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MEETS EVERY MONTH THE 2ND MONDAY AT 11:30 A.M. IN RACHEL'S KITCHEN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting
Monday, July 12
Rachel's Kitchen
11:30 a.m.

Potluck
Please Bring a Dish to Share!

JULY 2021 ISSUE

Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tour by George Darnell

June 7, 2021

Forty-six travelers left the lodge on a comfortable Richards Bus at 8:30 a.m. and traveled Route 340 through Harpers Ferry to Frederick, MD. We turned onto Route 15 and headed for Gettysburg, PA. Along the way, Sam Kerns, dressed in both blue and gray, and Rick Turner, dressed in a Confederate gray uniform, told us about how they became interested in the Gettysburg Campaign and other visits they had made.

They told us how General Lee was able to move 70,000 Confederate troops from Chancellorsville, VA, as far north as Harrisburg, PA, without alerting Federal troops. In brief, they entered the Shenandoah Valley at Chester Gap near Front Royal and used the Blue Ridge Mountains to shield their movement as they crossed the Potomac River into Maryland and then into Pennsylvania. Along their way, they cleared the Valley of Federal troops and captured 40 canons at the Second Battle of Winchester north of the city.

Sam provided us with ten pages of color and black and white handouts before we stopped on the battlefield. They contained troop strengths, pictures of major generals and maps of the three-day battle. Our first stop was near the Eternal

Light Monument overlooking Day One of the battle. We stood under a large oak, which still had marks of the battle, while Sam (on the right) described the battle.





We stopped at the Peach Orchard to view the site of part of Day Two as Sam (on the left) described it to us.

For lunch, we stopped in Gettysburg, at the Appalachian Brewery, located on what was part of the battlefield. Sam called ahead to alert them to our arrival and it was large enough that we did not have to wait long to be seated and served in groups of four or six. We enjoyed our lunch and conversations before rejoining the bus for a drive to Little Round Top, another site of Day Two of the battle.

After parking near the top of Little Round Top, we got off the bus and walked to the boulder strewn area known as Devils Den. Sam described how Federal canon and sharpshooters defended the position from Confederate troops attacking from below. Then we walked to the other side of the hill where the Chamberlain's 20th Maine monument commemorating their famous bayonet charge defending the flank of Little Round Top.



Our last stop was the "high water mark" of "Pickett's Charge" on Day Three of the battle. As we stood on the high ground that was attacked by the Confederate Army, Rick described to us in detail the pincer movement that almost won the day. The day was clear and hot as we looked out on the fence the Confederates had to climb through or over to charge across open ground. But Rick told us that the canons and the muskets the Confederates thought they had silenced were still operational and the Federals were still defending the hill—the smoke simply covered the operations. They won the day for the Federal troops.

We were glad to reboard the bus and enjoy its air conditioning for the ride home to Lake Frederick. As we exited the bus, everyone thanked our neighbors, Sam and Rick, as well as our driver, Ed, for making it an informative and enjoyable trip.

Calendar of Trips for 2021

- Jul 15—Walking tour of Front Royal with optional dinner at Front Royal Brewery and Gazebo Concert at 7 p.m. No transportation; meet at Gazebo at 3 p.m. (Maximum of 26) by George
- Aug 6—Belle Grove Plantation & Jackson's Headquarters Tour with lunch & cidery by Gary McDowell
- Aug 26—Harpers Ferry Whitewater Rafting on Shenandoah River: \$90 for transportation and guided rafting adventure; stops for refreshments not included (minimum of 12; maximum of 24) by George
- Sep 5-12—Greek Isles Cruise from Athens on Norwegian Cruise Lines. For information email Judy Bogner at judyllbogner@aol.com
- Sep 16—Antietam National Battlefield and Shepherdstown Tour: \$40 for transportation and admission fees. Lunch at Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown not included (minimum of 8; maximum of 14) by George
- Oct 7—Little Washington and Sperryville for wine, beer, spirits, shops, and dinner at Griffin Tavern in Flint Hill: \$30 for transportation. Shopping, tastings, and dinner not included (minimum of 8; maximum of 14) by George
- Oct 28—Western, MD, Frostburg Flyer 4.5 Hour Train Ride: \$100 for transportation & train ride (minimum of 8; maximum of 26) by George
- Nov 12-13—Queen Esther & Miracle on 34th Street in Lancaster, PA, by motor coach: 2 days/1 night/3 meals; \$389 pp double/ \$469 single; filling fast. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtrips.com/>
- Nov 26-29—A Country Christmas at Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN, by motor coach: 4 days/3 nights/2 meals; \$1089 pp double/\$1429 single; Deposit \$150 pp. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtrips.com/>
- Nov 30-Dec 1—Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate & Grove Park Inn by motor coach; 2 days/1 night/2 meals. \$479 pp double/\$549 single; deposit \$100 pp. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtrips.com/>
- Dec 10-12—Pennsylvania's Christmas Treasures (incl. Longwood Gardens) by motor coach; 2 days/1 night/2 meals. \$329 pp double/\$389 single; deposit \$100 pp. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtrips.com/>
- Dec 13-18—Christmas in New Orleans by Train; 2 days on train r/t; 2 days & 3 nights in New Orleans; 1 meal. \$1720 per couple; single pricing available. Upgrade to sleeper on train available. Call Amneris Delgado of Avoya Travel at 866-588-9088 for Lake Frederick Travel Club trip. (R/T shuttle to train station will be arranged by George.)
- Apr 9-26, 2022—Panama Canal Cruise on Holland America; 18 days/17 nights; from \$2799 per person plus R/T airfare TBA. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtrips.com/>

NOTE: For Shenandoah motor coach tours we need a minimum of 8 people for pick up in Lake Frederick. Otherwise, pick up is at Routes 522 & 50 in the Red Roof Inn parking lot.

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**Queen Esther &
Miracle on 34th Street
Lancaster, PA
November 12-13, 2021**

**2 Days / 1 Night
3 Meals**

Price per person:
Twin/Double \$389
Single \$469

Deposit: \$100.00 Per Person

Final Payment is due on or before October 13, 2021.

Optional Trip Cancellation/Interruption Protection \$47 per person.

Tour #21009



Queen Esther ... a brand-new original stage production at Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre in 2020! Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals. Witness how Esther's life changed, and how she found the courage to trust in God's plan. In addition, enjoy *Miracle on 34th Street* at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre.

Day 1 - Friday - November 12

Arrive in Lancaster / *Queen Esther*

Today we travel to the heart of Pennsylvania's Amish Country - Lancaster. Flowing meadows, patchwork farmlands, and quiet countrysides where local farmers still plow the fields with teams of horses. This afternoon we're off to Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre to enjoy the brand-new stage production, *Queen Esther*. Set in the opulent, perilous Persian Empire, *Queen Esther* is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Her ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Following this amazing show, we'll enjoy dinner at one of our favorite Amish restaurants, and our overnight stay at the Country Inn of Lancaster. (D)

Day 2 - Saturday - November 13

***Miracle on 34th Street* at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre / Travel Home**

Explore Lancaster's backroads, stopping at a local quilt shop, pretzel bakery, or bake shop. On to Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for lunch followed by *Miracle on 34th Street*, a heartwarming musical set in New York City and recounts the story of a little girl's belief in Santa Claus. You don't want to miss this one! Following the show, we'll board our coach for the trip home. (B,L)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Reserved seats for *Queen Esther*
- Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord
- *Miracle on 34th Street* at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
- Also included: Accommodations, Motorcoach Transportation, Shenandoah Tours Escort, & Luggage Handling.
- 3 Meals = 1B, 1L, 1D
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A Country Christmas at Opryland Hotel November 26-29, 2021

**4 Days / 3 Nights
2 Meals**

Price per person:

Twin/Double \$1089

Single \$1429

Traditional Rooms

Deposit: \$150.00 Per Person

Final Payment is due on or before September 21, 2021.

Optional Trip Cancellation/Interruption Protection \$112 per person. (Twin/Double), \$138 Single

Tour #21041



Get in the spirit of the holiday season at the fabulous Opryland Hotel in Nashville. Stroll through acres of lush indoor gardens and along winding pathways and waterfalls. See brilliant displays of holiday ornaments and huge, sparkling trees. It's truly a sight to behold as everywhere we look, Christmas is coming to life! Our days and evenings will be filled with wondrous holiday festivities. Highlights include a spectacular Christmas Dinner and Show, General Jackson luncheon cruise, Delta River Flatboat ride, ICE Exhibit, and the legendary Grand Ole Opry. This tour is one you don't want to miss!

Day 1 - Friday - November 26

Travel to Nashville

All aboard!! We're on our way to Nashville for a three-night stay at the fantastic Opryland Hotel. We arrive at the hotel all decked out in its finest array just as dusk settles over the city. What a spectacular sight as over two million Christmas lights sparkle in the night. A free evening to enjoy the amenities of the hotel.

Day 2 - Saturday - November 27

ICE / General Jackson Showboat / Grand Ole Opry

A special day filled with wonder and amazement. Visit "ICE!" the awe-inspiring experience where more than 2 million pounds of ice come to life under the skillful hands of talented artisans. We'll watch ice sculptures being carved before our very eyes at the live carving zone. Next, we enjoy a wonderful luncheon cruise and holiday musical revue aboard the General Jackson Showboat. This evening, we attend the legendary Grand Ole Opry, a great opportunity to see and hear our favorite country music entertainers. (L)

Day 3 - Sunday - November 28

Delta River Flatboat Ride / Christmas Dinner & Show

Our morning is free to enjoy the amenities of the hotel and to take a ride aboard the Delta River Flatboat, surrounded by the lush indoor gardens of this beautiful resort. See the 85 foot fountain, three waterfalls and, hopefully, "Danny," the 80 plus pound catfish that lives in the river! A special evening of dining and entertainment awaits at the Christmas Dinner and Show. Enjoy a traditional holiday meal including all the trimmings, followed by a spectacular Christmas show. (D)

Day 4 - Monday - November 29

Travel Home

Filled with good tidings and holiday cheer, we bid farewell to Nashville and return home with wonderful memories of "A Country Christmas at Opryland Hotel." Please note: The tour itinerary is established by the Opryland Hotel and is subject to change.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights at Opryland Hotel
- Admission to ICE
- Lunch on the General Jackson Showboat
- Grand Ole Opry
- Services of a Shenandoah Tours Escort
- Delta River Flatboat Ride
- Christmas Dinner & Show

Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate & Gingerbread Houses at Grove Park Inn Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2021

2 Days / 1 Night
2 Meals

Price per person:
Twin/Double \$479
Single \$549

Deposit: \$100.00 Per Person

Final Payment is due on or before October 21, 2021.

Optional Trip Cancellation/Interruption Protection \$47 per
person (Twin), \$70 Single.

Tour #21027



Sugar and spice and everything nice! Come along and enjoy the most wonderful time of the year... the Biltmore Estate celebrates Christmas in grand style! Visit America's largest home all dressed in its finest array for the holiday season ... decorated trees, wreaths, bows, and poinsettias. An additional treasure is a visit to the Grove Park Inn to see the amazing display of gingerbread houses, and delight in these sugar-and-spice creations. Enjoy a special dinner at Biltmore Estate and a holiday buffet breakfast at historic Grove Park Inn. This is a one-of-a-kind holiday experience we'll never forget!

Day 1 - Tuesday - November 30

Travel to Asheville / Candlelight Tour - Biltmore Estate

Welcome to this Winter Wonderland Tour! Journey south to Asheville, North Carolina, and experience the finest of the holiday season! Accommodations await us in Asheville. As dusk settles over the city we're off to the magnificent Biltmore Estate for a fine holiday dinner and their annual Christmas Candlelight Tour. Enter the grounds where over 500 luminaries cast a warm glow. The best is yet to come ... a candlelight tour of this incredible estate, the 225-room French Renaissance chalet, home of George Vanderbilt. Crackling fires, glittering trees, and hundreds of candles glow throughout rooms richly decorated for an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas. This is an experience we'll long remember! (D)

Day 2 - Wednesday - December 1

Grove Park Inn / Gingerbread Houses / Travel Home

Today we'll visit the fabulous Grove Park Inn to see the amazing display of gingerbread houses. People from across the country create these culinary sugar and spice masterpieces for competition in this annual event. Enjoy an included breakfast in the Blue Ridge Dining Room and warm by the giant fireplaces in the grand lobby. Afterwards, return to the Biltmore Estate to visit the gardens, the winery, and Antler Hill Village filled with dining and shopping opportunities. By mid-afternoon we'll board our coach for the trip home, bringing with us cherished memories of this special holiday tour. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Candlelight Tour of the Biltmore Estate
- Dinner at Deer Park Restaurant
- Gingerbread House display at the Grove Park Inn
- Breakfast at the Grove Park Inn
- Visit the Biltmore Winery
- Also included: Accommodations, Motorcoach Transportation, Shenandoah Tours Escort, & Luggage Handling.
- 2 Meals = 1B, 1D.

Pennsylvania's Christmas Treasures December 10-11, 2021

**2 Days / 1 Night
2 Meals**

Price per person:

Twin/Double \$329

Single \$389

Deposit: \$100.00 Per Person

Final Payment is due on or before November 10, 2021.

Optional Trip Cancellation/Interruption Protection is \$47 per person.

Tour #21040



It's the most wonderful season of the year! Visit Lancaster and enjoy The Christmas Tree Ship, an inspirational, heartwarming musical at Bird-in-Hand Theatre. And see the amazing beauty at spectacular Longwood Gardens, a holiday experience that is sure to make your season merry and bright! Join Shenandoah Tours for this two-day getaway and make holiday memories to last a lifetime.

Day 1 - Friday - December 10

Travel to Lancaster / Bird-in-Hand Theatre

Join fellow travelers and we're off to Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Upon arrival we'll visit one of the local farmers' markets...so special during the holiday season...and always brimming over with delightful foods, pastries and specialty items. Afterwards travel along backroads with flowing meadows, patchwork farmlands, and quiet countryside where local farmers still plow their fields with teams of horses. Stop by a local quilt shop, pretzel bakery, or bake shop. Check into our local hotel before enjoying the evening at Bird-in-Hand for our included dinner followed by a delightful evening featuring The Christmas Tree Ship...one family's unsinkable mission to save Christmas. This heartwarming inspirational musical is based on the true story of Herman Schuenemann known as Captain Santa who goes down with his ship in a storm on Lake Michigan. This, unfortunately, leaves his widow to raise their daughters, run the family business and continue her husband's mission of giving away thousands of Christmas trees to the less fortunate. Enjoy this Christmas tale of heroic proportions, filled with the importance of kindness and the joys of Christmas. (D)

Day 2 - Saturday - December 11

Longwood Gardens / Home

This morning we travel a short distance to enjoy the Beauty of the Holidays at Longwood Gardens. This is truly a sight to behold and will make our holiday oh so merry and bright! In the conservatory stroll among beautifully adorned trees and plant palettes ranging from delicate winter white to rich reds to the greenest of evergreens. From poinsettias to living wreaths to floral trees, the warmth and cheer of the holiday is ours to enjoy this special season. By mid-afternoon we'll board our coach for the trip home, bringing with us treasured memories of this special holiday tour. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Reserved seats for The Christmas Tree Ship - Bird-in-Hand Theatre
- Visit a Local Farmers Market
- Admission to Longwood Gardens
- Also included: Overnight Accommodations, Motorcoach Transportation, Shenandoah Tours Escort, & Luggage Handling.
- 2 Meals = 1B, 1D.