

Trips and Tours

All Things at Clabber Girl

Thursday, January 18

We'll head to Terre Haute, Indiana for a guided museum tour of Clabber Girl. Enjoy a cooking demonstration from their staff chef, sample their creations, and take home the recipes. Learn all you ever wanted to know about coffee during a coffee roasting demonstration. Your lunch is included and will be prepared by the Culinary Division. Also included is a ½ pound of freshly roasted coffee. Extra time will be allowed to stroll through the museum and gift shop. Take home some goodies from their Bake Shop. Includes: admission, lunch and transportation. Cost: \$45

Nana's Naughty Knickers: Play Comedy

Myers Dinner Theater

Wednesday, February 7

Bridget and her Grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite Nana in New York for the summer quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet Grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling handmade naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five-borough area! Will Bridget handle all the excitement? Will her Nana get arrested - or worse - evicted? Includes transportation and ticket. Please tip your server. Cost: \$45

Subaru Factory Tour

Thursday, February 22

We are heading to the Subaru Plant in Lafayette, Indiana. The tour begins with an historical overview of Subaru and SIA and a look at our model line-up. The one-mile walking tour of production starts on the second floor gallery with a peek into different sections of the Paint Shop. Then you'll follow the elevated catwalk through the heart of the Stamping Shop then into the Body Shop. Look across a sea of robots as they lift and position

parts and weld them together with precise accuracy. Next is Trim & Final, where you'll witness the final installation process. Follow the car as the engine and axle are installed. Then see the tires, doors and each of the interior components being added. Finally, you'll see the finished vehicle being driven off the line, through a battery of quality control tests in IPC and out the door for delivery.

You'll find this visit both educational and enjoyable. We'll eat lunch in the culinary delight of the factory's cafeteria (not included).

Cost: \$20

Mama Mia

Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre

Wednesday, March 7

Over 54 million people all around the world have fallen in in love with the characters, the story and the music that make *Mamma Mia!* the ultimate feel-good show! A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! Writer, Catherine Johnson's, sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make *Mamma Mia!* a guaranteed smash hit for any theatre. Includes transportation and ticket. Please tip your server. Cost: \$65

Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show

Tuesday, March 13

This show has it all. Gardens. Landscapes. Experts. Ideas. Excitement. Entertainment. Stroll through more than 50,000 square feet of gardens with beautiful blooms and gorgeous greenery. There will be everything from extravagant displays to mid-sized gardens and budget friendly backyard designs. The new addition of a plant market will all sorts of garden goodies for sale. This new feature offers a taste of Spring to take home with

more than 4,500 sq. ft. of herbs, succulents, seeds, cacti, hardy spring annuals, fairy garden supplies and more for sale. Expo Hall is the place to be this year with over 12,000 sq. ft. of gardens "in the dark" using only landscape, theatrical and multi-purpose lighting. Cost includes ticket and transportation.

Cost: \$35

Allen Memorial Planetarium

Thursday, March 15

Join us as we head south to Terre Haute South High School to their very own planetarium. Enjoy a program on the solar system. Take a journey from the center of our solar system all the way through the planet. Learn about each planet and what makes each one fascinating. Travel beyond our solar system deep into the night sky to the stars. Check out the night sky and the constellations that will be visible this time of year. Before our trip to the planetarium we will have lunch. Cost includes admission to the planetarium and transportation.

Cost: \$25

Shrine of Christ's Passion

Tuesday, March 27

Journey with us this Lenten Season to visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion. The shrine is an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane. You then journey through the Passion of Christ as depicted in the Stations of the Cross. The Journey consists of 40 life size bronze statues each setting has a listening station featuring the voice of veteran broadcaster Bill Kurtis. Push the button to hear a description of the scene along with a corresponding prayer. Background music plays throughout your journey on 180 speakers. We'll stop for lunch along the way. Cost includes transportation and admission.

Cost: \$35

Pump Boys & Dinettes; Musical Comedy: Live Music on stage

Myers Dinner Theater

Wednesday, April 11

The 'Pump Boys' sell high octane on Highway 57 in Grand Ole Opry country and the 'Dinettes', Prudie and Rhett Cupp, run the Double Cupp diner next door. Together they fashion an evening of country western songs that received unanimous raves on and off-Broadway. With heartbreak and hilarity, they perform on guitars, piano, bass and, yes, kitchen utensils. Includes transportation and ticket. Please tip your server.

Cost: \$45

Museums of Crawfordsville

Tuesday, April 17

We'll start our day at General Lew Wallace Study and Museum, a National Historic Landmark. Learn about Wallace's fascinating life as a soldier, governor, author, and diplomat. Walk the same grounds where Wallace wrote his famous novel Ben Hur. Next, we'll enjoy a tour of the unique Rotary Jail Museum. What makes it unique is there are three rotary jails preserved today of the original eighteen in America. This rotary jail was the very first one ever built, and it is the last operational rotary jail in existence. You'll have free time to explore the downtown area of Crawfordsville. Find a place for lunch and check out all the shops. Includes admission to the museums and transportation.

Cost: \$30

Amish Adventures

Monday, April 30

Immerse yourself in the Amish culture for an entire day and get a glimpse of what it would be like to live in a different world. We'll start in Downtown Arthur to check out the local shops. This time around we will enjoy a visit and have a personal tour of an Belgian horse farm. Then we'll head to an Amish home for a home-cooked lunch. This meal is complete with homemade bread, hearty sides, all the fixin's, and of course, pies! We'll end the day with a trip to Beechy's Bulk Foods. Cost includes tour, lunch, and transportation.

Cost: \$50

Cheese and Nuts

Thursday, May 3

Attention all snackers! You won't want to miss this trip to the Beer Nuts Factory and Ropp Cheese Farm in Bloomington, Illinois. At the Beer Nuts Company Store we will take a video tour of the plant. Learn about their history and everything you wanted to know about Beer Nuts. Next stop is Ropp Cheese Farm where you will tour the facility, check out the animals on the farm, and be able to shop their cheese selection. We'll stop for lunch in between tours. Includes transportation and tours.

Cost: \$30

Canal Ride on Wabash & Erie

Thursday, May 24

Take a ride back in history at the Wabash & Erie Canal Park in west central Indiana. You'll catch a unique glimpse of life in the era when our young nation's waterways were developed to improve the transportation system and help bring us together. At that time, canal boats carried people and goods across the country more swiftly than they'd been able to travel before. Enjoy a 35-minute floating trip on The Delphi, a replica 19th century canal boat. Tour guides share adventures and stories of everyday life as it was 150 years ago on the Wabash & Erie Canal. Discover the Pioneer Village complete with a log school house, fur trader's cabin, blacksmith shop, smokehouse, and original homesteads with period furnishings. Stroll down trails and roads in Canal Park that were once the towpath traversed by mules and horses pulling canal boats. Includes admission to the park, canal ride and transportation.

Cost: \$45

All Fired Up!

Tuesday, June 8

We are heading to West Lafayette to the ceramics studio of All Fired Up. Select one piece from over 300 high-quality, functional, dishwasher, microwave and oven safe pottery. Pull out your creative juices and choose your favorite colors from over 100 beautiful paints and glazes. Then start creating your masterpiece. Everything is including: idea books, stamps, stickers, stencils

other tools and lots of coaching to help with your creation. Your pottery will remain there so it can be fired. After one week you can stop by the Community Education offices to pick up your pottery. Afterwards, we'll stop for lunch then explore the shops of downtown Lafayette. Includes pottery piece, paint and glazes and transportation.

Cost: \$45

She Loves me; Musical Comedy

Myers Dinner Theater

Wednesday, June 20

Considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written, *She Loves Me* is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance. Set in a 1930s European perfumery, we meet shop clerks, Amalia and Georg, who, more often than not, don't see eye to eye. After both respond to a "lonely hearts advertisement" in the newspaper, they now live for the love letters that they exchange, but the identity of their admirers remains unknown. Join Amalia and Georg to discover the identity of their true loves... and of all the twists and turns along the way! Includes transportation and ticket. Please tip your server.

Cost: \$45

The Unsinkable Molly Brown: Musical Comedy

Myers Dinner Theater

Wednesday, July 25

This spirited tale of a legendary, real-life American original follows the exploits of Molly Brown, whose feisty determination to rise above her impoverished beginnings leads her from the backwoods of Hannibal, Missouri, to the palaces of Europe. Along the way, she marries a lucky prospector, enters the highest echelons of Monte Carlo society, survives the sinking of the Titanic and, most importantly, earns the approval that she so desperately seeks from those "Beautiful People of Denver." Includes transportation and ticket. Please tip your server.

Cost: \$45

Lunch & Learns

Held on the campus of DACC in the Bremer Conference Center Theater. Cost for lunch and the presentation is \$12. Catered by the DACC Culinary Arts Department. Lunch begins at 11:15 and the program begins at Noon. Presented by Shirley Splittstoesser.

Wonders of China

Tuesday, January 16

Visit Shanghai and the 3 Gorges Dam, the largest dam in the world. Sail the Yangtze River and see the sites which were flooded by the 3 Gorges Dam. See Chongqin, the largest city in the world (30 million). This was the U.S. airbase location of the famous Flying Tigers of WWII. Look at ancient terra cotta warriors at Xian built to protect the emperor. In Beijing, see the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. China is a land both old and new.

Moscow to St. Petersburg

Monday, February 12

Travel along a 1,000 mile long system of rivers, canals, reservoirs and lakes from Moscow to St. Petersburg. See diverse buildings such as the world famous Bolshoi Theater and the old KGB building. In Red Square, we see Lenin's tomb; the largest department store in the world-GUM Department store; and the 9 highly decorated towers of St. Basil's Cathedral. We see Czar cannon - the largest cannon in the world. An island set as a museum of rural buildings from the past features a church with 22 onion domes. In St. Petersburg, we'll walk through Catherine the Great's Winter Palace that is now an elaborate art museum.

In the Footsteps of Jesus

Wednesday, March 14

Take a trip through the Holy Land starting with Moses leaving Egypt and see where Mary and Joseph entered Egypt as they fled from Herod. See sites where Jesus traveled around the Sea of Galilee, travel Jerusalem including the site of the Last Supper, the Mount of Olives, Calvary, and the shows the site of Jesus' baptism.

burial tomb of Jesus. Take a side trip to Jordan to see the site where John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and an ancient mosaic in Madaba, which shows the site of Jesus' baptism.

The Amazing Upper Midwest Monday, April 9

In Michigan, we visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum; a house built from 60,000 pop bottles; the Soo Locks between Lake Huron and Lake Superior; lighthouses on the lakes and the Shipwreck Museum; a private bear compound in which the owner pets his bears; and the Mille Mine bat cave housing the second largest hibernating bat group in the US. In Minnesota, go down a half mile into a high energy physics lab in the Soudan former iron mine. Visit the home of TV antique collectors, "The Pickers" in Le Clair, Iowa and see the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa. Marvel at the spectacular scene of water from 4 of the Great Lakes flowing over Niagara Falls.

Scenic Black Sea

Wednesday, May 9

Turkey, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria all touch the Black Sea. They are steeped in history and richly diverse in culture. Visit Istanbul, Turkey, a city that straddles two continents. Sumela Monastery near Trabzon, Turkey hangs on a cliff. Continue to Georgia and visit 12th century Gelati Monastery still used as the village church. Travel to Sochi, Russia and see Stalin's dacha and from there to Yalta where Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt met. Continue to the valley where the "Charge of the Light Brigade" occurred. Go into submarine tunnels kept secret by Russian until 1996. See 19th Century Opera House in Odessa, Ukraine. Entering Romania, we visit the huge Danube Delta area which is a bird sanctuary and local camping site. Roman ruins and modern apartment buildings stand side by side in Varna, Bulgaria, our sixth country.

Vermilion County History

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I spy interesting facts about the great county where we live. Sue Richter from the Vermilion County Museum is back to offer a series of Lunch & Learns chronicling the history of Danville and the surrounding communities.