

JULY/AUGUST 2022

Connections

Exploring the world with the FSB Connect Club

LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE!



2022 CALENDAR

JULY

- 6th - Circa 21 - Beauty and the Beast
- 5th-8th - Ballard's Fishing Tour
- 11th- 13th - Celebration Belle Cruise
- 22nd - Bingo with Wine Tasting
- 26th - Document Party Alaska @ 2 PM

AUGUST

- 1st - Ladies Outing
- 5th - Flea Market in What Cheer
- 9th-20th - Alaska Land & Cruise
- 14th - FSB Employee Appreciation Picnic
- 23rd - Master Gardener Seminar
- 24th - Movie Day
- 25th - Fireside - Wizard of Oz
- 26th - Document Party Greek & Turkish Splendor @ 2 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd - 14th - Greek & Turkish Splendor
- TBD Chili Cook-Off
- TBD One Day Mystery Tour

OCTOBER

- 4th - Movie Day
- 6th - 21st - Africa
- 20th-4th - Africa

NOVEMBER

- TBD - FSB Seminar

DECEMBER

- 6th - Movie Day
- 7th - 17th Danube River Cruise

Let's

Explore **the** *World* *Together!*

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

August 9-20, 2022

Inside and Outside (Window) cabins are still available.

Traverse the Pacific coast by land and sea aboard one of Princess Cruise Lines' lovely ships on a breathtaking journey that takes you from Alaska to Vancouver, British Columbia. Cruise the Sternwheeler Discovery and encounter Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. In a modern saloon, enjoy local dishes inspired by Fannie Q, the famed Alaskan pioneer. Ride a luxury domed railcar from Denali to Talkeetna, soak in views of the incredible landscapes from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as guides provide expert commentary. Travel into Denali National Park for the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. Cruise through Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage, taking in rugged natural wonders. Explore Alaska's gorgeous capital, Juneau. Visit Ketchikan, the "Salmon Capital of the World." This is Alaska as you always imagined.



Greek and Turkish Splendor

September 3-14, 2022

10 Nights aboard Regatta/Oceania Cruises

Whether you're a history buff, a gourmand, or a sun bather, the eastern Mediterranean covers all the bases! Come immerse yourself in the history and culture of Malta, Italy, Greece, and Turkey on this 10-night cruise. Take a ride around the Bay of Argostoli, and in Chania, swim and snorkel or stretch out in the sun. Stop in Santorini, where the house-dotted cliffs are the perfect backdrop for a moment of reflection. In Athens and Ephesus, indulge your historic side as you make your way through ruins and relics. And take in the pleasures of Istanbul-meander the spice markets or make a stop at the Blue Mosque.



Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 for detailed itineraries on any of these tours.

Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

*\$7,864 Per Person Double Occupancy
\$8,949 Per Person Single Occupancy • Insurance \$449 Per Person*

Oct. 21 - Nov. 4, 2022

Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa. Seek out the "Big 5" on 8 different safaris. Experience an authentic bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park. Get a taste of South African culture at local wineries. Witness the natural beauty of Victoria Falls. Greet African elephants and spend time interacting with them. Search for animals along the winding Chobe River. Epic scenery and winding coastlines come together in an incredible adventure.



Christmas on the Danube

December 7-17, 2022

Featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise

Lower Outside Cabin Double Per Person \$3,849

Middle Outside Cabin Double Per Person \$3,999

Upper Outside Cabin Per Person \$4,599

Suite Cabin Double Per Person \$5,349

On a boat cruise along the Danube, explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best. Join a local expert and explore historic Vienna. Float through the Wachau Valley dotted with castles and hillside houses. Visit the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Enjoy a Glühwein Party - a German holiday party with



mulled wine. Explore Nuremburg, home to one of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in the world. Discover Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town. Relax as you are transported to beloved riverside towns and delve into local holiday traditions.

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Australia's Outback to New Zealand's South Island

*\$9,299 Double Per Person and \$11,449 Single • Insurance \$499 Per Person
With an Optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension \$1,399 Per Person Double*

Jan. 24 - Feb. 13, 2023

Venture through the natural splendor of New Zealand's Southern Alps and the stillness of Australia's rugged Outback. Delve into the underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Take a "Dreamtime tour" in the Outback, introducing you to Aboriginal life and culture. Tour Sydney Opera House with an expert guide. Enjoy a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Meet Australia and New Zealand's famous wildlife up-close. Settle in for a 3-night stay in Queenstown. Cruise Milford Sound. From Alice Springs and Uluru (Ayers Rock) to snow-capped peaks and fjords, explore the diverse wonders of the lands Down Under.



Tahiti and the Pearls of French Polynesia

May 23 - June 2, 2023

Sign up now before it's too late!

Pricing ranges from \$7,465 to \$7,765 depending on your choice of cabin.

Uncover the world-famous Society Islands of French Polynesia by small ship! Bora Bora, Huahine, Taha'a, Raiatea, and Mo'orea are gorgeous islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping will allow you to see every landscape,



from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. The Islands of Tahiti are a slice of paradise with unrivaled culture, history, natural beauty, and marine life!

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Tropical Costa Rica

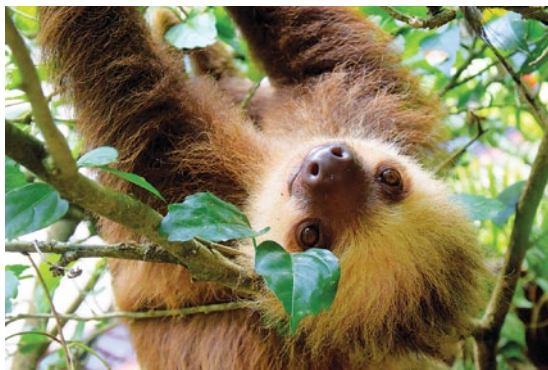
March 3-12, 2023

With optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension
Double Per Person \$2,725 • Single \$3,285 • Insurance \$399 Per Person

Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...rumbling volcanoes and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals.

Luxuriate at a resort for two nights at Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste, known for its

breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Spend two nights in Monteverde's lush cloud forest. Experience the forest canopy on your choice of a hanging bridges nature walk or an exhilarating zip lining tour. Explore part of the 20,000 acre nature preserve of Cano Negro on a riverboat adventure. Enjoy the tranquil views of the Arenal Volcano from your hotel. Explore San Jose's Plaza de Cultura and view the magnificent National Theatre. You will find a slice of paradise and so much more.



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Newfoundland 2023

Tour in Progress

Cruise on Bonne Bay with views of Gros Morne Mountain & the Tablelands, Gros Morne National Park (Unesco World Heritage Site) Nicknamed the "Galapagos Of Plate Tectonics", Twillingate Island-Newfoundlands oldest and most intersting fishing community, Prime Berth Fishery & Heritage Center, Long Point Lighthouse, visit to Gander who is world famous due to residents opening their homes and showing true Newfoundland hospitality to many stranded passengers due to the attacks on the USA on September 11, 2001, travel through Terra Nova National Park, visit to the Botanical Gardens with breathtaking trails, 250 species of plants, 26 speicies of butterflies, 100 species of birds who all make this garden their home, visit to Cabot Tower at Signal Hill National Historic Site where we can view the famous "Narrow" and admire the architecture of old St. Johns, visit to Cape Spear National Historic Site to see the incredible "rooms" Museum depicting Newfoundland's cultural heritage.

Highlight of the tour: We will take a cruise out to the icebergs & sea bird life at Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. You will be astounded by the sea bird activity including more than 260,000 pairs of Atlantic Puffins - that's right thousands! In additon we will see Murres, kittewakes, hawks, ospreys and many othe shore birds along with the icebergs and home to the many umpback, Minke and Fin whales.



Branson 2023

Tour in Progress

Have a blast in Branson on this fun-filled adventure. Our trip will include some of the following tours: Sight & Sounds Theatres astonishing play "Queen Esther", Reza World's top Illusionist/Magician, Clay Cooper, Titanic, Dogwood Canyon Tram Tour, Wonders of Wild Life with your choice of a Penguin Encounter or Caged Shark Dive, Silver Dollar City with a stay at the Grand Country Resort ... and much more. If you've never been to Branson, now is the time.





You are invited to join me for a divine day with Freedom, Fun, Food & Friendship!

Included:

- * Breakfast & Champagne
- * Fashion Show
- * Czech Village Shopping
- * Czech Village Museum
- * Catered Lunch
- * Photo Booth
- * Kiss & Tell Booth
- * Wine & Cheese Pairing Booth
- * Chocolate Tasting Booth
- * Soap Booth
- * Olive Oil Booth
- And much more!*

If you choose, please wear a little black dress or a black ensemble.
I will provide the Pearls and Sunglasses!

Date: Friday, August 1, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library
1400 Inspiration Place SW | Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

RSVP by July 1, 2022

\$90 per person plus completed reservation form.

"Your friendship is more valuable to me than the rarest of diamonds."

What Cheer Flea Market

Do you dream of road tripping, searching for bargains, vintage goods, antiques and haggling for that perfect price? **Then this day tour was made for you!** You're sure to find a hidden treasure at this Flea Market!

Friday, August 5, 2022

\$100.00

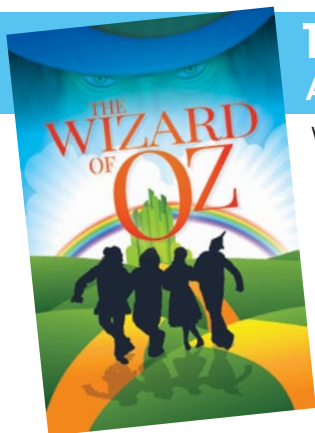
This indoor/outdoor market features 400 dealers from several states and is one of the premier antique and collectibles markets in the Midwest. This market offers a little bit of everything, including antiques & collectibles, tools, primitives, postcards, glassware, stamps, coins, jewelry, furniture, baseball cards, and more.

You will also find a big selection of food vendors or you can pack your own picnic lunch and a lawn chair to relax in the shade and enjoy some downtime before you get back to shopping.

Includes: Motor Coach transportation, gratuities, parking fee, Flea Market ticket, breakfast at the Bluebird Café and dinner at Pino's Pizza.



- 7:00 AM Depart from FSB
1380 Twixt Town Road | Marion, IA 52302
- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Arrive At What Cheer Flea Market
- Lunch On Own
- 3:30 PM Depart What Cheer Flea Market
- 4:30 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Arrive Home



The Wizard of Oz

August 25, 2022 • \$160

The Fireside
FiresideTheatre.com

We're off to see the Wizard! Over ten generations have grown up loving this classic tale of an enchanted land - first as a beloved children's book, then as an iconic Hollywood film. Now The Fireside is bringing you an exciting stage adaptation of this legendary musical. It's all there - good witches, wicked witches, munchkins, a cowardly lion in search of courage, a tin man in search of a heart, a scarecrow in search of a brain, and a young girl from Kansas in search of home. It's a show for

the entire family filled with eye-popping costumes, rib-tickling humor, breath-taking adventure, and an immortal musical score including one of the greatest hit songs in musical history - "Over the Rainbow." So this summer, just follow the yellow brick road to The Fireside.

We will depart from FSB (1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion) at 6:30 AM, make a stop at McDonalds for breakfast, enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert & the spectacular production. On the way home we will make a rest stop at Culver's and return home around 8:30 PM.



2022 MOVIE DAYS

Connect Club Members Only

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, October 4th

Tuesday, December 6th

We will have our choice of 4 first-run movies,
with the most popular movie being held in two theaters.

And, of course, we can't have a **FREE MOVIE DAY** without **FREE POPCORN**
(the best popcorn in town with real butter) along with pop or coffee!

Free refills will still be available!

The concession stand is always open to purchase anything else you might want.

Due to the staff needing time to set up, the doors will not open until 8:30 AM.

At 9:15 we will have announcements and a synopsis of the movies being shown.

- Masks are not required.
- No reservations are necessary.
- Please remember our free events are for members only.



1462 Twixt Town Road, Marion

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on these fabulous Seminars!

*** Reservations are required for all seminars. ***

Who's In? Bingo but with Wine!

Friday, July 22 at 4:00 PM

Location: City Square Park Depot • 1101 Grant Wood Trail • Marion, IA 52302

This event will be filled with Friends - Fun - Music - Prizes - Lubben's Wine Tastings - Drinks & Snacks! It is always a great time to get caught up in the exhilaration of waiting to be the first to call that little 5 letter word...BINGO! So invite your Connect Club Friends and join in on the fun! Seating is limited so make sure you RSVP for this event.

Learn how to grow your own herb garden!

Tuesday, August 23 at 2:00 PM

Location: Elmcrest Country Club

Even if you aren't a big gardener, growing your own herbs is a simple and fantastic way to add fresh ingredients to your meals and drinks. Herbs are relatively low maintenance and grow well in sunny, well-drained pots. Join me as we learn all about Iowa's delicious herbs!

Contact Kathy Leesekamp at 319-294-2900 to RSVP for any of these seminars.

Detail coming in later issues:

September: Chili Cookoff • **November:** FSB Event

FSB Customer Appreciation Picnic

Sunday, August 14, 2022

12:00 - 2:30 PM

Veteran's Memorial Stadium

950 Rockford RD SW
Cedar Rapids, IA



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