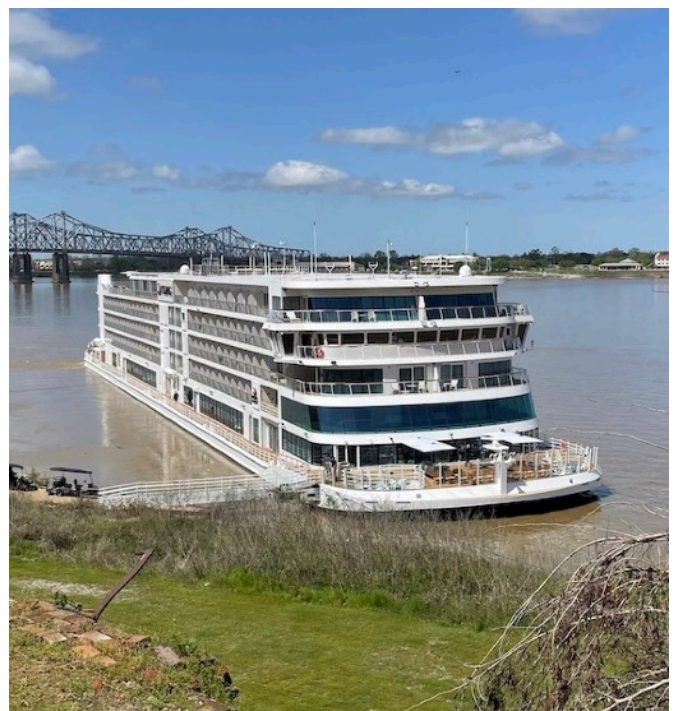


2024 ANNUAL UPDATE

This year, our travel was largely in North America. It seemed to us that we had gone to many places around the world but have neglected locations that are nearer to us. So, the lure of sunshine and fresh fish put us in Playa Del Carmen in Mexico during January. In March, we booked a cruise down the Mississippi River starting in Memphis and continuing down to New Orleans. We were surprised to find that much of rural Tennessee and Mississippi were very poor with vacant store fronts more prevalent than active businesses. New Orleans did not disappoint with its wonderful culture and sea food.



During the summer, we raised our tomatoes and carrots and enjoyed relatively quiet but very hot conditions. That was great for the veggies. In August, Gary's brother, Randy and Joan hosted a beautiful wedding for their son, Cole and Avery in Oak Harbor, Washington.





In August, we traveled to St John's, Newfoundland for several weeks to spend time with Sue's brother and his two grown daughters. In addition to the time spent with family, this was an excellent opportunity for us to improve our fitness by walking in the hilly city of St John's. With our new sense of fitness, we impulsively walked down from Signal Hill, a landmark just outside of town. It was steeper than we experienced 55 years ago!

Below is a photo of the ocean near Bonavista, Canada with a bit of a storm. We enjoy the wind and waves and are reminded of other exciting times during winter in Canada.



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