

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues for **ANNUAL** members are due June 30, 2020.

See page 6 for more information.

Address changes and corrections:
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REMINDER:

The ARTA office has discontinued fax service. Documents should be sent via mail or as an email attachment.

Find and like us on Facebook to see travel photos, member news and upcoming event announcements.

Staying Connected While Staying Apart

Humans are sociable beings who thrive in community. This is why one of the stated purposes of ARTA is to promote meaningful engagement for members across the state. As in-person meetings and activities have been curtailed during the pandemic, the need for social connection has never been greater.

Residents of Care Facilities

Visitation to these facilities has been restricted. Patients in these facilities may or may not understand why family members or volunteers are no longer visiting.

What You Can Do

- Send cards and letters to those you know or to be distributed by staff to those who may need a note of encouragement.
- Contact facilities to learn what items they may be in special need of at this time and to find out how to safely drop them off.
- Many facilities will allow visitors to stand outside to perform or share encouraging messages.

Individuals Living Alone

Prolonged social isolation is not healthy. Those already living alone may be especially vulnerable at this time.

What You Can Do

- Reach out to those you know who live alone. Ask how they are doing. Offer to run errands for them if you are able.
- Organizations that provide meals, rides and other services are taking extra health and safety precautions. Do not be afraid to ask them for assistance.
- Request a friendly call from a trained vol-

unteer for you or someone you know. Call 1-888-281-0145 or sign up online at <https://aarcommunityconnections.org/>.

Individuals in Need of Medical Care

People with existing health conditions may be especially concerned about seeking medical care at this time.

What You Can Do

- Call your doctor's office if you are not feeling well. They may be able to assist you via telemedicine or will advise you if you need to come in for a visit. They will let you know about any precautions or procedures before you arrive.
- Dental services and elective procedures have resumed with guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health. Contact your provider to see if you can go ahead with a procedure.
- Get tested. Numerous COVID19 testing sites have been set up around the state. Visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/ar-covid-19> to find a location near you.

Proceed with Caution

As the state relaxes restrictions and businesses reopen, you will still need to remember the latest guidelines from public health experts.

What You Can Do

- Stay home if you feel sick
- Protect others—Wear a mask
- Avoid gatherings of 250 or more
- In small groups or outdoor gatherings, limit your exposure—avoid shaking hands or touching high-use surfaces, maintain a six-foot distance, don't stay too long.
- **Wash your hands; don't touch your face.**



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Message from the President

The New Normal

WOW! I don't remember a new year that started with such a bang. I don't mean from fireworks either. We did have a couple of weeks when we were making New Year's resolutions, attending celebrations for the new year and planning for ways that we could make 2020 the best year ever.



Then we learned a new word. **Coronavirus-19. WHAT??** At first we only knew that it was a virus that was in China and some people were stuck on a cruise ship that was near Japan and nobody would let them off and they had already been stuck on there for two weeks and they were quarantined in their cabins! Oh well, surely it won't come over here. Then we heard that some of them were Americans! Some of them had been diagnosed with Coronavirus-19!

Then we heard that someone in Washington state had been diagnosed with COVID-19. By that time, we had shortened the name of the virus to COVID-19. The abbreviation comes from corona (co), virus(vi), disease(d) and 19 (because it was first diagnosed in 2019). Later COVID-19 was in New York City, the most populated city in the United States. Now it was here, this was getting serious. COVID-19 is not just over there. It's here!

Things started moving fast after that. We started calling the virus a pandemic. We learned some new words. We knew the words, but we were just using them in a different way. We were using words and phrases like "shelter in place", "social distancing", "disinfect solid surfaces", "avoid groups of more than 10 people", "don't eat inside of restaurants", "wash your hands for at least 20 seconds", "wear a mask", "hotspots" and "stay away from old people". (We don't know any old people!!) Now you need to do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

I hope you have learned my theme by now, since this is my last INTERLINK article. "Use your gifts and together we will." I want to change this slightly to help us get to a "new normal". ***"Use your COVID-19 guidelines and together we will get to our new normal."*** I know that we, as retired teachers, will be following the guidelines, and together we will get to our new normal.

I appreciate all of the encouragement that you gave me during my most distressing times. Your flowers, cards, letters, notes, phone calls, emails, texts and in-person visits seemed to arrive just when they were needed the most. I hope you realize how everlastingly grateful I am for all of your acts of kindness. I will forever castigate myself if I fail to mention all of the help and assistance that I have received from the ARTA officers, Emilie, Bob, Mary Ann and David, the ARTA Executive Director, Donna, the ARTA office staff, Tammy, Linda and Mary and every member of the ARTA Board of Directors. You were all very gracious and easy to work with. Or should I say, with which to work? I sincerely want to thank each of you and all of the 13,000 ARTA members for allowing me to serve as your president. It was truly a memorable year.

Thanks,

Lura

ARTA President

Important Contact Information

Arkansas Retired Teachers Association

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Inside Pulaski County: 501-682-1517
Toll Free (Nationwide): 1-800-666-2877
E-mail: info@artsr.gov
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Inside Pulaski County: 501-682-9656
Toll Free (Nationwide): 1-877-815-1017
E-mail: AskEBD@dfa.state.ar.us
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Message from the Executive Director

COVID19—How Our World has Changed

The influenza epidemic of 1918-1920 had drastic effects on the world. Not many of us were alive at that time to experience the tragedy. Most of us do remember having a scratch vaccine on our upper arm for smallpox. That vaccine was introduced in 1958 and the disease was not eradicated until 1977. How many remember the purple sugar cube that contained the polio vaccine given at school buildings in the early 1960's? The corona virus, COVID19 will be in the memories of many generations for many years.

Our world has been forced to change the way we do business due to COVID19. It is hard to believe that shaking hands and hugging people will be feared or shunned for many years in the future. We have been instructed on properly washing our hands for at least twenty seconds, social distancing, wearing face masks and the importance of shutting the lid on toilets before flushing to decrease the spread of germs. We must protect each other, if possible, from highly contagious infections, especially in the age group of the ARTA membership.

ARTA is changing the way we communicate and meet with members. I hope each of you will join our texting service. This will be vital during the legislative session when we ask you to share information and to contact your members of the state legislature. You must opt in – ARTA can not sign you up for the

service. We are offering web-based meetings for your local units, areas, for the ARTA board and for our group travel information. The information is in this INTERLINK. Please take the time to connect with us. If your email address has changed or you have not shared it with ARTA please do at office_arta@att.net.



**“Nothing in life is to be feared,
it is only to be understood. Now
is the time to understand more,
so that we may fear less.”**

~ Marie Curie

As the ARTA year of service draws to a close on June 30th, I want to thank all of you for your membership and interest in the organization. President Lura Campbell has overcome so many personal challenges during her year as president. Thank you Lura and the other ARTA officers. Mary Ann Hodges has served as the ARTA secretary for the past two years. Bob Thompson has served as the past president and

legislative chair this year. Emilie Monk has served as the president-elect assisting President Campbell. David Cauldwell has served as the ARTA vice president this year. Again, thank you all for your support of ARTA in this unusual year.

Please stay well and wash those hands!

Donna

Welcome New Life Members

Arkansas County

James O'Neal
Melissa Patterson

Ashley County

Charre Todd

Benton County

Michael Taylor

Boone County

Sara Ann Jech
Nancy Weidrick

Cleburne County

Susan Shaw

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Pulaski County

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Saline County

Janice Heard
Tom Kimbrell

Sebastian County

Beverly L. Martens

St. Francis County

Jeanette Skipper

Yell County

Debbie J. Moudy

Out-of-State

Glendale Nelms

ARTA News

Virtual Connections in 2020

The COVID19 pandemic has resulted in many changes over the last three months. The recommendation to limit in-person contact and group events means that much of our regular interaction has been cancelled or moved online.

At ARTA, the leadership and staff have reevaluated the ways we communicate with each other and with members. Going forward, we will be utilizing the following media platforms to keep in touch and to conduct ARTA business.

Email—If you provided an email address to us, we use it in one of two ways:

The ARTA staff may contact you via **individual email** to conduct routine business.

ARTA may send a **group email** to all members from time to time. Some characteristics of group email messages are that:

- It will be sent using an email service, but will have a subject line and a signature to identify that it is from ARTA.
- To ensure you receive group messages, please be sure to add us to your Contacts list in your email account.
- You will not be able to reply to the group. You will be able to reply to an individual identified in the message.
- You will always be given the choice to opt-out of group messages.

Text Messaging

If you prefer to receive messages via text rather than by email, you must “opt-in” by signing up at <https://www.artanow.com/member-update>.

You will be asked to sign up using your email address, but will have the option to add a mobile number.

One Call Now
UPDATE
my info

Virtual Meetings

The ARTA leadership has made the decision to hold meetings via the Zoom videoconferencing service for the immediate future. This will allow your ARTA officers and board/area representatives to effectively conduct business while maintaining safe social distance.

Local units and area councils are encouraged to learn more about the possibilities offered by a videoconferencing service as you plan for 2020-2021.



The ARTA staff will provide technical assistance to local units to get started, but recommends identifying a potential member to administer the task for each organization.

Facebook

ARTA currently utilizes Facebook to share photos, member news, time-sensitive information, and posts from other organizations.

Please “like” and “follow” us to see the latest information in a timely manner.

Web Site—www.artanow.com

A recent poll showed that most ARTA members who use the web site do so on a mobile phone or device. With that in mind, we are revamping the ARTA site to be more user-friendly for the majority of users.

Watch for the new site to be ready later this summer.

Contact Us

The ARTA staff is still available to respond to voice messages and email requests. Feel free to call the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or send us an email at office_arta@att.net. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Please be assured that while the way we communicate with you may be changing, ARTA’s mission to protect and promote your interests remains the same. We are proud to be the voice of Arkansas’s public education retirees and will continue to do so in the most effective way possible.

Good Habits Still Apply

As people adapt to daily life in the time of coronavirus, everyday interactions between people have changed. As we adjust our behavior to keep ourselves and others safe, we must also acknowledge that not everyone interprets the guidelines in the same way. Fortunately, some good habits and basic points of etiquette will serve you well as you navigate these situations.

Social Engagements

Have you been invited to a small gathering since social distancing was implemented? Don't feel the need to explain, apologize or make an excuse for declining if you are not comfortable attending. Simply say "We are still staying home right now and taking social distancing very seriously. We look forward to getting together with you again when we can do so safely".

Keep Your Hands by Your Sides

If you are feeling well and are venturing out for errands, you will likely run into someone you know. Keep your distance and greet them, but avoid making a forward motion with your hands. This way, the other person won't instinctively reach out either.

Respect Boundaries

As we rely more on social media and virtual communication, it's easy to assume loved ones and friends are always available. If you don't like the pressure of being constantly available, respect that others may not either. If they decline to chat, be understanding and arrange a later time to get in touch.

Respect Personal Space

Yes, the six-foot rule applies, but so do rules about respecting people's needs for personal space. Especially if you are spending more time than usual with others, recognize that space and alone time are valuable. It's acceptable to politely ask for more space at home or in public if you need it.

Hot Tip for Local Units

Stay up-to-date while staying apart—Reach out to every member on your membership roster or on the membership list available from ARTA. You'll identify phone numbers and email addresses that are out of service while reaching out to members to check in and see how they are doing while observing the guidance to stay "safer at home".

Don't Judge Appearances

We'll gradually return to routines that include visits to the salon and purchasing new outfits. Until then remember that it's okay to make fun of your own quarantine hair, but never okay to make fun of another person for any reason.

Clean Up After Yourself

It seems like it should go without saying, but don't throw gloves, wipes, masks, or any other trash on the ground outside or in a public place. In addition to being bad for the environment, this is also seriously unhygienic. Some people have even noticed used masks and gloves being left in grocery carts, a serious breach of general etiquette that could spread the virus further.

Follow the Golden Rule

Everyone is affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Not everyone is responding to it in the same way. That may be frustrating, but it's normal. Just remember to treat others the way you would want to be treated—respect their choice to wear or not wear a mask, unless it directly affects you. Listen to another's concerns about the virus even if you do not have the same concerns. Share accurate information or appropriate resources if you can.

Remember that manners are a way of making others comfortable. The ability to make someone else comfortable will serve you well now and in the future.

ATRS Benefit Payment Schedule

Checks Mailed/Direct Deposit Dates

June 26, 2020

July 29, 2020

August 27, 2020

September 28, 2020

October 28, 2020

November 25, 2020

December 23, 2020

Member News

The North Little Rock School District Retired Employees Association practiced line dancing following a presentation from Clint Rhoden, executive director of ATRS, at their March 2020 meeting.



Like and follow
Arkansas Retired Teachers Association
on Facebook to see more news and photos.

ARTA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for **ANNUAL** members are due June 30, 2020. You are an annual member if there is a number 20 or lower on the address portion of your newsletter.

To renew your ARTA membership for another year, send your check for \$36 made payable to ARTA to 1200 Commerce, Suite 103, Little Rock, AR 72202.

To convert your membership to a Continuing or Life membership, please include the form found on the outside cover of this publication with the appropriate payment option.

We asked how members were spending their time during the COVID19 shutdown. Here are some of our favorite responses:

“Our son chose our house for his base during the shutdown because it is closer to his workplace. We are trying to be quiet between 9 and 5 when he is working from home. Luckily we like to spend time outdoors and have plenty to do there.”

“I am self-quarantined with no symptoms. I order my groceries about once a week and have them delivered. If I need anything from the pharmacy, I have it delivered. My daughter and her family are across the street. They also are seeing no one but me. At least I have more contact than some people. It’s not a bad life but very different. I’m generally very social. This is quite a change. I’m thankful to be well.”

One member shared that another member donated her stimulus check to a local scholarship fund, but did not want to be named.



“Sewing masks for organizations.”

“Today I saw many fellow members of the Faulkner County RTA while assisting with the delivery of meals organized by our church ministerial staff and provided by our church (Conway’s First Baptist Church, where FCRTA meets). Today we picked up meals via carryout from a local restaurant and headed out across town wearing gloves and masks. We greeted recipients from a distance and left them a hot meal.

ARTA members and their families are invited to join us for fun and exciting trips of a lifetime!

ARTA trips are customized for our members. Guests are welcome but must travel with an ARTA member. Whenever possible, ARTA trips are escorted by the ARTA Travel Manager or the ARTA Executive Director.

BOOK EARLY—Airline seats are limited. Early booking with deposit will help ensure your airline seat and a price reduction. Reservations made after ARTA's reserve of seats are booked, or after the early booking date has passed, are based upon availability and the price reduction no longer applies.

The price of air travel is included in the quoted price. Departure from gateways other than Little Rock may be available at no additional cost.

Motor coach trips depart from Little Rock. Early booking for motor coach trips is also encouraged as these trips require a minimum number of travelers.

For trip availability, pricing and additional information, or to have a detailed brochure mailed to you, call Mary Huie, ARTA Travel Manager, at 501-993-3767.

Links to tours provided by Collette may also be available on our web site, www.artanow.com/travel.

Suggestions for future ARTA trips are always welcome so let us hear from you regarding your dream destination.

Some of the world's best people travel with ARTA!!

Happy Travels,

Mary Huie
ARTA Travel Manager

Due to COVID19 all scheduled trips are subject to cancellation or a change of departure date. If you are booked on any trip, I will keep you updated on the status of the trip and all options regarding that trip.

Mary

2020 Travel Opportunities

Treasures of Europe—STATUS PENDING

August 20—31, 2020

Get ready to embark on the European journey of a lifetime! See the incredible sites of London, from Buckingham Palace to Big Ben. Take the Eurostar train to Paris—the “City of Lights,” and enjoy a full day on your own to explore before taking in stunning views from your dinner table at the Eiffel Tower! Board a high-speed train bound for Lucerne, the enchanting Swiss city on a cobalt lake and one of Switzerland's most beautiful places. In Venice, discover a floating city where iconic landmarks of centuries-old history line canals dotted with gondolas. Tour Florence, the “Cradle of the Renaissance,” and make a special visit to *David*—Michelangelo's masterpiece. Finally, in Rome, bask in cultural treasures and envelop yourself in history, which includes a visit to the mythic Colosseum. **Booking date has passed; call for availability**

Spectacular South Africa—Culture and Nature in Harmony

September 3—16, 2020

Booking Closed

Texas Treasures Motor Coach Trip

October 3—8, 2020

Let's go to Texas! Experience a taste of Texas as we visit the Texas treasures of San Antonio, Fredericksburg and Waco. In Waco, you will enjoy dinner on the Brazos River and a visit to the Magnolia Market Silos. Next stop is deep in the heart of Texas as we make our way to San Antonio and stay at a Riverwalk hotel, steps away from the heartbeat of the city. Our guided tour of San Antonio will take us to the Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral—the oldest standing church in Texas—and Market Square or the “El Mercado”—the largest Mexican Market in the United States. Next a visit to the LBJ Ranch—“Texas White House”—and then on to Fredericksburg in the Texas Hill Country. We'll visit Wildseed Farms, the nation's largest working wildflower farm with over 200 acres, a hill country winery and have free time to explore shops or visit the National Museum of the Pacific War. **Booking closes July 3, 2020. A minimum of 30 passengers is required for this trip.**

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More 2020 Travel Opportunities

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

October 7—12, 2020

Up, up, and away! Witness one of the world's most spectacular airborne events and be enriched by the diverse cultures of New Mexico. Visit a true "Land of Enchantment" as you explore Albuquerque and Santa Fe, a rich blend of multiculturalism, natural beauty and profound history. Highlights include: Santa Fe open-air tram tour, Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe School of Cooking, Old Town Albuquerque, National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, a drive along the eclectic Route 66 and the main event of watching hundreds of balloons launch during the Mass Ascension—one of the most spectacular displays of sound and color in all of aviation. **Booking date has passed; call for availability**

Heritage of America

November 8—16, 2020

Follow the epic story of American democracy. First stop, Philadelphia, to view the Liberty Bell and see Independence Hall. Walk the hallowed battlefield at Gettysburg and tour the National Military Park & Museum. Stop in quaint Harper's Ferry, then travel along the famous Skyline drive for amazing views of the Shenandoah Valley. Visit the beautiful home and gardens of Jefferson's Monticello. Arrive in Colonial Williamsburg and tour some of the 88 restored his-



Classical Greece, March 2020

L to R—Linda Remele, Hilda Burton, Felicia Hobbs and Carylton Burton

toric buildings and dine in a traditional tavern. Explore the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with your choice of visiting the National Air and Space Museum or the National Museum of American History. Visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. A tour of Washington D.C. includes the White House Visitor Center and stops at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Visit Arlington National Cemetery. **Booking date has passed; call for availability**

Spotlight on New York Holiday

December 2—6, 2020

Rock around the (Rockefeller) Christmas tree. From Radio City Music Hall to Times Square, see the Big Apple dressed in its holiday best. Your New York City getaway is filled with shopping, sight-seeing, endless entertainment and holiday cheer. Spend four nights in the heart of midtown close to Times Square. Enjoy an optional excursion to the NYC Garment District Showroom for shopping. Take your seat and watch the curtain rise for two exciting Broadway shows, one being the famous Radio City Hall Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular. Other highlights include: 9/11 Memorial, 9/11 Museum, Statue of Liberty, Greenwich Village, Wall Street and Ellis Island. **Booking date has passed; call for availability**

Book Now for 2021

Exploring Australia

January 23—February 9, 2021

The adventure of a lifetime awaits. Cross the International Date-line, skipping a day ahead as you set out to see Australia's vibrant cities, coastal gems, captivating Outback, and so much more! Come to know the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour". Experience the optional tour to Phillip Island, home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Delight in a bush dinner in the Australian Outback and enjoy the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbor. Other highlights include: Melbourne, Barossa Valley, Hutton Vale Farm and Winery, Alice Springs, Uluru, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney and Sydney Opera House. **Save \$500 pp—Book before July 17, 2020**

London & Paris—STATUS PENDING

March 17—24, 2021

Enjoy the best of London and Paris on this leisurely tour. All of the top sights are included, as well as plenty of free time for your own discoveries. See Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London and Big Ben. Personalize your trip to London by choosing to visit either Churchill's War Rooms or Westminster Abbey. Cross the English Channel on the high-speed Eurostar Train. Dine at the Eiffel Tower and cruise the River Seine at night. Come to know Paris in your own way: with a local guide by coach or by Metro. Enjoy a thrilling dinner and cabaret show at the Paradis Latin Cabaret. **Save \$50 pp—Book before July 10, 2020**

More 2021 Travel Opportunities

Painted Canyons of the West—Featuring Utah's Five National Parks

April 2021—Details in the next Interlink

Highlights of Norway

May 7—15, 2021

Venture to a place where crashing ocean meets craggy mountains, forging the awe-inspiring majesty of the Norwegian fjords. Start in Oslo, where ancient history greets you at the famous Viking Ship Museum. Journey on one of the world's steepest train rides, the legendary Flåm Railway, past rushing waterfalls, looming mountains, and picturesque valleys. Relax in the Norwegian countryside, where you'll wake up amongst breathtaking mountain vistas and fjords. Go deep into the heart of the fjord region to the Briksdal Glacier. Cruise the crystal waters of the Geirangerfjord. Walk the ancient streets of Bergen's trading port. From Oslo to Bergen, you will be awestruck by the grandeur of Norway. **Save \$200 pp—Book before November 2, 2020**



ARTA travelers join shoppers at European Christmas Markets, December 2019

The Azores—Jewels of Portugal

June 25—July 6, 2021

Enter an untouched paradise on an adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal. Explore the entire rim of the Sete Cidades Caldera. Spend two nights in a lava stone house overlooking the Atlantic. Indulge in a traditional *Cozido das Furnas* meal, which is cooked by the heat of the volcanic earth. Admire an exclusive viewpoint of Furnas Lake during lunch at the Terra Nostra Tea House. Sample local dairy goods at a family-owned cheese shop. Descend into Algar do Carvão, an ancient lava tube known as the "Cavern of Coal," with an expert guide. From thermal pools and lush craters to local farms and volcanic cuisine, delve into the culture of Portuguese island life. **Save \$200 pp—Book before November 18, 2020**

Autumn in Vermont—Featuring Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks

October 1—7, 2021

Discover Vermont's winding roads lined with autumn foliage and cozy towns with an eclectic spirit. Experience the quintessential New England town of Woodstock. Enjoy a 3-night stay in the youthful, artsy hub of Burlington. Step into the past at the Shelburne Museum, a sprawling campus of nearly 40 buildings dedicated to art and Americana. Feel the past come alive at Fort Ticonderoga, where 18th-century artillery lines the outer walls and actors go through a soldier's daily tasks. Connect with the local community in the Mad River Valley. Stop at Hildene, the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln, past Chairman of the Pullman Company and son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. On a colorful journey through the "Green Mountain State," find local artisans, tasty treats, and an age-old history in New England. **Save \$50 pp—Book before March 25, 2021**

Classic Danube—Featuring a 7-Night Danube River Cruise

October 3—13, 2021

The Danube River is the second largest river in Europe. At 1,770 miles in length, this mighty waterway carves its way through a total of ten European countries. Like any extensive body of water, the Danube offers travelers a plethora of splendid vistas. Join us as we take you on a lovely cruise along the Wachau Valley region, the most breathtaking area of the Danube. You will see a dramatic shoreline complete with lofty hills, hilltop castles and charming villages nestled between flourishing vineyards. Highlights include Bratislava, Vienna, Linz, Passau, Regensburg, Munich, Seefeld, Linderhof Palace and Oberammergau, renowned for the Passion Play that takes place every ten years. **Save \$400 pp—Book before January 28, 2021**

Due to COVID19 all scheduled trips are subject to cancellation or a change of departure date. If you are booked on any trip, I will keep you updated on the status of the trip and all options regarding that trip.

Mary

In Memoriam

"These immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence"

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