

MERRY CHRISTMAS



SAILING IN SEA OF CORTEZ



MAP OF TURKS AND CAICOS



SUE DANCING IN THE NETHERLANDS

Sue and Gary's 2010 Christmas News

Sue and I had an unusually busy year in 2010. It started with Gary and friends in a 43 foot sailboat for a week in the Sea of Cortez, Mexico. Next in January was a three day ski trip with two friends into a yurt in the mountains of Idaho.

After a February meeting of psychologists in Washington DC, we took a train to Florida and visited Sue's friend, Dawne and her husband Ray. In the company of these Canadian friends wintering in Florida, we watched Canada defeat the US hockey team.

Then we flew to the old British colony of Turks and Caicos and spent 8 days there enjoying the warmth, sunshine and the lovely azure ocean.

The week before we flew to Amsterdam, Sue's car was rear ended



KEUKENHOF TULIPS



SUE AT KEUKENHOF GARDENS



WINDMILLS IN KINDERDIJK

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR

WHITBY DAFFODILS



CHEESE IN EDAM



MENDOCINO COAST



BLETCHLEY PARK, UK



WHITBY, UK

by an inattentive driver who caused a five car accident. Sue's car was totaled and she was knocked around with mostly soft tissue injuries. Gamely she recovered enough for us to make the trip to the Netherlands.

Our trip started with a 7 day river cruise south of Amsterdam and into Belgium. The spring weather turned cooperative and became generally sunny and this in turn brought up the tulips after a cold spring. We visited the Keukenhof tulip gardens which were most impressive and we took hundreds of flower photos.

Windmills are just lovely!

The cheese in Northern Europe is also wonderful, Belgian and Dutch chocolate is pretty good too but not as good as the waffles or the apple pancakes. There are hundreds of local beers to enjoy including one made from cherries. As a result, we walked a lot in an attempt to minimize the effect of delicious food.



FLOWERS GROWING ON BROUGHAM CASTLE WALLS



VIEW FROM BROUGHAM CASTLE

IMAGES



WAITING FOR TRAINS



BROUGHAM CASTLE, UK



BUTCHART GARDENS, BC



LAKE DISTRICT, UK



THE CENTENARY STONE

Following our trip in Belgium and the Netherlands, we boarded the train and headed under the English Channel via the Chunnel to England to visit Sue's cousins Michael and Jinny and her husband, Ian.

Together with them, we traveled to Northern England and spent 5 days in Keswick near the Scottish border on the West Coast. The area is called the Lake District and has peaks rising from near sea level to above 3000 feet.

We visited the ruins of the 12th century Rievaulx Abbey (ruined when Henry VIII broke with the Catholic Church to form the Church of England), stayed at a B&B in Goathland and by steam locomotive visited the seaside town of Whitby.

Sue's cousin, Jinny had the christening of their first grandchild, Louisa while we were in the UK. It was a great celebration; there was a party in a pub and family from near and far were on hand for the celebration. We may have taken the prize for 'from afar.'

Back in the USA at the end of June, 9 bicycle riders journeyed 150 miles thru the mountains of Oregon near Baker City. Sue enjoys the company of the bicycle riders and drove a support vehicle that makes a multi-day bicycle trip possible.

Scattered among the travel destinations were two trips to Washington state to spend time with Gary's two brothers, David and Randy, Joan and their children, Morgan, Cole and Bryce.

The first two weeks of August, 2010 we drove down the Oregon and California coast. The temperature on the coast was in the mid 60's while back home in Boise it was 100 degrees. We took 7 days to drive 1800 miles on the old coastal highways 1 and 101 and had no timeline except to eventually end up in San Diego for Gary's meeting. Each afternoon, Sue would use her iPad to make the nights reservations as we pulled alongside businesses with WiFi access.

In September we traveled in British Columbia and got as far north as Revelstoke. We stayed mostly in Bed and Breakfasts and met some very nice people by doing so. This part of Canada is rural and relaxed.

October and November was relatively quiet except that Sue went to Monterey for a Scottish Dance gathering.

In December we are off again, as Sue is headed for St John's, Newfoundland for her niece's wedding and to introduce herself to her new nephew, Sebastian. Gary is headed for Washington state to spend Christmas with Randy, Joan and their family and then with brother, David.



REDWOOD FOREST



BRITISH COLUMBIA

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best of health in the coming year!

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