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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Well, we can't say that summer isn't here — and with it a lot of getting out of the house that we all have been waiting for. We hope you will enjoy socializing with your family and friends and with those from the FFGM family. Upcoming events are featured in separate articles.



We have great news regarding journeys in 2023, confirmed assignments, just made.

We will welcome a club from Toulouse, France in the fall of 2023. No details are available as yet, of course.

You will remember that we had tentatively planned an outbound journey to Sri Lanka, the island nation at the southern tip of India. If you follow the world news you may remember the distressing news of economic hardship in Sri Lanka. In rescinding the invitation, the Sri Lankan club president said, "We have no gas, no electricity, and no food."

Obviously, we cannot impose upon the Sri Lankans. However, we have tentatively agreed to go to Vietnam, perhaps in September of 2023. This should be an exciting and culturally significant journey.

Meanwhile, take advantage of all of the events your Activities Committee has planned for you.



Join FFGM July 20 for Sheboygan art day

FFGM has planned a day trip for you. Travel to Sheboygan on July 20 for a fun-filled day of art!

First we will have a docent-led tour at 11 a.m. of the new-in-2021 Art Preserve, which has received rave reviews. The building design is in itself a work of art, and even the bathrooms are artist-designed. This is a museum where everything is seen, with the behind the scenes out in the open. The museum is divided into artist-built environments, emphasizing folk art or vernacular art. Mary Nohl is one of the featured artists.

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CALENDAR

AT A GLANCE

6/28 W.H.E.T. (Walk, Hike, Eat, Talk) 2 p.m. Meet at Simma's, 817 N. 68th St., Wauwatosa.

7/5 NO 5th at 5 — HAPPY 4th!

7/7 Forest Home Cemetery Tour, 2 pm, 2405 W. Forest Home Ave. Meet in front of Halls of History Bldg.

7/13 Book Club, 1:30 p.m. *Everything Inside: Stories* by Edwidge Danticat, Mitchells, W289 N1336 Elmhurst Rd, Waukesha.

7/20 Sheboygan Day, Art Preserve, (11 a.m. tour), lunch in Sheboygan, and visit John Michael Kohler Arts Center

8/1 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

8/5 5th at 5 —Nancy Bowen, 736 N. 114th St, Wauwatosa, RSVP:

dancingnancy26@aol.com or 414-614-3440

8/24 FFGM Annual Picnic, 5 p.m., Mitchell Park, 19900 River Rd, Brookfield

JOURNEYS 2022

June 25-July 2 - Lake Simcoe, Canada — Outbound

Sep 29-Oct 5 – Western NC (Asheville) — Outbound

JOURNEYS 2023

Fall 2023 — Toulouse, France Inbound
TBD — Viet Nam, Outbound

5TH AT 5

These events are a great opportunity for you to invite your friends who might be potential members. Please remember to bring a lawn chair

August: Nancy Bowen, 736 N. 114th St., Wauwatosa, 414.614.3440 or dancingnancy26@aol.com.

We need hosts for September, October, November and December. Please respond to Barbara Geck at barbarafrancesgeck@gmail.com or 262.542.2960.

BOOK CLUB

Do you like to read books from different countries? Share your ideas and insights. Please join us at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 at Nancy Mitchell's house, W289 N1336 Elmhurst Rd., Waukesha for the next FFGM Book Club. The book is *Everything Inside: Stories* by Edwidge Danticat (Haiti). Facilitator is Iva Richards.

During the warmer months we will try to meet outdoors at a participant's home; otherwise, we will meet on Zoom. We continue to meet at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

These books have been selected for the Book Club in 2022:

Sept. 14: *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama (Japan). Facilitator: Mary Hauser

Nov. 9: *When the Elephants Dance*, by Tess Uriza Holthe (Philippines). Facilitator: Ann Line.

Any FFGM member may participate in any book club meeting even if you have not read or completed reading the selected book.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28: W.H.E.T. AGAIN

W.H.E.T. is rescheduled. The first W.H.E.T. was literally all WET! We got rained out so we'll try again at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, with the same program.

In each FFGM newsletter (in nicer weather months) we will try to offer a "Walk, Hike, Eat, Talk" activity (the E might be Eat or simply Enjoy or Exercise or Engage).

Meet at Simma's, 817 N. 68th St. in Wauwatosa. Within a block you have three shops to tempt you: Simma's, La Tarte, and Ultimate Confections. Pick up a treat if you wish and then we will proceed to nearby Jacobus Park to walk/hike the nature trail to work off all those sweet calories.

R.S.V.P. to Ann Line at 262.784.3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com.

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Then we will do lunch at your choice of two restaurants, both located in the same block: Field to Fork or Il Ritrovo, both run by the owners of the well-known Trattoria Stefano.

After lunch we will visit the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, which features contemporary art and self-taught artists. There are currently several exhibitions on display. The bathrooms there are also artist designed. Afterwards you may wish to visit the Boardwalk and the lake or simply head home.

We had hoped to rent a van and go together to Sheboygan, but van rental fees have escalated and are cost-prohibitive. Thus we will drive. You can drive on your own, but car pooling will also be arranged. If you can drive and are willing to use your car for car pooling, please contact Ann Line. Also, please contact Ann if you need a ride. In these high-price gas times, riders will be expected to contribute for gas to the driver.

You will pay for your own lunch individually. The price of the Art Preserve guided tour is \$10. Checks for \$10 made out to FFGM must be sent to Ann Line at 165 N. Elmridge Avenue, Brookfield, WI 53005 so that they are received by July 5. The money must be sent to Sheboygan two weeks in advance in order to keep the reservation.



Mangia!

Annual Picnic Aug. 24 at Mitchell Park

Our FFGM Annual Picnic is at a new location this year: Mitchell Park, 19900 River Road, Brookfield near the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. The picnic starts at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

We will be in the South Shelter of the pavilion. Bathroom facilities are right in the pavilion, and there is ample parking in front of the pavilion.

The menu will be Italian with both meat and vegetarian lasagna and Italian salads. There will be snacks, beverages, and dessert, as well.

The price for this “festa” in these inflationary times will be held at \$20. Please send your check made out to FFGM to Mary Hauser at 10131 W. Nash Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI, 53222.

Buon appetito!

THURSDAY, JULY 7: FOREST HOME

On Thursday, July 7, FFGM members and their friends will get a private, docent-led tour at historic Forest Home Cemetery, 2406 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee.

The 90-minute walking tour begins at 2 p.m. on the topic

“Cemetery Art and Symbolism,” which was particularly important in the Victorian era. The talk will cover monument designs, expressions of mourning, religious symbols, and use of flower designs.

The normal tour fee is \$10, but you will need to pay only \$5 per person. Bring a friend or two; let’s have a good turnout for this half-price deal. R.S.V.P. to Ann Line at 262-784-3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com.

Meet in front of the Halls of History building. Free parking is available near the chapel.

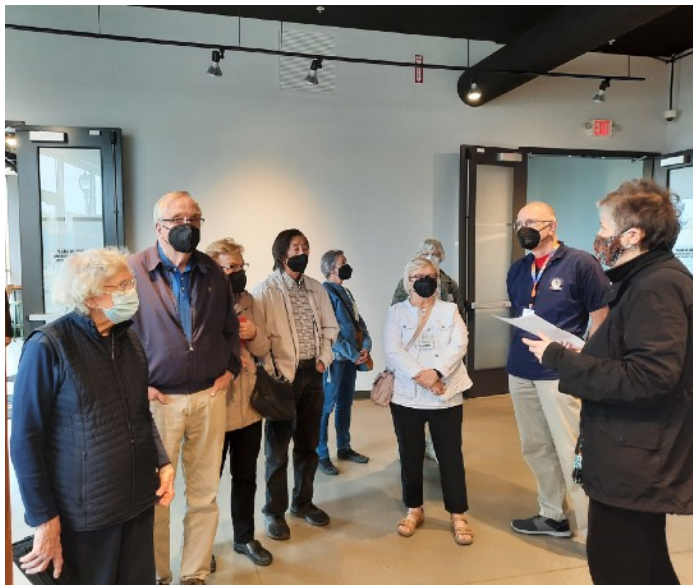




So good to gather again

Above and left, FFGM members had a private tour of the Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Museum in Belgium, WI on April 23, followed by lunch. Below, members were among the first to visit the recently re-opened Black Holocaust Museum on May 17.

At right, Dave Kalan hosted—and cooked for—the May 5th @ 5. Below right, members gathered in Chris Vogel's backyard for the June 5th @ 5.







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Get applications in for Asheville, N.C., journey

Applications for the journey to Asheville, N.C., along with a \$100 deposit, are due on June 27. Ten spots are available for the journey from September 29 to October 5. Possible activities include the Biltmore Estate, Blue Ridge Parkway, Carl Sandburg home, waterfalls, trolley tour, hiking, crafts, and blue grass music.

Please contact Ann Line at linerusy@yahoo.com or 262-784-3085 or Clarine Furey at clarineaf@yahoo.com or 262-993-8050 for further details.

Lake Simcoe journey

Ten ambassadors are currently traveling on an adventure to Canada. When they return, they will share their stories of making new connections and exploring the area through fun outdoor activities.