Age of Adaline" and the drawing winner was Melodie Jones.

As we go to press on this newsletter, we will have a full motorcoach of folks in New England.

Upcoming Events...

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.

Thanks for the Memories

Holiday Celebration!

November 15, 2022 at 12:00

Noon

Oak Hill Baptist Church

Lunch and Entertainment

**Help us celebrate 22 years
and passing the Torch!**

Can't wait to see you there

**November 16, 2022 and
December 14, 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.

January 19, 2023

Travel Show

Britain & Ireland

11:00 a.m.

Call Andrea Griffin at 678-510-5144 to make your reservation to hear about this wonderful destination.

Upcoming Trips

**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.

**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.

New Trips...

Exploring

Britain & Ireland

**Featuring England, Ireland,
Scotland and Wales**

September 10-24, 2023

Highlights include Edinburgh, York, High Speed Train, London, Afternoon Tea, Stonehenge, Bath, Wales, Cardiff Castle, Welsh Evening, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Jaunting Car Ride, Dublin, and a Traditional Irish Night. Brochures are available on our website. **We will have a travel show on this trip on January 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Please call Andrea Griffin at 678-510-5144 to make your reservation.**

**San Antonio, Texas
March 29-April 4,
2023**

This is a truly spectacular tour of San Antonio! Filled with fun along the way, we will also visit the USS Alabama, the Blue Bonnets of Chapel Hill, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and the NASA Johnson Space Center. A brochure for this trip is enclosed and can be found on our website. Call Andrea at 678-510-5144 for more details and to sign up.

In Memoriam...

**Mary Ann Moore
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