

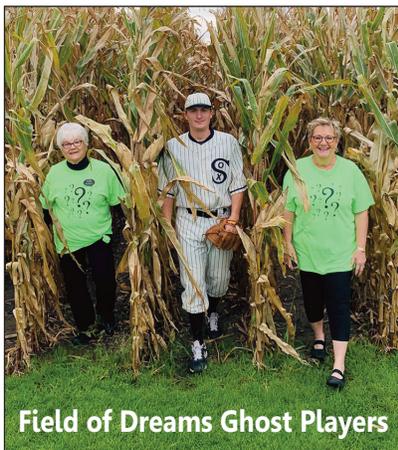


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(and her sidekick, Jarry)

Hello Friends,

Fall has come, with the colors changing and all of Northeast Iowa busy with harvest, or at least trying to be.

August - 'Branson', September - 'America's Music Cities' and October - 'Mystery Trip' - we have been busy! What great trips, and I have the best travelers anyone could ask for! We saw great shows in 'Branson' and had a great day exploring Dogwood Canyon. Jarry was my hero and solved the mouse mystery. 'America's Music Cities' took us to Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. We saw the Grand Ole Opry, Graceland and Bourbon Street. We experienced music, museums, music, alligators, music - if you haven't guessed, we heard lots of wonderful music. Our 'Mystery Trip' in October took us on a guided tour of Northeast Iowa and we traveled with our own personal guides - Lilly Jensen (my daughter-in-law) and Lime Springs native, Larry Reis, both naturalists with Winneshiek County Conservation. As we traveled the Iowa Scenic Highway, they shared the history of this beautiful area. We visited Pikes Peak, on to Breitbach's in Balltown for lunch, then off we went to the National Toy Museum in Dyersville. Our final stop was the Field of Dreams, with



Field of Dreams Ghost Players

tours of the grounds and the house with the Ghost Players. On our trip home we watched "Decoding

the Driftless" and learned so much about the place we call home, the Driftless Region. The DVD is available at most of your city libraries.

We had travel shows for both of our upcoming Collette tours in 2020: 'Spain & Portugal' and 'Painted Canyons of the West'. There are still seats available on both trips so if you're interested, be sure to give Jodi a call. Look inside this newsletter for complete trip details.

We kick off the holiday season November 17th when we head to the Ames Center with two buses for 'Hark, The Basement Ladies Sing'. With a title like that, I know this will be another great show in the saga of the Church Basement Ladies. December 6th will be our 'Mayowood and Jolly Trolley Holiday Lights Tour' in Rochester. What fun we will have enjoying the holidays together. Both these trips are sold out but you can still get your name on our standby lists. Thank you so much for signing up and enjoying the trips we plan.

After last year's snow storm that forced us to cancel our 'Beatles' trip, we are going to let you all recover from the holidays and stay warm and cozy at home for the month of January. Join us March 14th as we travel to Chanhassen for 'The Music Man', created by Iowa native Meredith Willson. The story and music (set in River City, Iowa) will entertain us with this Tony Award-winning production.

A trip many of you have asked for - 'Mackinac Island' - is finally here! Join us in June 2020 for a trip to the island during lilac time. This trip is hot off the press so check the newsletter for all the details. I am excited to be able to bring this trip to you, so sign up and join us on the island.

We have great things planned for 2020 and will continue to announce more trips in upcoming newsletters. Enjoy your fall!

Ronda