



New Members











Linda's Updates

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



Only a few changes on our trip participation for the trips I have for Gals. I have added a few links for the tour descriptions.

- **4 Booked on Treasures of Egypt** (Group space has been released and availability will be on request)
- 2 Booked on Celebrating America's 250^{th} Anniversary (Group space has been released and availability will be on request)
- 11 Booked on Switzerland Rails and Sails (Seats are still available) A pre night in Zurich is being added.

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6 Booked on Princess 14 Day Iceland and the UK cruise. (Cabins are still available)



https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1375388

7 Booked on Venice and the Croatian Islands (Group space has been released and availability will be on request)

6 Booked on African Safari: Kenya and Tanzania Added date 02NOV2026 (10 Seats remain)



18 Booked on African Safari: Kenya and Tanzania 11NOV2026 SOLD OUT! Many of the Gals are also doing the pre 4 night Masai Mara and/or the post 4 night Zanzibar extensions.

1 Booked on Costa Rica World of Nature 19JAN2027 (<u>Single rooms</u> on the small group tours are limited, so book early if you are hoping for a single room)

https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1333632



FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER- CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY -DECEMBER 30TH.



If you are interest in any of these trips, please get ahold of me.

2025 TRIPS REMAINING

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND UNCOVERED (with Fiji Extension) – 4 GALS-NOVEMBER 10.

If anyone is interested in seeing the itinerary of this trip and follow along with our Gals, check it out at-

https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1255213

Looking forward to seeing pictures posted on our Gals Facebook page!!

Best regards,

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Tammy's Updates



Happy November- month of Gratitude,

Isn't this fall just absolutely beautiful! I have everything from bare trees to a tree that is still green.

My grandson picked out a 92.6 lbs pumpkin and had fun rolling it to its place of

honor among some strawbales and gourds.

We have a Gal looking for a roommate for the Autumn in the Adirondacks and Finger Lakes tour. Please let me know if you have interest in this tour.

I have visited with a few of you especially on cruises about dancing and dance lessons as I have never learned to dance. I am going to change that!

The High Horse Saloon (3953 Montana Ave) has free country western dance lessons on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:15. Each Tuesday is a different dance, and Steve Gillis is a great instructor. I am having a great time and invite you to join me!

I am thankful to each and everyone of you for being in my life,

Tammy

November Events



Wednesday, November 19th

10:00 AM

Poly's Place

1704 Poly DR

Upcoming Events

*ATTENTION GALS!

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED FOR AN ACTIVITY OR GATHERING AT OR NEAR BILLINGS?

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA WE COULD CONSIDER FOR A GATHERING?

We invite you to complete a form called "A Gathering Proposal". Our Gals membership will help you plan this event and make your idea a reality. Please contact Jean Cushing (our gathering chair) to get the proposal form. Contact Jean at 406-698-2883 or email at jmcush86@gmail.com



Wednesday, December 17th,

10:00 AM

Mazero

819 Grand Ave



A Magical Medora Christmas information was sent to you by email in October.





Let's Ring In the New Year together!

Wednesday December 31

Join us for a no-host New Year's Eve dinner at a local restaurant (to be determined) as

we celebrate friendship, travel, and all the Gals Going Global adventures to come in 2026!

Watch for details in the December Newsletter

Adventures Completed



COFFEE TIME

Wednesday, October 15, coffee was attended by 14 Gals. This was the first coffee since last spring. There was a lot of catching up to do. Alot of discussion about the new trips for 2026.



Eleven Gals attended the Bob Ross Painting class in October and went home with lovely,

happy, mountain masterpieces.

"I think there's an artist hidden at the bottom of every single one of us." Bob Ross



A Culinary Journey through New England

A delicious treat from beginning to end. Eye candy with fine food and friends.

This was my first trip with Gals Go Global and Mayflower Tours and it sure won't be my last. A nice night at the beautiful Embassy Suites in Boston geared us up to meet Shelly, our tour guide and find our seat on the bus. The tour began with a local guide who skillfully guided Syndey, our driver through the Portland, Maine streets including the waterfront while breathlessly telling us the history, past and present. That was followed by travel to Perkin's Cove to board the Finestkind Lobster Pulling craft. The two fishermen/captain explained and demonstrated pulling their cages, marked by their blue and white colored buoys, not too far from shore, taking the lobster out, measuring between the eyes then throwing back or putting in the keeping water. The crew replace the bait, which is dead fish, then lower the cage again, moving on to the next one. Lobsters were brought to us for close inspection and/or holding. One had many eggs (thousands) attached to its body that looked like clumps of black grapes, each of which had many eggs. The laying of eggs and hatching season is here we were told. The lobsters will soon molt, crawl out of their shell as another forms, quickly grow, and move out into the bay 10 miles and more for the winter, coming back in the spring. Our boat will go out 8-10 miles in the winter to drop and pull cages. Back on the bus and a ride to Stonewall Kitchens for jams and jellies followed by Ogunquit Maine Lobster dinner. The whole lobster! Fun! New experience for many.

The third day dawned in York, Maine at a lovely oceanfront hotel with breakfast served in a seaside restaurant. After a stop at the Nubble Lighthouse, the most

photographed one in Maine we headed to Vermont through New Hampshire. The area was very dry. The locals reported the leaves were falling off the trees as soon as they began to change colors. The beautiful greenery and low mountainous area was different and interesting. A high point seemed to be the Billings Farm and Museum for us gals from Billings. Frederic Billings who named our city was born and raised in the area, then came back at retirement to buy a large acreage and develop a dairy farm still in operation today. The museum and the working animals and dairy were beautifully cared for with one wing devoted to Frederic Billings, his ancestors and progeny.

Day four took us to Montpelier, Vermont's capital, visiting the Morse Sugar Farm and learning a LOT about the maple trees, taking the sap and refining it into grades of syrup. Cold Hollow Cider Mill was next to learn about the millions of apples harvested each year, much of it pressed into cider through a fascinating process. The icing on the cake was actually ice cream at Ben and Jerry's with an entertaining tour through the processing plant. Again, to boggle the mind, the millions of pints of ice cream processed rapidly was incredible! Along with delicious, quality ice cream, (their only real rival being ______) Ben and Jerry's owners are top grade philanthropists.

After a couple nights at the "interesting" Holiday Inn Express in White River Junction, Vermont we started south stopping first at the Yankee Candle Factory near Deerfield, Mass. Then on to Sturbridge Village which is a working village as it was in the 1830's, nearly 200 years ago. At Bullard Tavern we were served a lunch of Chicken Pot Pie, mashed potatoes, squash and carrot cake and went on to share a colonial cooking experience making an actual cookie recipe (no soda nor baking powder) around a table on children's chairs. They were baked by an open fireplace in a tin oven that was open to the fire on one side. Tasty.

Continuing south to Newport, we checked into the beautiful Wyndham, a lovely ending. On day six, a local guide hopped on our bus and narrated nonstop with an interesting background of Newport, the city of less than 25,000. From rum capital of the world (take rum to Africa, trade for slaves, stop at Caribbean ports, trade them for sugar cane which was taken home to make more rum). She told us at one time Newport was one of the top five populated cities in the New World. The British came in, declared martial law and one-half the population moved away. The British tore down 400 homes to burn for firewood. Then the French arrived with 6,000 troops. In 1790, 2,400 troops and 450 cannons occupied Fort Adams. The Fort was occupied throughout five wars. Newport claims the third oldest lighthouse in America. America's first summer resorts for the wealthiest industrialists in the 1870's was there. Mark Twain called it the Gilded Age with homes rivaling European castles. Jay Leno was at his mansion for the weekend emceeing the annual Motor Show.

Our week ended on day six with a program on an Oyster Boat at the Matunuck Oyster Farm where the men get in the water year around in their chest waders to check the oyster bags for growth and replanting the "seeds", they order. Again, the million was mentioned again, as there are that many oysters growing at any one time. We had seafood at the company's outstanding restaurant for lunch. I ate an Oyster Po'boy and my mouth is watering for another. For our farewell, Newport Vineyards hosted a wine tasting after describing their grapes, growing, harvesting and brewing work.

November Birthdays



Judy Olson

Myra Martinson

Kathy Hayner

Joyce Nitschke

Beth Morrow

Carole Moveland

Pauline Midhler

Karen Keating

Kay Danielson

Alice Lahren

Billie Cape

November Payments

Maggie Smiley

Nicole Naudet 11/11/25

Kathy Hayner 11/14/25

Barb Smalis 11/19/25

Linda Haker 11/22/25

Willow Browm 11/27/25

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