



Firehole Road
Yellowstone NP



Dead Horse Point
Near Moab, Utah



June 9, 2005
Vision Quest Ranch
Salinas, California



Denver Botanical Gardens
Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit
June 21, 2014



Yosemite Falls

Ten Years of Anniversary Trips

Our 40th through 49th Anniversary Trips
Linda and John Flakes
June 2005 through June, 2014

Linda and John Flakes

June 5, 1965

This is a book that includes our 40th through our 49th Anniversary Trips!



Our 40th Wedding Anniversary Trip -June 3 -June 21, 2005

We left very early and drove way too long to Grand Junction, Colo. It was still a really nice day as we drove with our top down and did not get wet although we drove through a rain storm near Denver. We sang along to Elvis and saw pretty scenery. We drove to Ely, Nv. and stopped and toured a cave at Great Basin NP. Another nice day!



We drove on our 40th Anniversary across the Carson Wilderness Highway where we had our picture taken at an iced over lake. We spent the night in Angel's Camp, Ca.

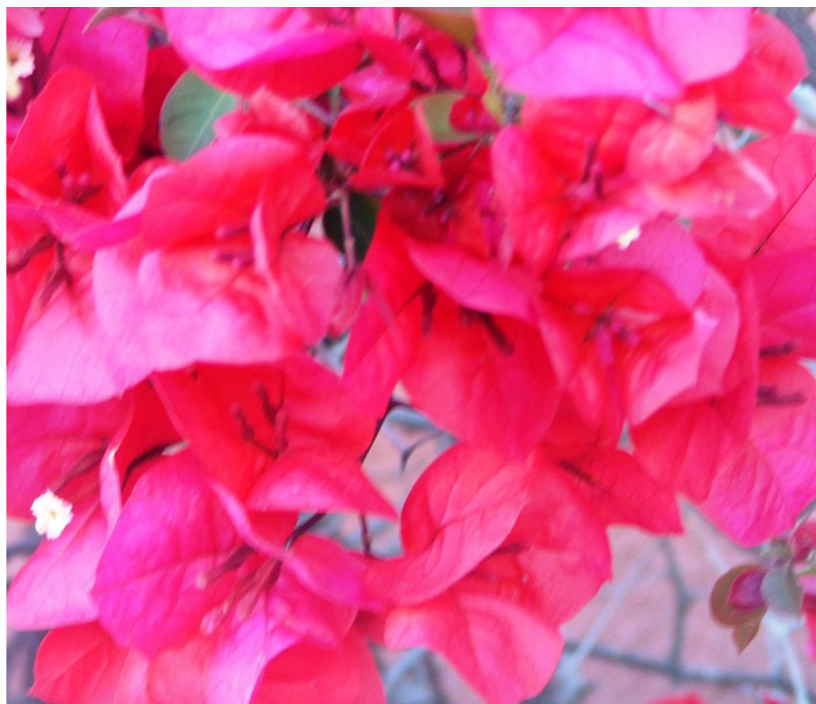


We drove into Yosemite NP where a great mechanic fixed a hose on our Miata. This was a day panic came close but in the end we had a marvelous time!

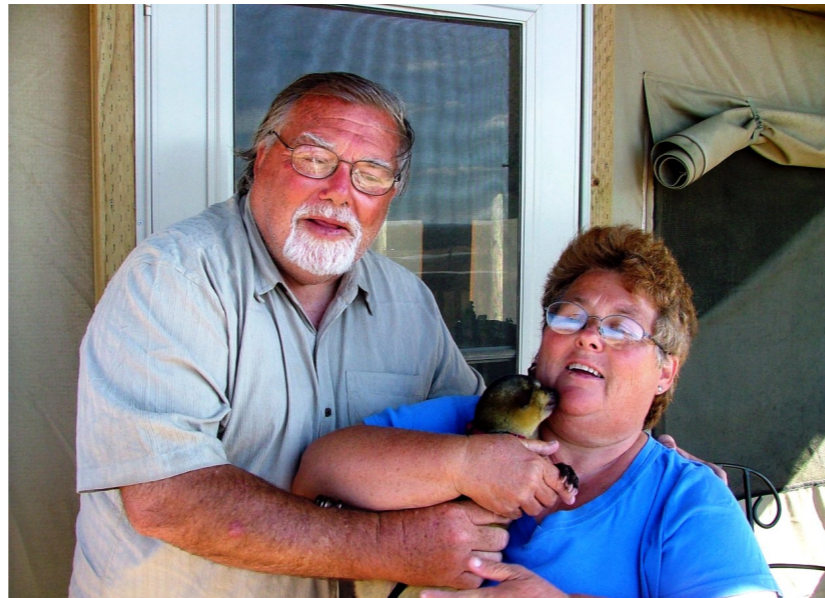


Sequoia NP is a place where you will see huge trees , green meadows and black bears. It is a place we love visiting.

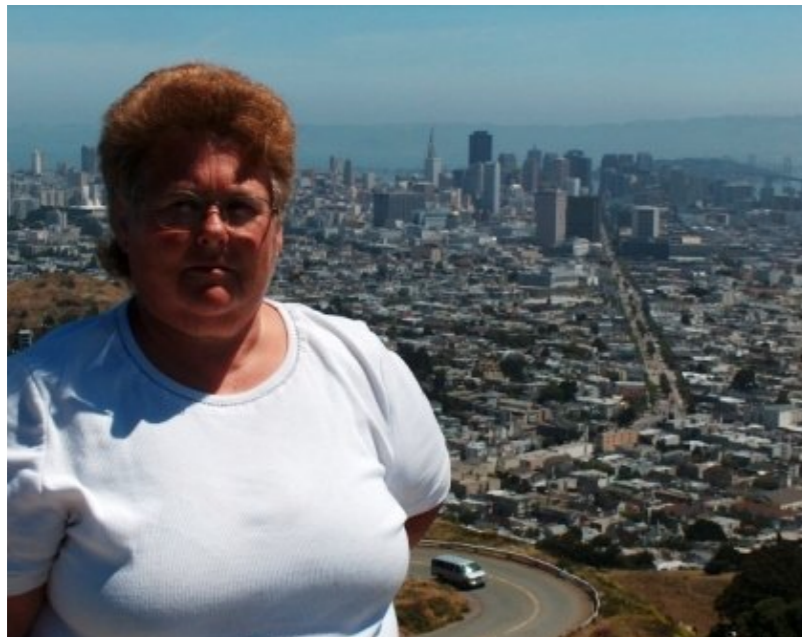




The drive up the coast was foggy, mysterious and fun. Flowers, scenery and elephant seals dominated our day!



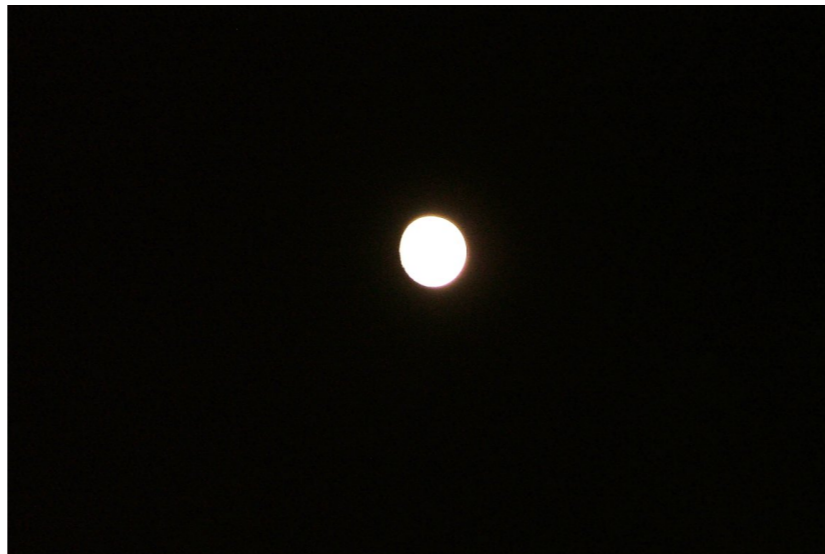
Vision Quest was the most magical place. We heard lions roaring all night and Lisa the elephant brought us breakfast. We loved the Kinachoo !



San Francisco



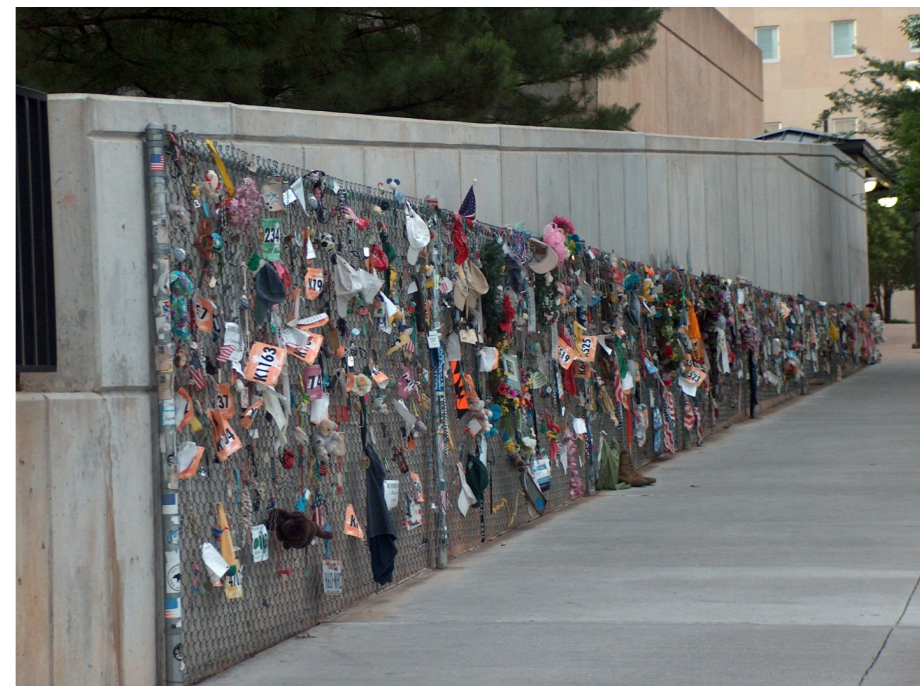
The drive up the Oregon Coast is beautiful & we enjoyed eating at the Lavender Restaurant at Friday Harbor & Eating on the wharf in Seattle



We spent our last few days in Yellowstone & The Tetons -
What a beautiful way to end this wonderful trip!



Old Faithful & The Tetons -So Very Beautiful!



41st Anniversary Trip - May 27-June 17, 2006
We began by visiting Linda's Mom and Dad and then the OKC Memorial at sunrise.



The Grand Canyon at Sunset and Friends

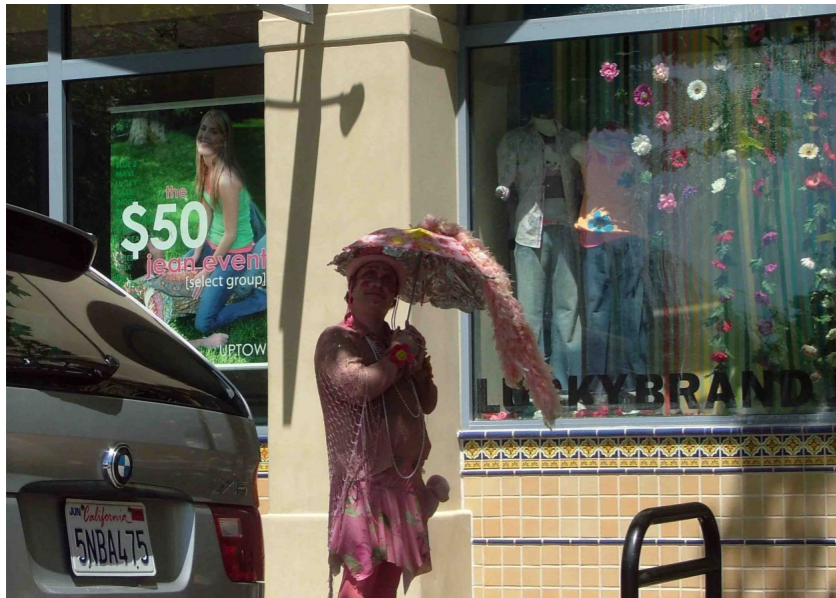


Cut Flower Fields & Pickers
Lompoc, California

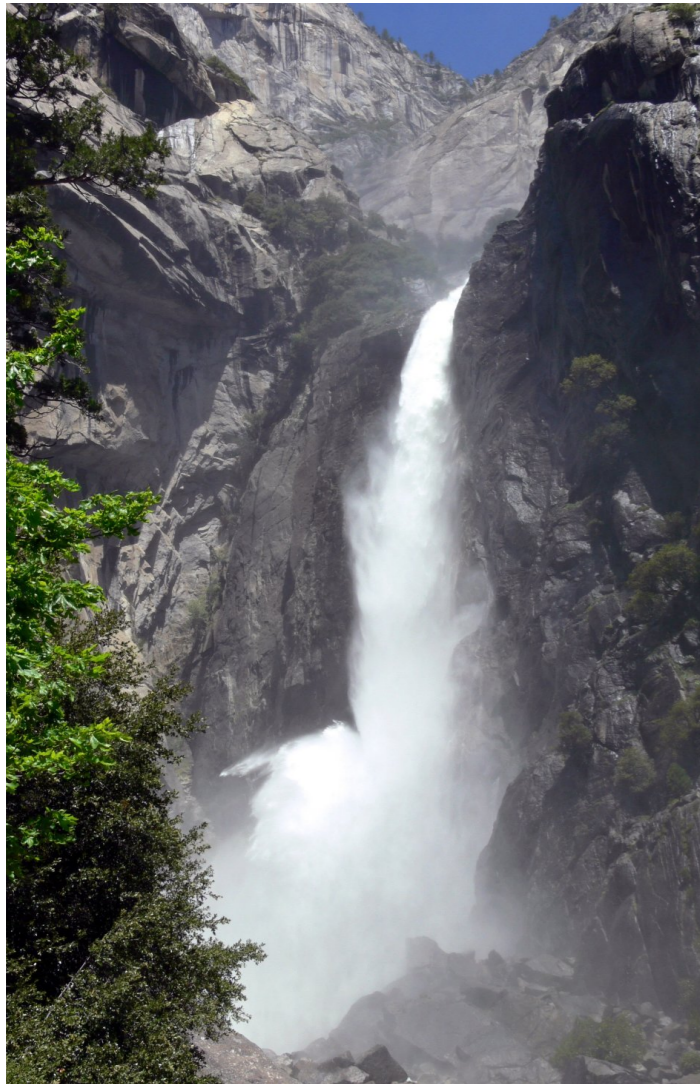
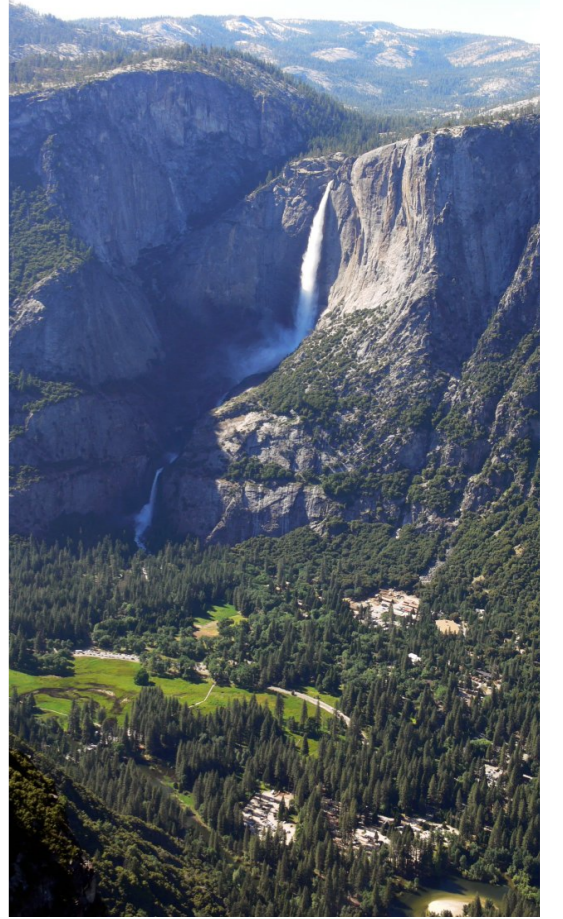


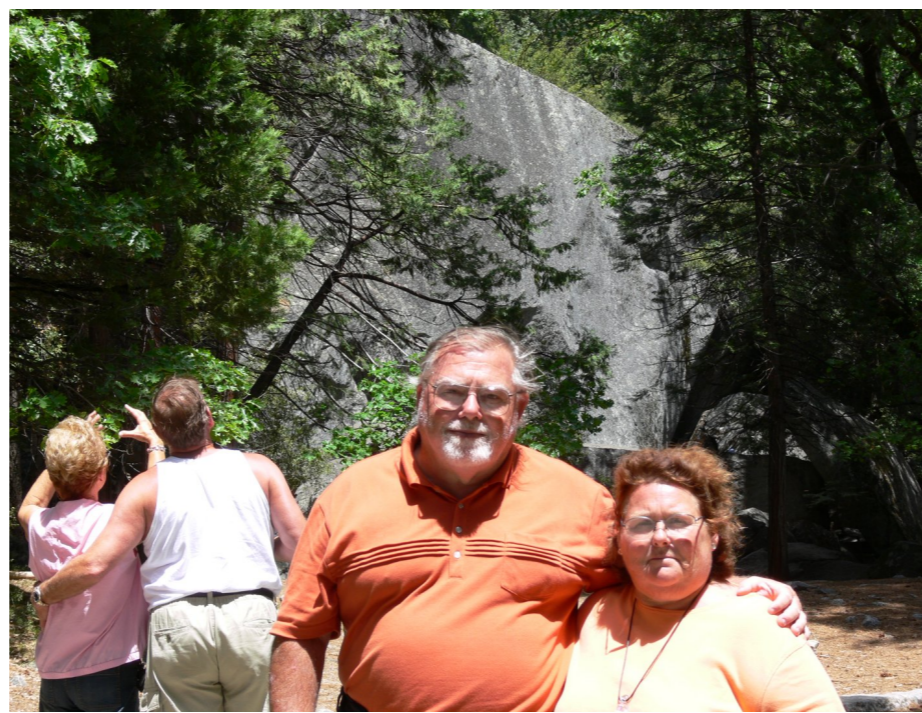


We drove up the Coastal Highway to the Brookdale Ghost Lodge



From Santa Cruz, Redwoods NP, to the Bed of Roses and Yosemite NP







Zachary John joins us for the rest of the trip. We begin in Yellowstone

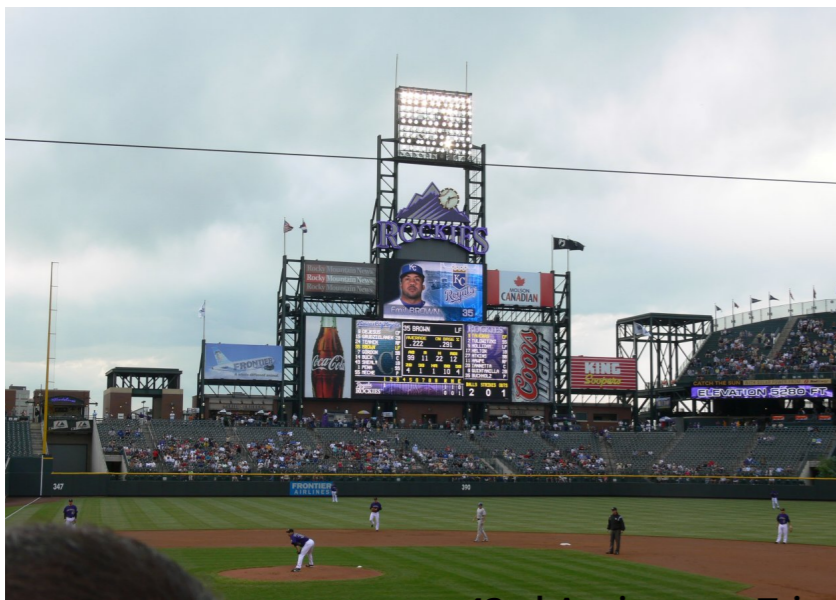




A special day rafting in Jackson with Zach, and of course, The Tetons



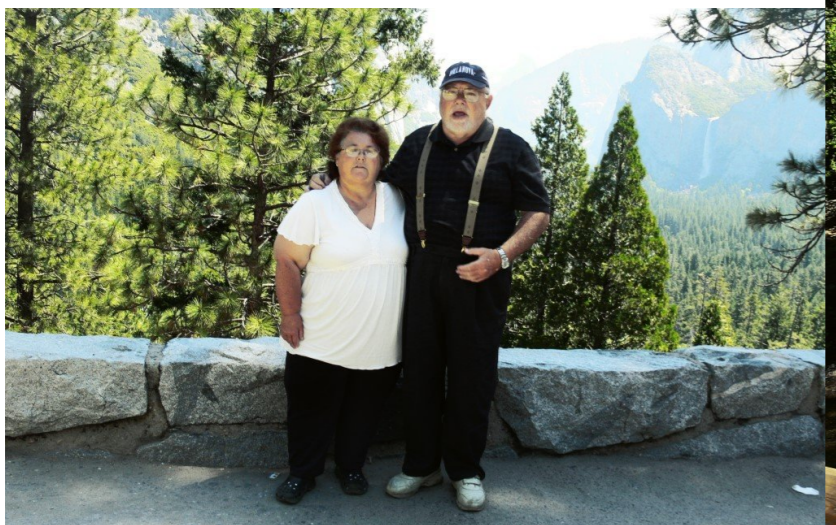
Our last few days celebrating our anniversary and Zach's 16th birthday were spent going home through the Snowy Mountain Range, Rocky MT NP and Denver.



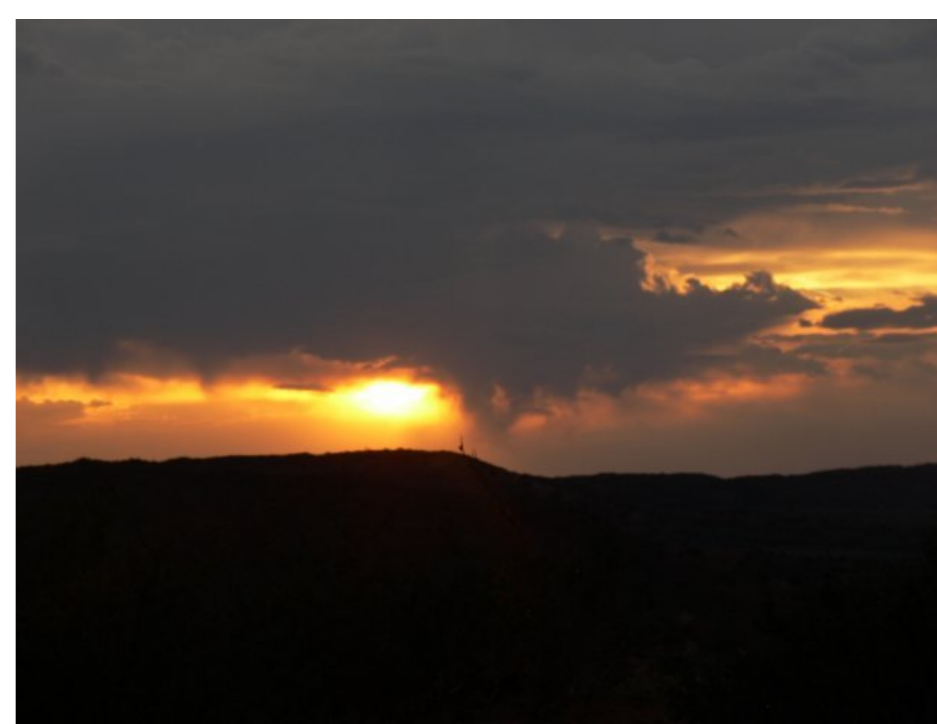
42nd Anniversary Trip - May 19 to June 7, 2007
From a Rockies game in Denver to a very cold & snowy Teton NP



Left cold & snow to visit Gigi near San Francisco. Drove through a fire area and walked in heavy sand to see Elephant Seals-also went whale watching.



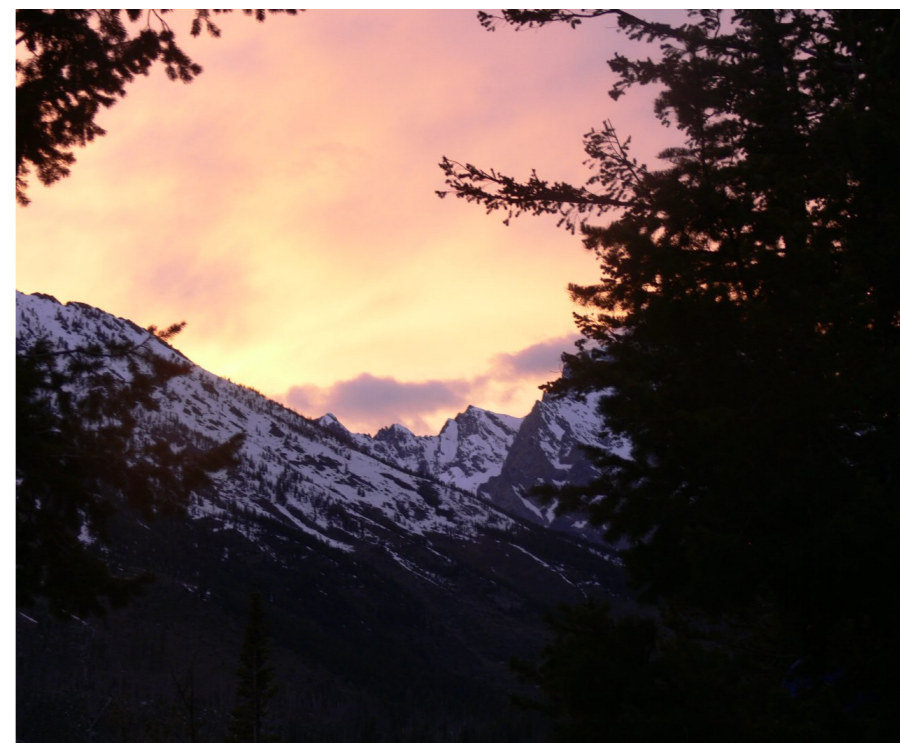
Had dinner at Brookdale Ghost Lodge, toured San Francisco with Gigi, & went to Yosemite NP
Drove through Colorado City (Polygamous Community), Took pictures of rock climbers, Drove Highway
12 for the first time.





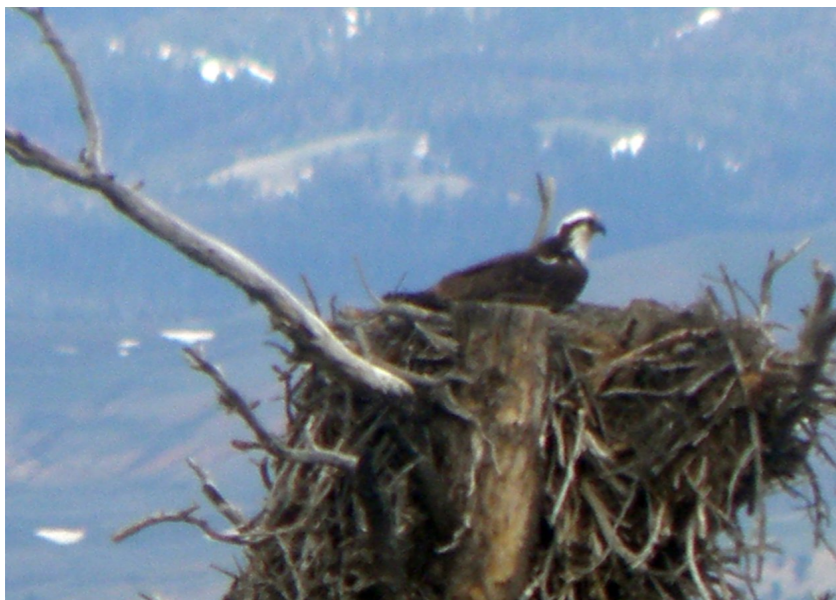
Finished by going to Denver and having dinner at Le Central which has become one of our special places.

This was a special trip mostly because we changed our mind and direction after being snowed on and nearly freezing in the Teton NP.



**43rd Anniversary Trip -June
3 to June 14,2008
We drove to Teton NP
through the Snowy Range.
We drove into Sink River
Canyon slightly north of
Dubose,Wy. We visited the
grave of Sacagawea.**





Beautiful Views and a very historical gravesite!



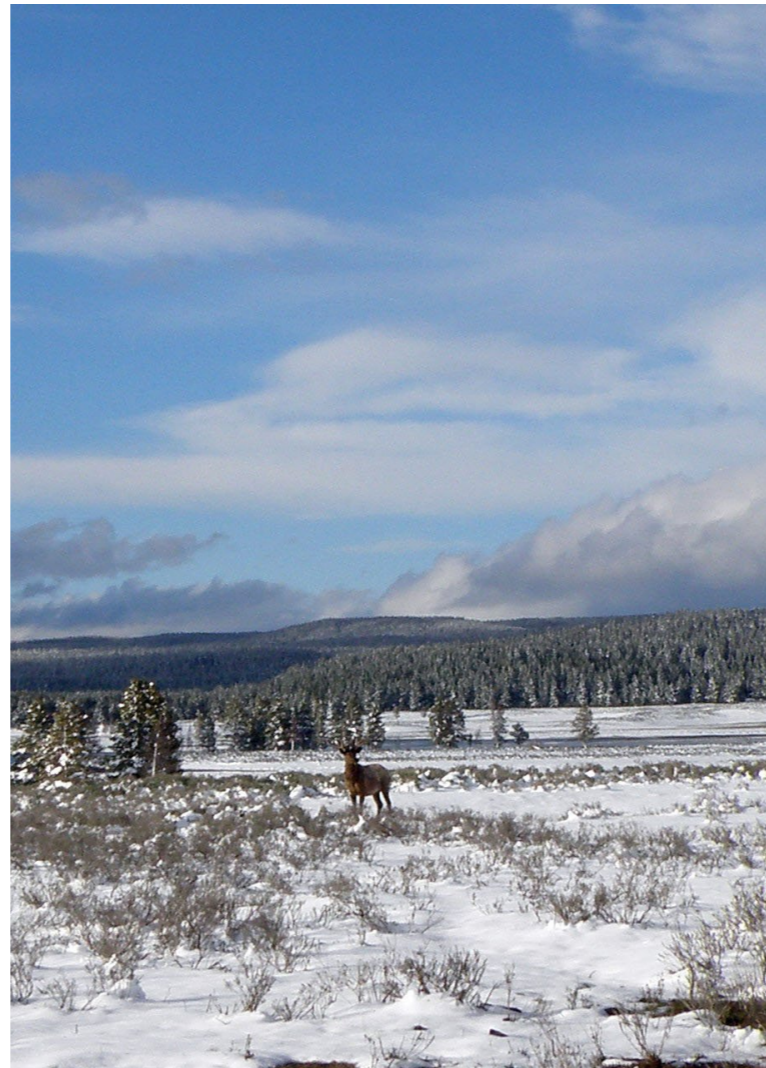


We drove into Yellowstone after I had what later was described as a mild heart attack. I took a couple of water pills and was fine.



It snowed over 8 inches in just 2 and a half hours while we slept and I recovered my strength. The pictures were so very special as this was the first time we had ever seen Yellowstone like this!



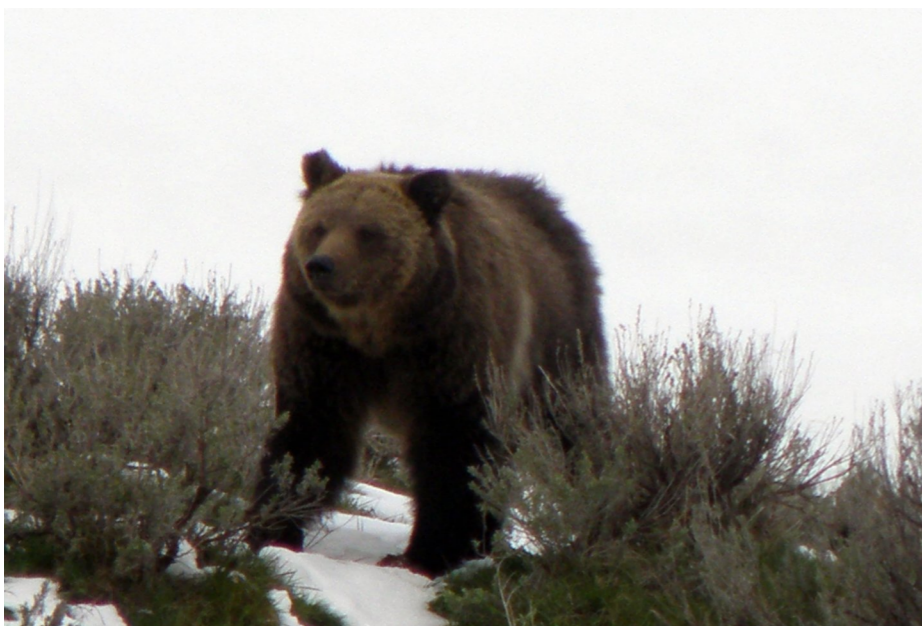


This was a truly amazing time. After the snow stopped the roads were perfect and the scenery was incredible. We have never even come close to another time like this in the Park!





Bears are always something we take pictures of and this Mother and cub played and posed for us for over an hour and did not come too close.





Rocky Mountain Sheep in Rocky Mountain NP

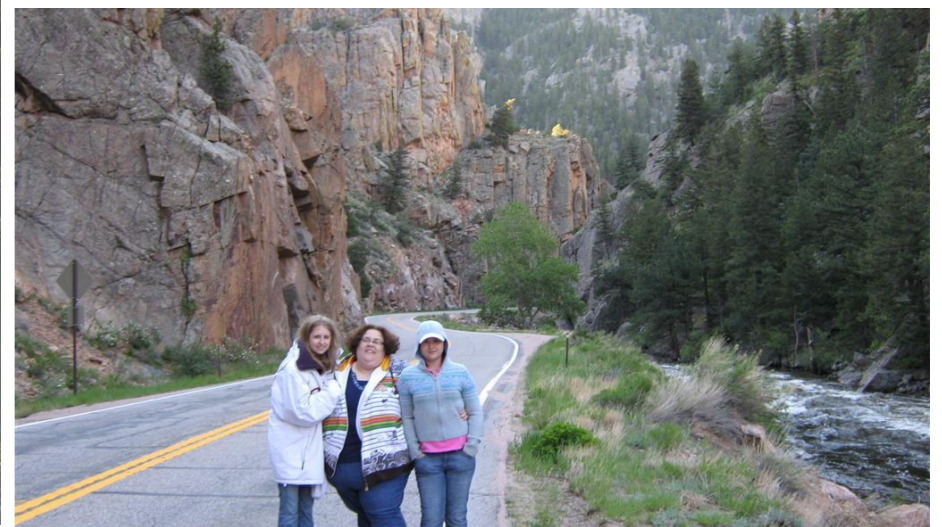


What better place to end a wonderful trip than Denver botanical Gardens!

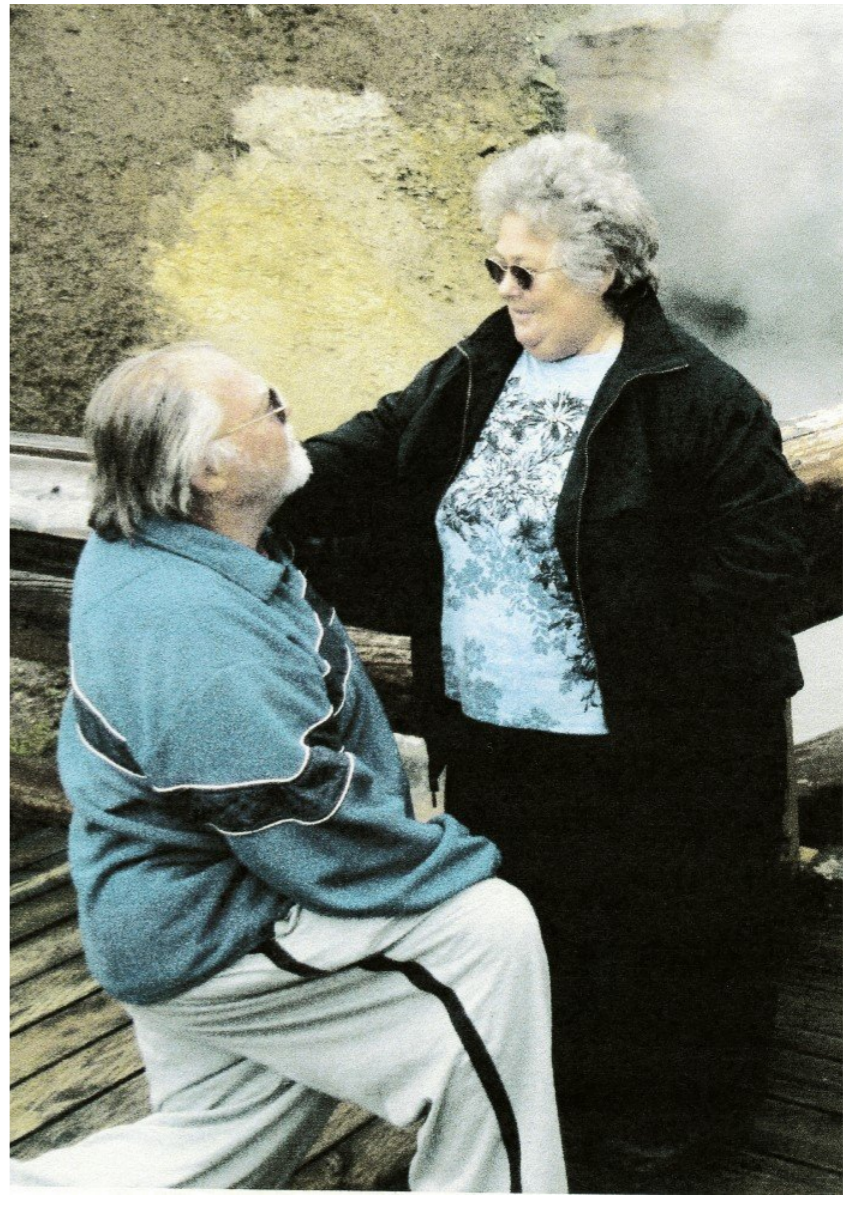


We spent another day in Denver and went up Mt. Evans where we saw beautiful Mountain Goats. We also went to a Rockies Game and saw a huge motorcycle group on our way home.





44th Anniversary Trip - May 27-June,5-2009
Jamie, Shane, Mercedes & Portia came along because no one wanted us to go by ourselves.

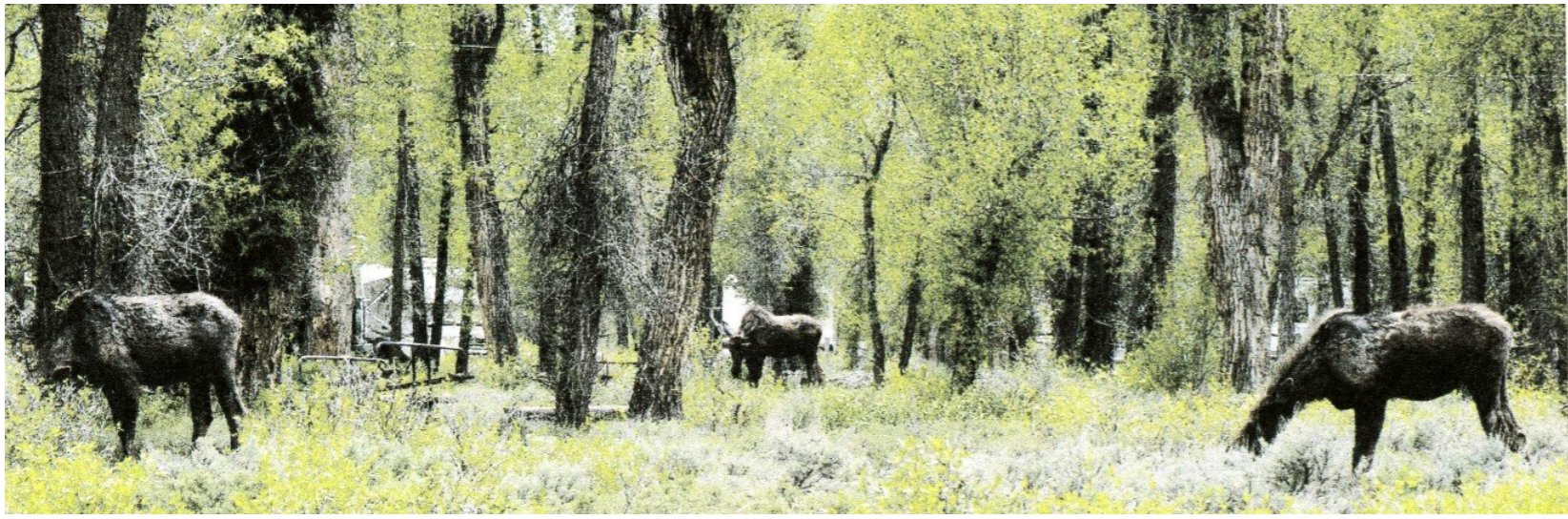


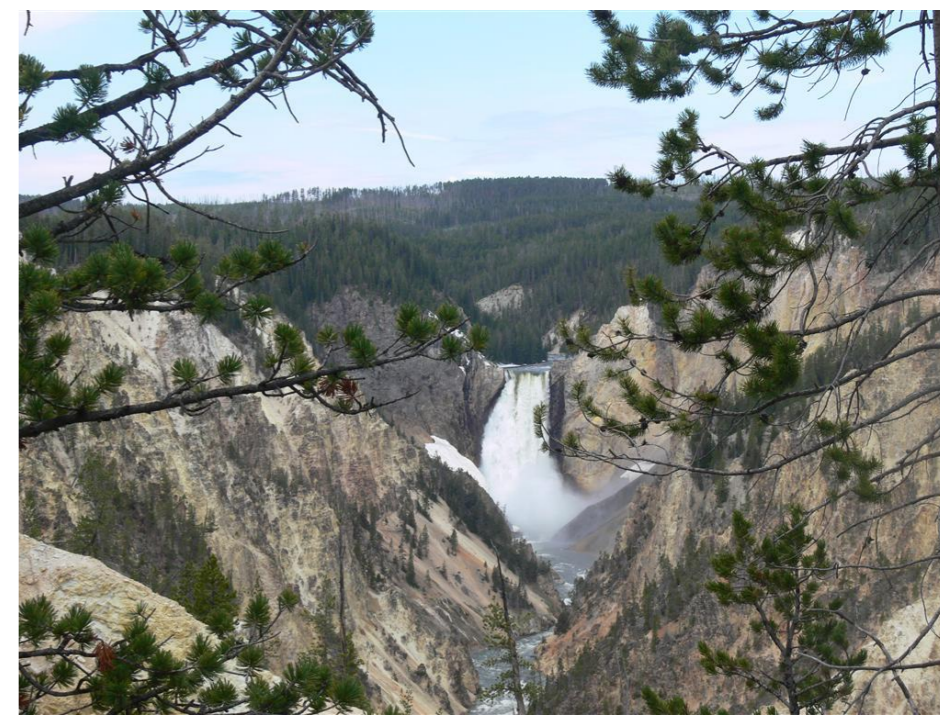
We started by going to Teton NP after camping out next to a roaring river in the Poudre River Valley. Shane saw his first moose on the Laramie River Road.



After the Teton's off to Yellowstone - first time for everyone but us and they seemed to really enjoy themselves. Jamie loved the Painted Buffalo's in West Yellowstone.

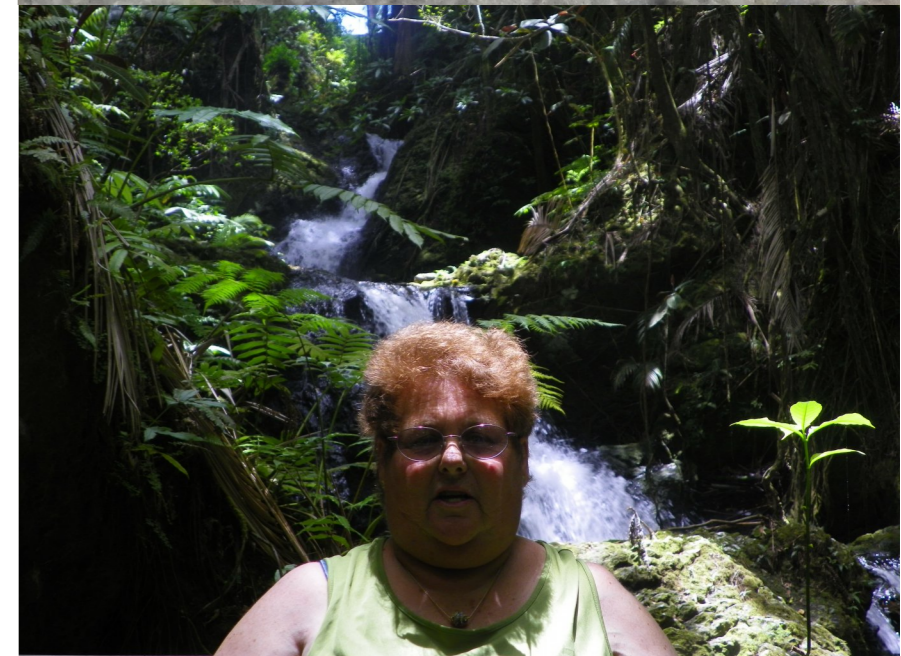
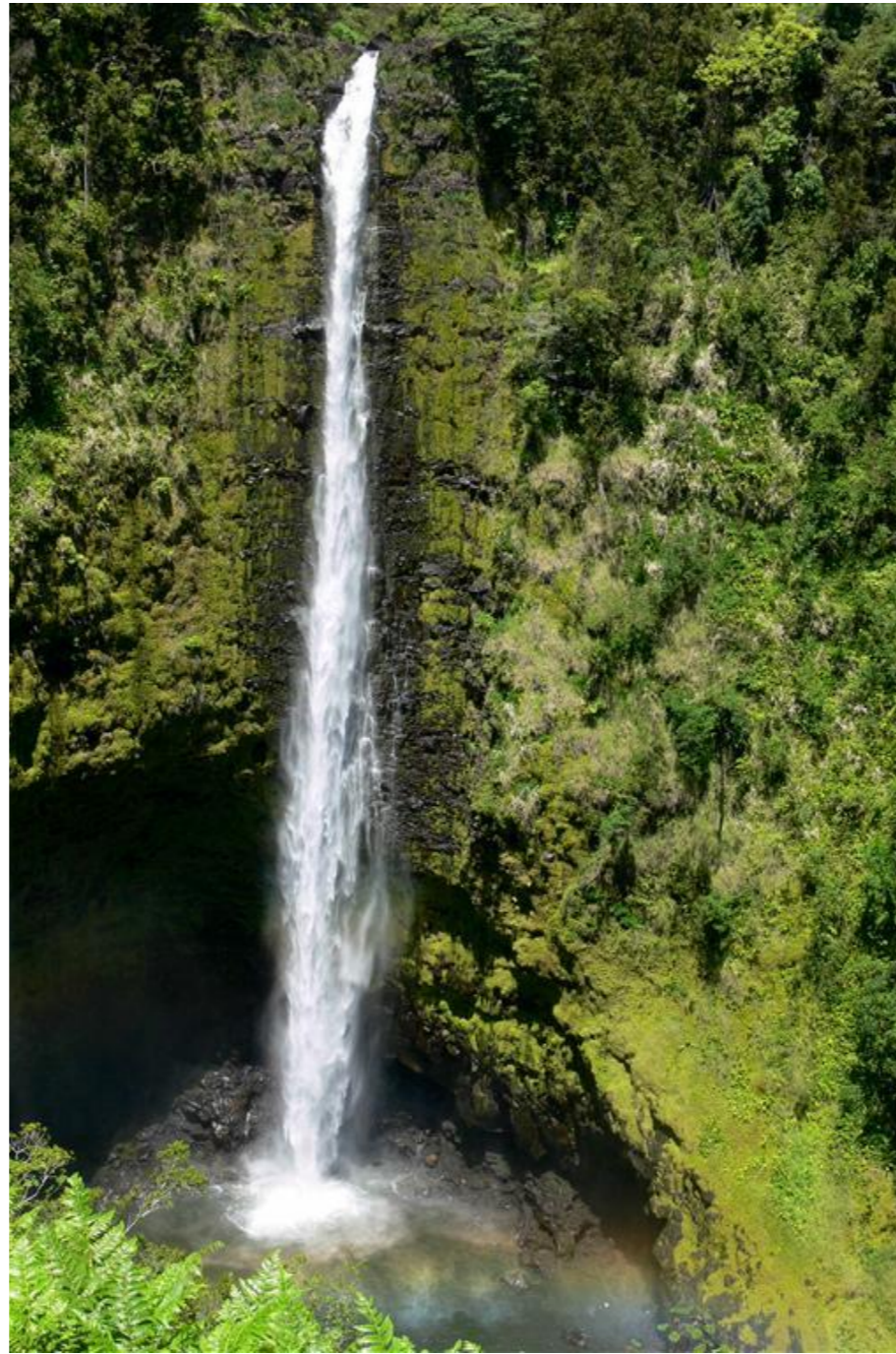






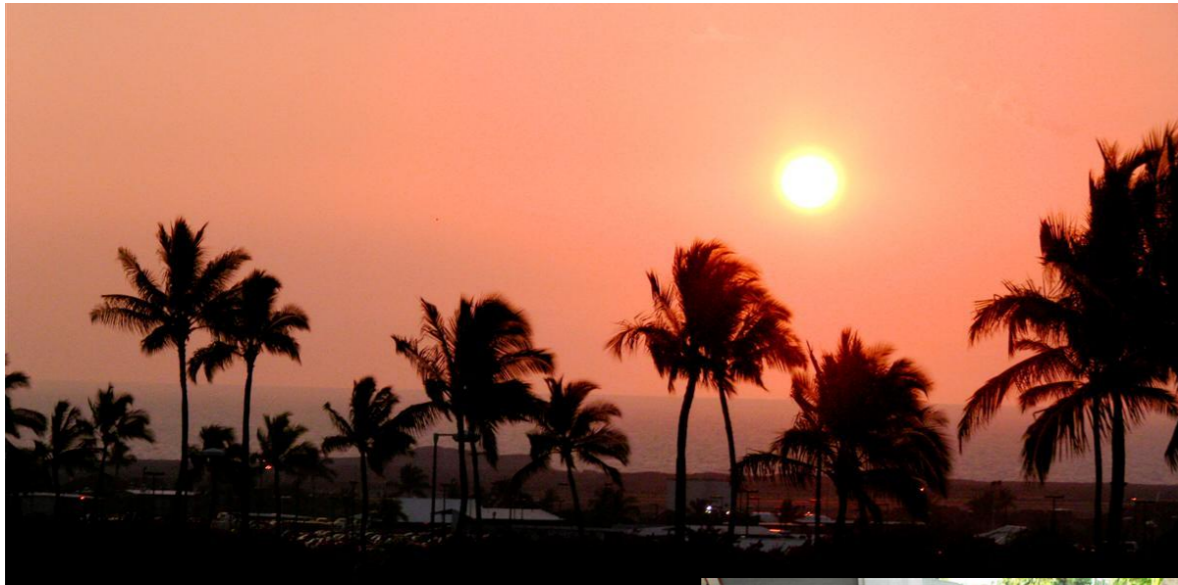


45th Anniversary Trip - Hawaii - May 30 - June 7, 2010
A trip of a lifetime. We went alone, in love and with great anticipation and joy and we were not disappointed ! Every day was perfect. Sunsets, Flowers, Beaches, Rainbows and a Helicopter ride over flowing lava, Turtles - Yes the trip of a lifetime.

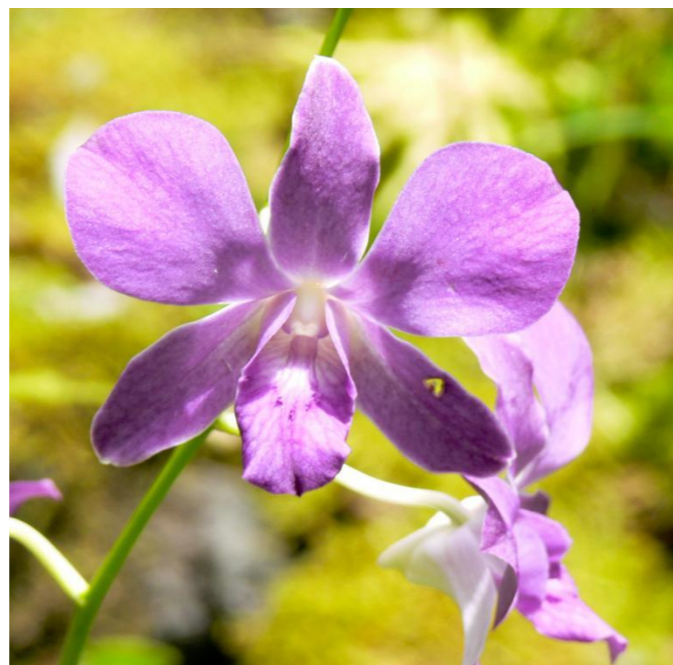
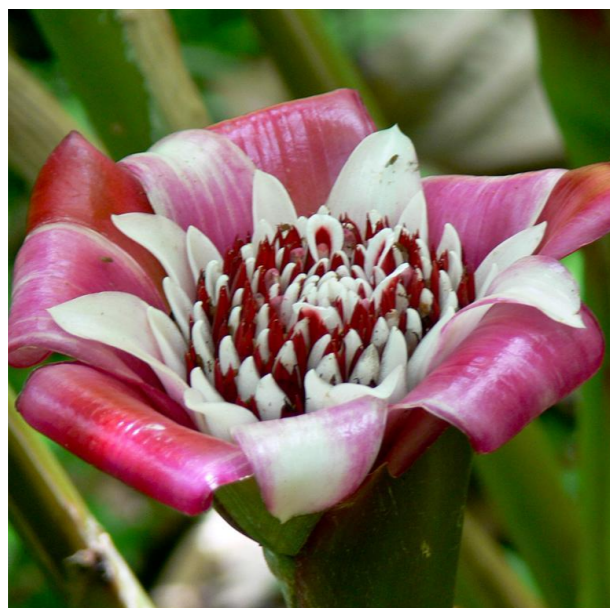










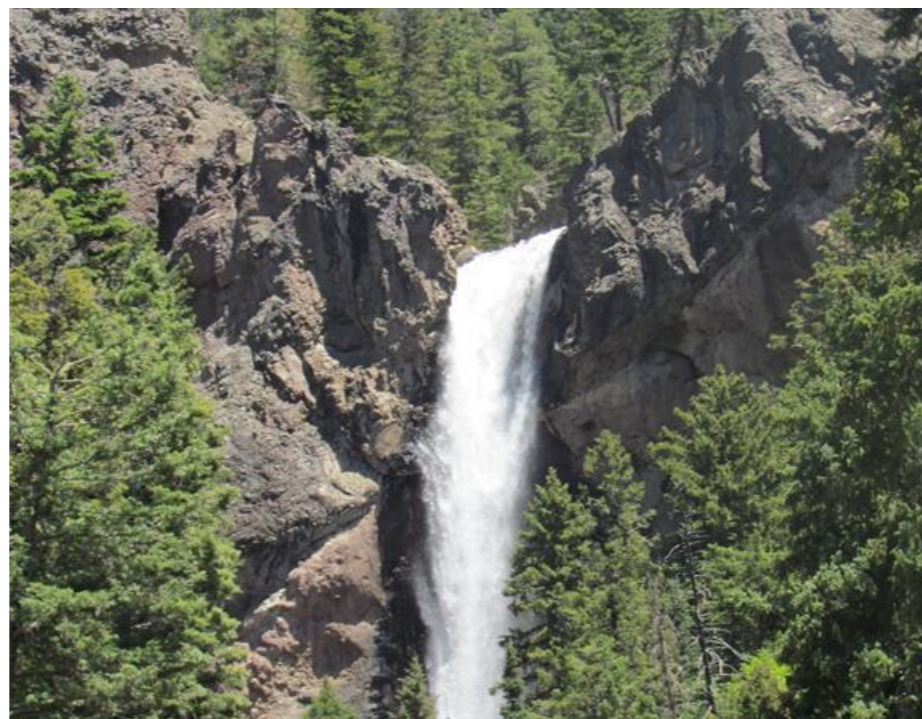


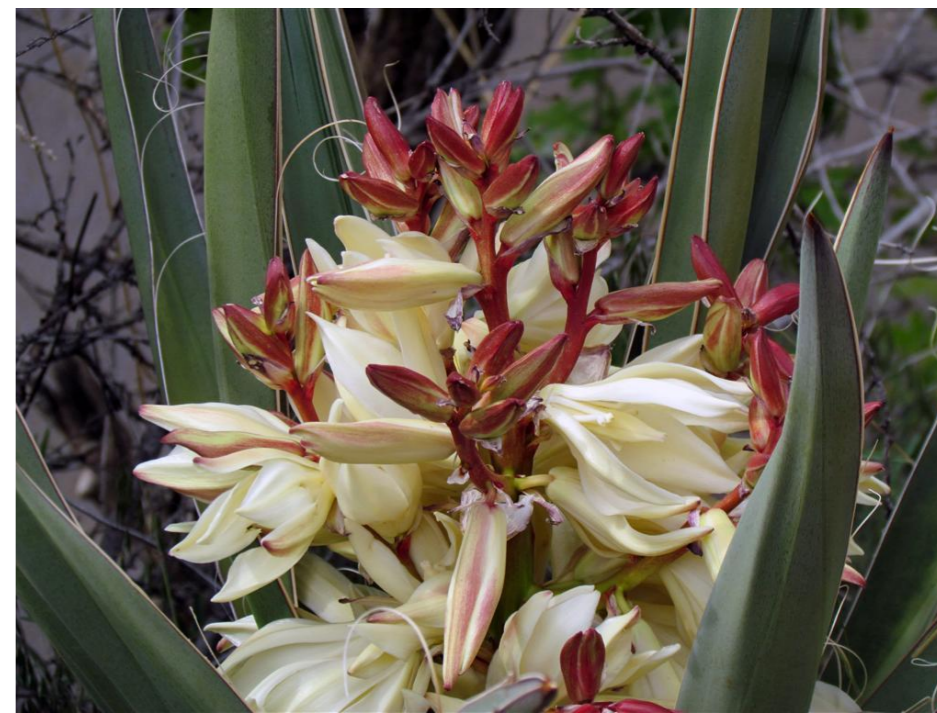
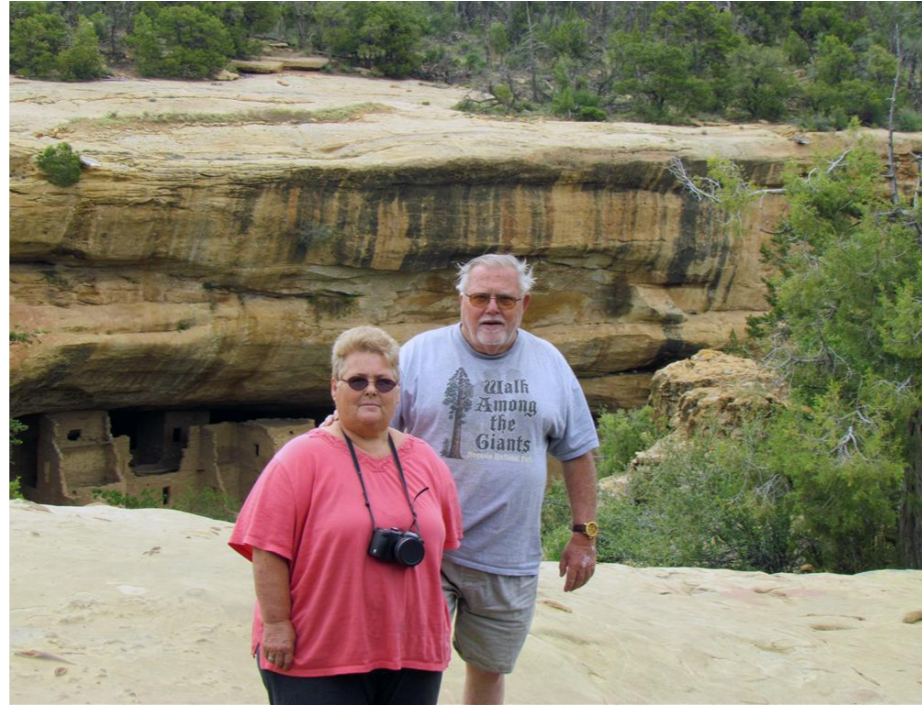


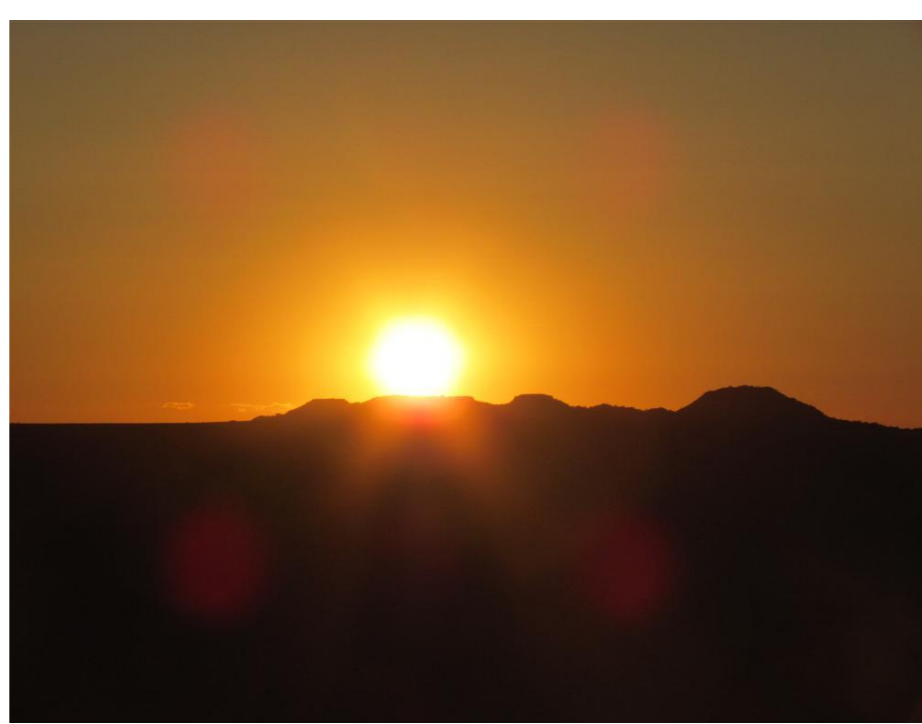
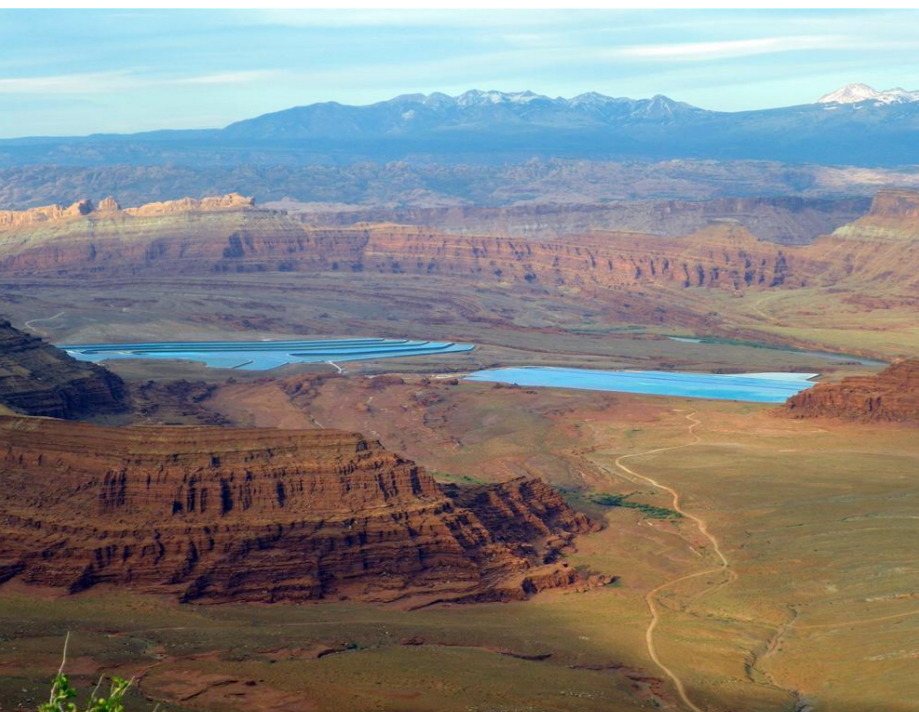


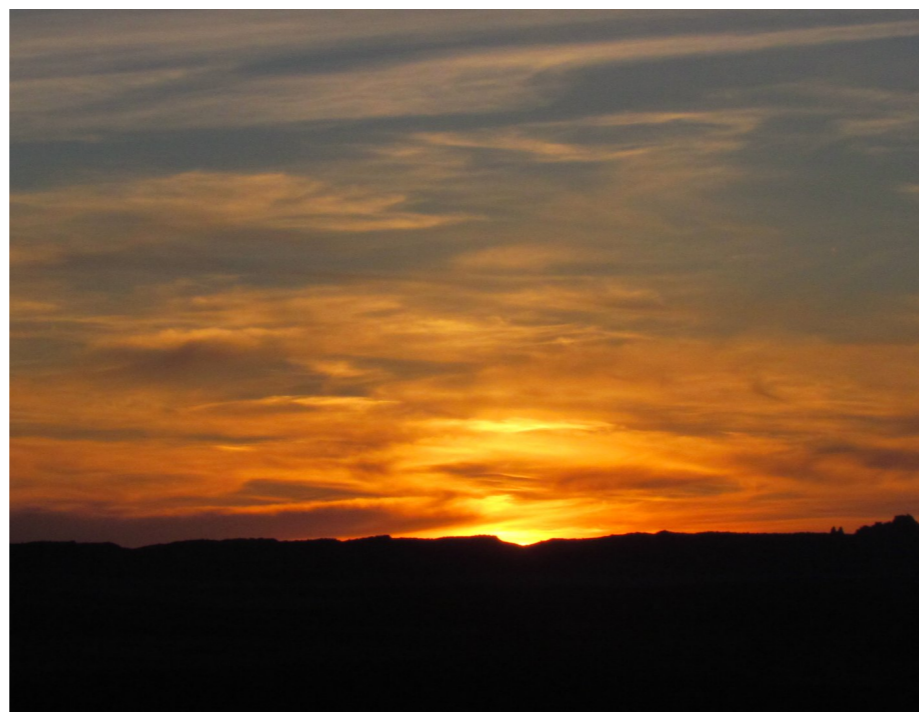
46th Anniversary Trip - May 29 - June 16, 2011

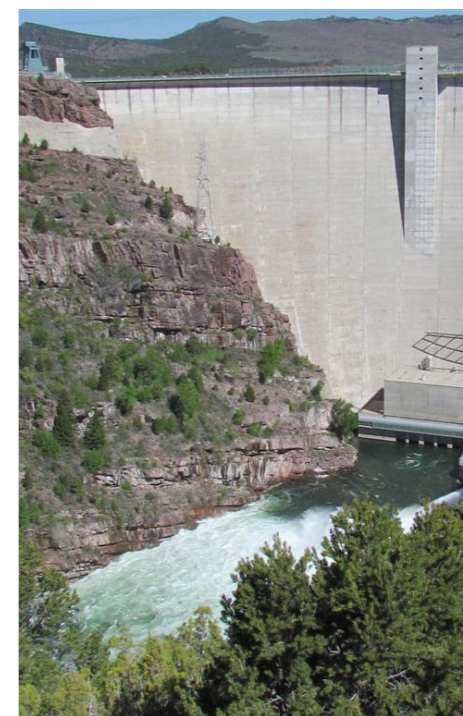
We spent 3 days in Denver followed by an overnight stay at Mesa Verde NP. We then went to Moab for another 2 nights and visited Arches NP, Dead Horse Point at Canyon Lands NP, and then drove to the Teton's through Flaming Gorge NP. After the Teton's, we went to Yellowstone where we stayed in one of the 5 original Yellowstone Lodge rooms. We also took the best bear pictures we have ever taken. We finished the trip by returning to Denver for another 3 days. We took jeep tours of Arches and drove up Canyon Lands steep cliffs, & and went rafting on the Colorado River. Some of these things we had never done before or since and we throughly enjoyed the entire trip!





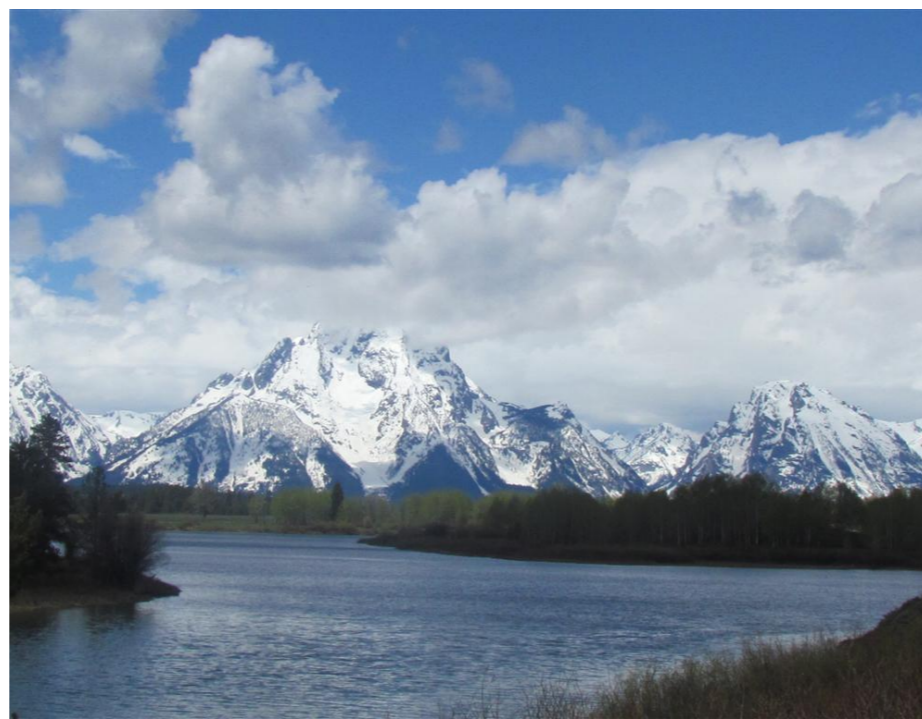
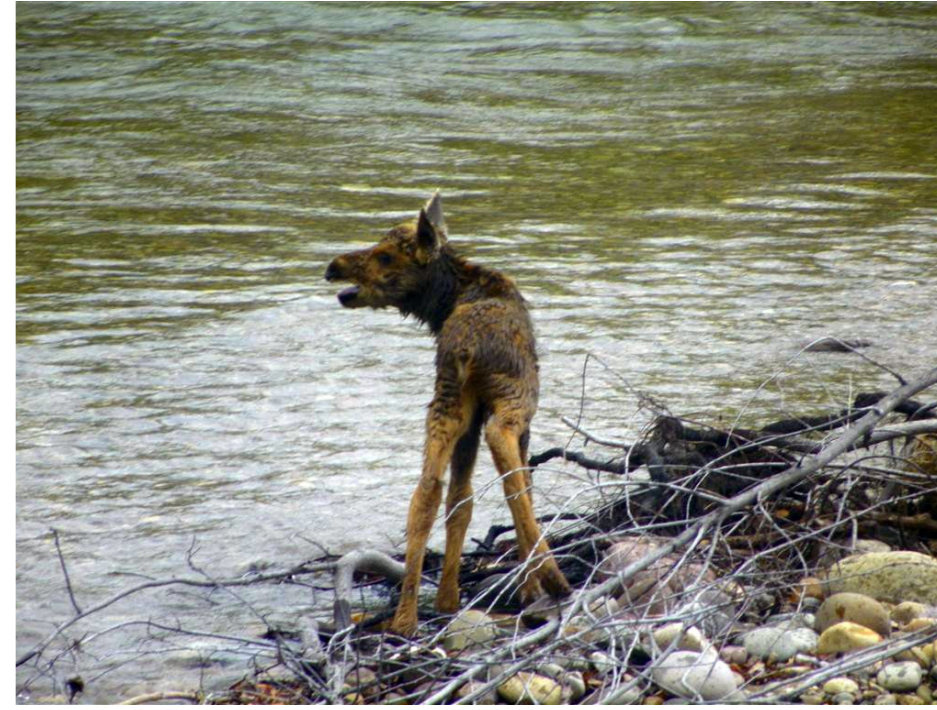
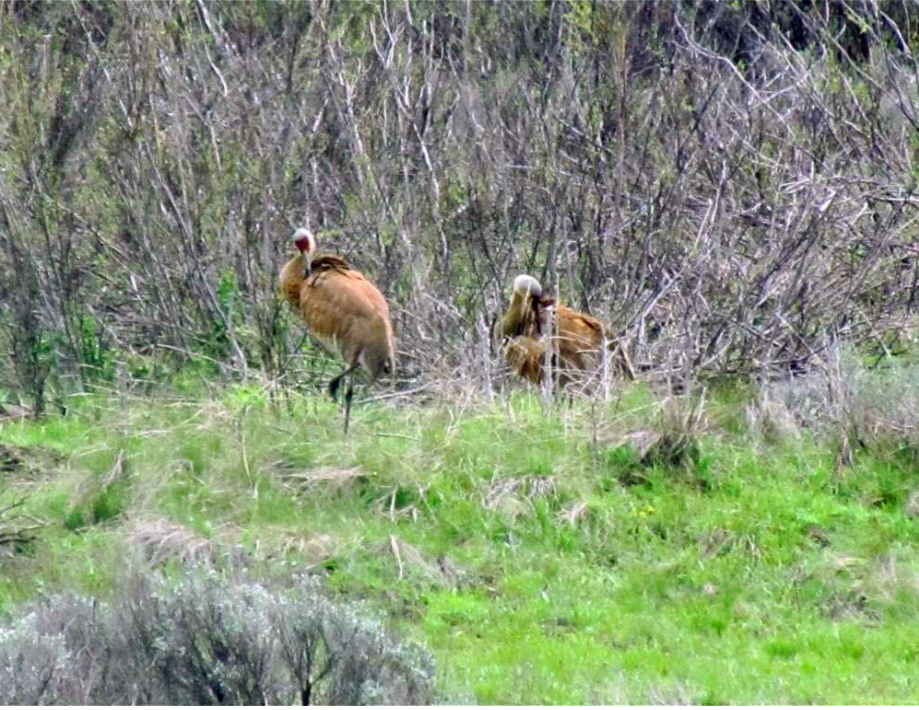


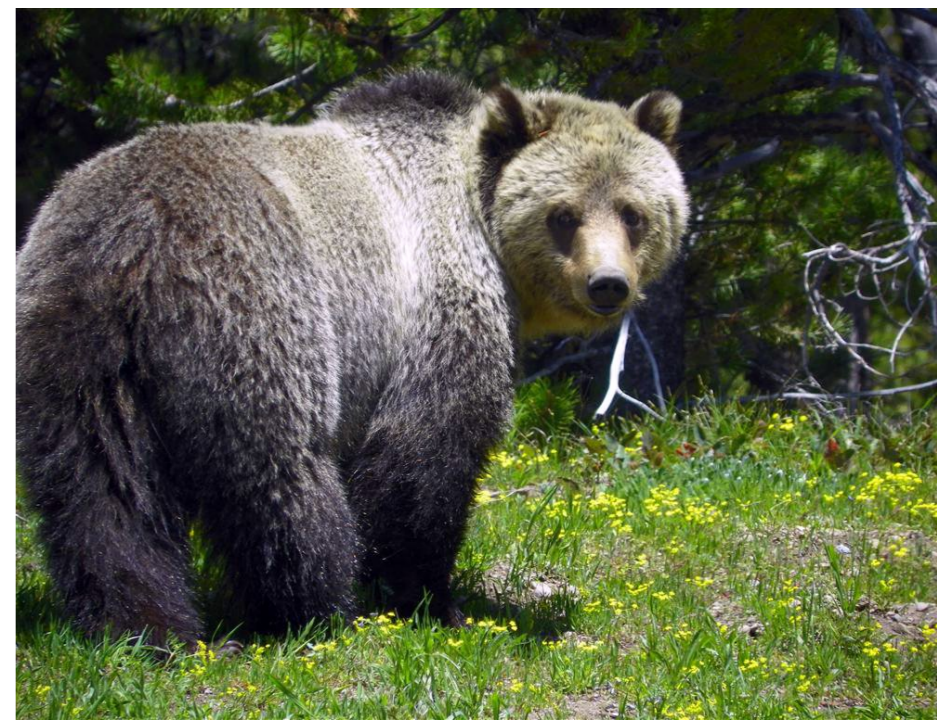


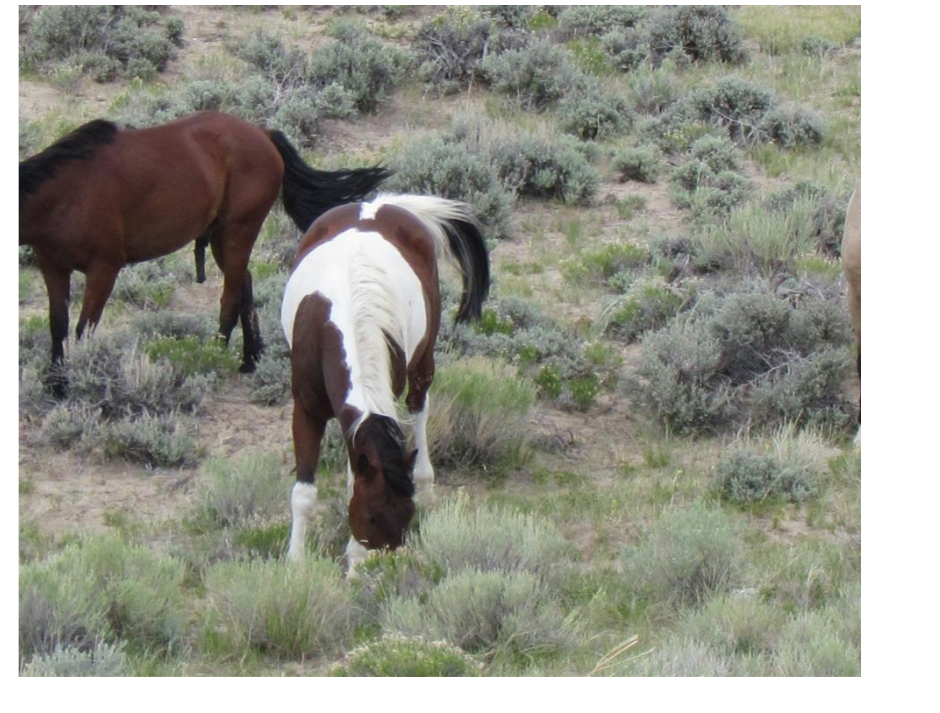


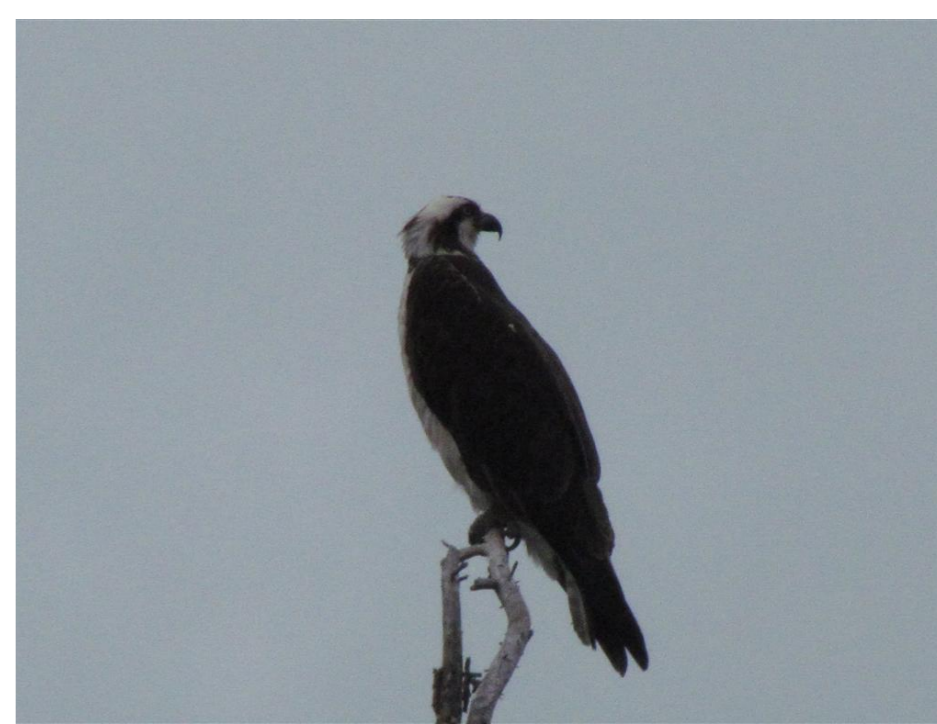
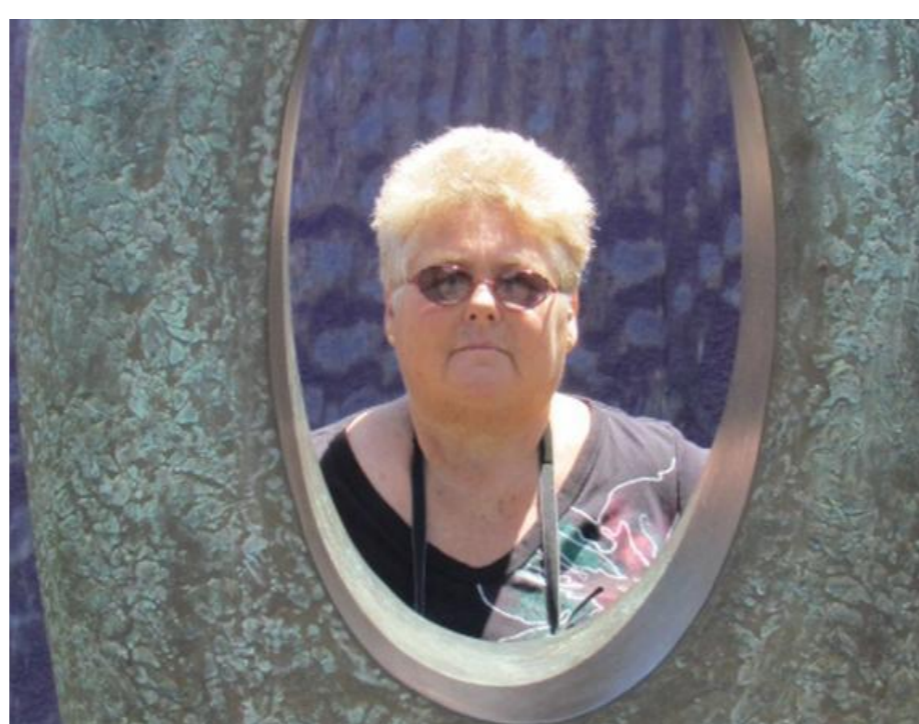
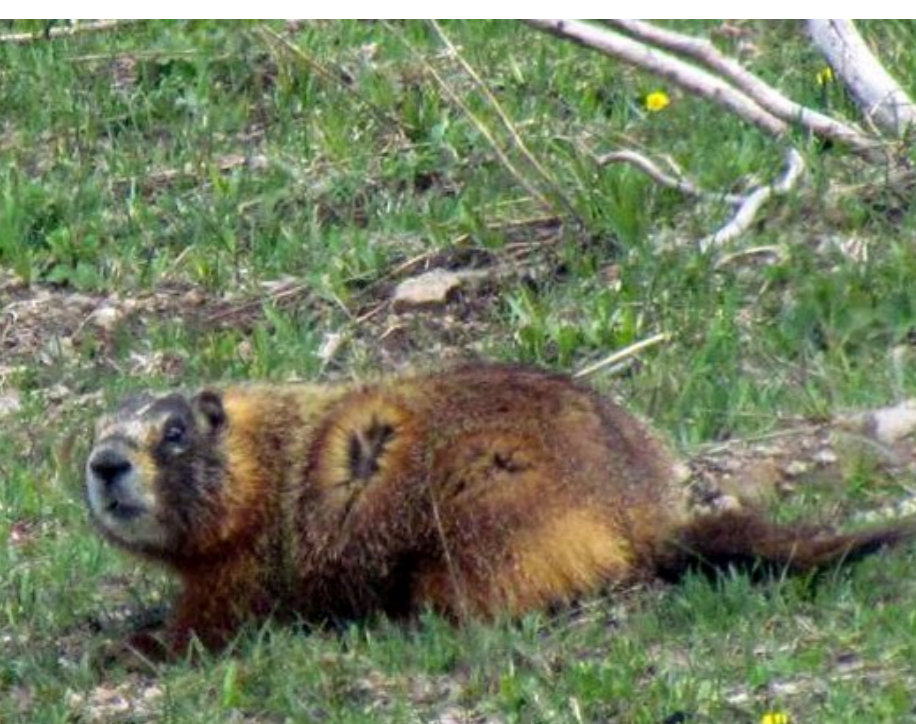
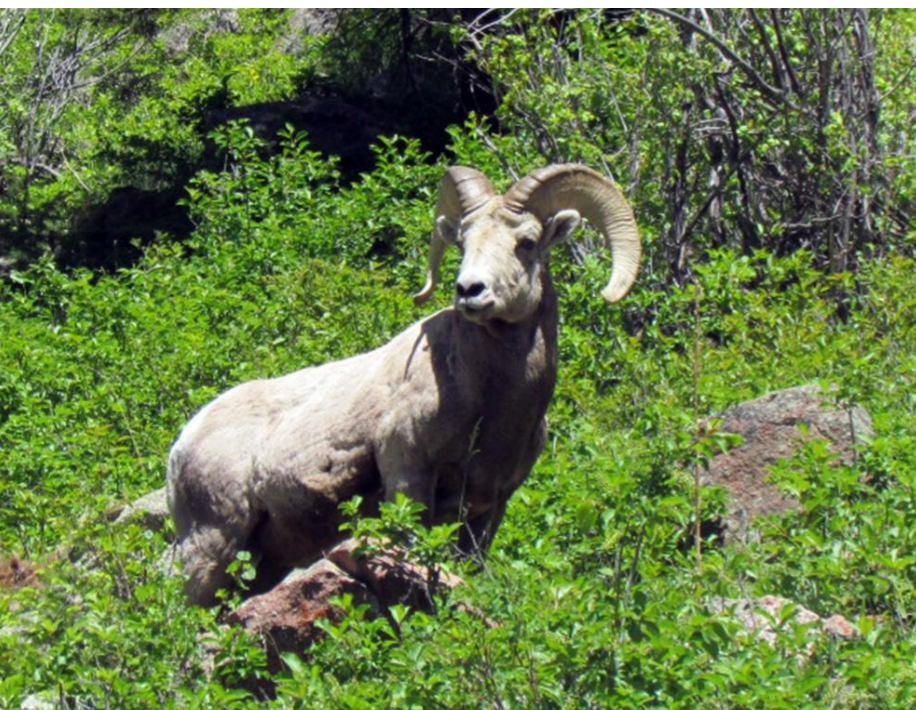
Flaming Gorge was beautiful and we had never been there before











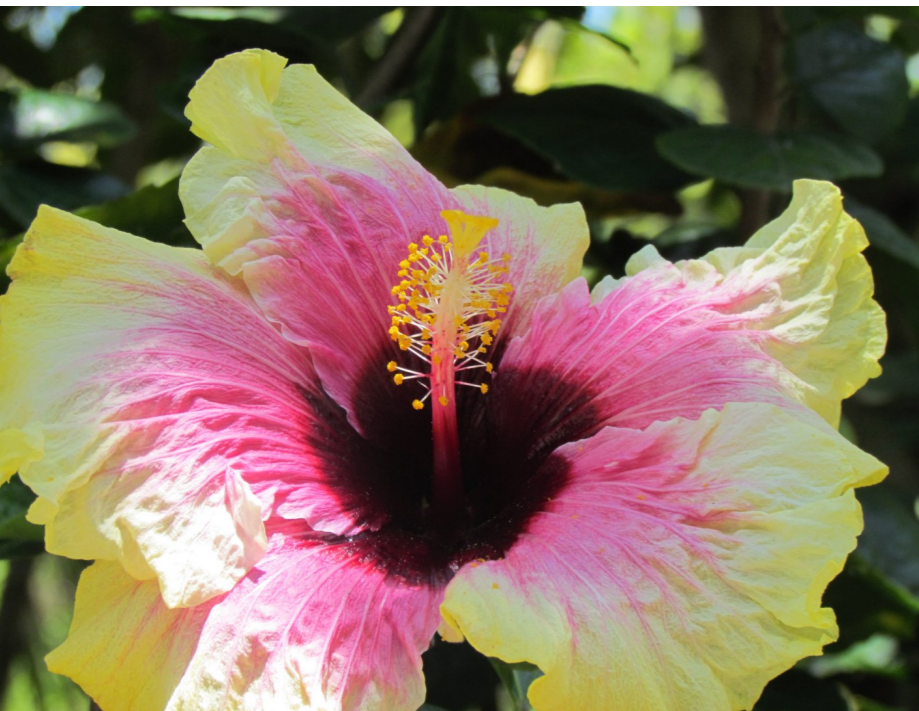


**47th Anniversary Trip - May 25 -June 16, 2012
The Sign Trip**

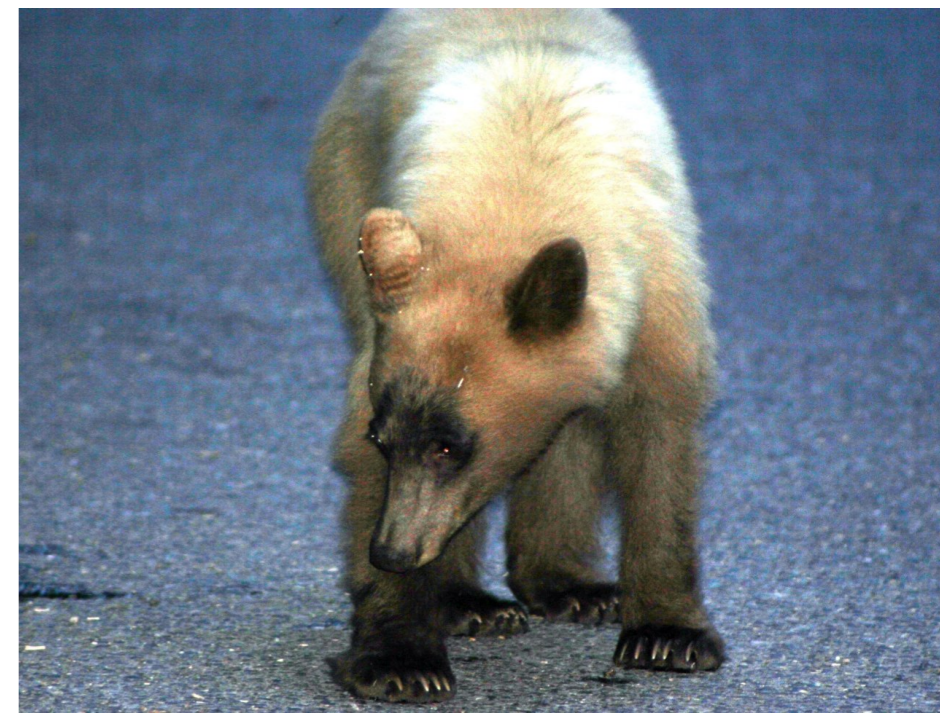
Our daughters put a fabulous magnetic sign on our car that showed us in many stages of our married life and people really very positively reacted to it in a wonderful way and so this became our "sign" anniversary trip. We started by visiting Gigi in Flagstaff, Arizona where we went to a ball game in Phoenix and rode the Williams Train to the Grand Canyon. We then drove through Joshua Tree NP & the Salton Sea into San Diego where we went to the zoo, botanical gardens and whale watching. We then went to Sequoia NP, Yosemite NP and then to Santa Cruz and another whale watching trip. We drove through San Francisco to an Oakland baseball game, then through Twin Falls, Idaho on our way to Jenny Lake in the Tetons. From there we went to Yellowstone NP, then back to Denver and their beautiful botanical gardens and home.

What a trip!





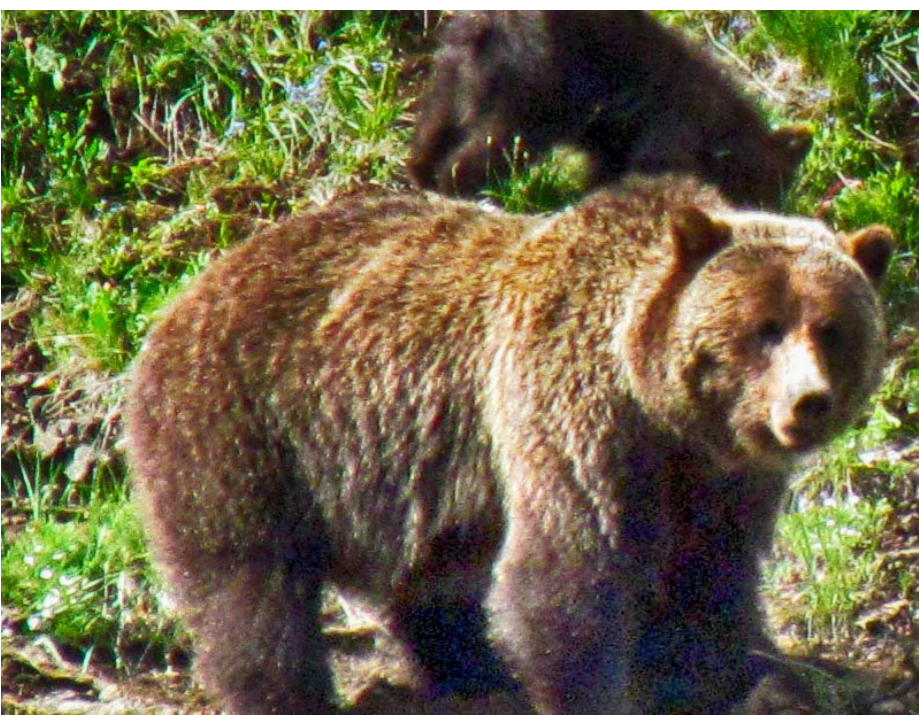






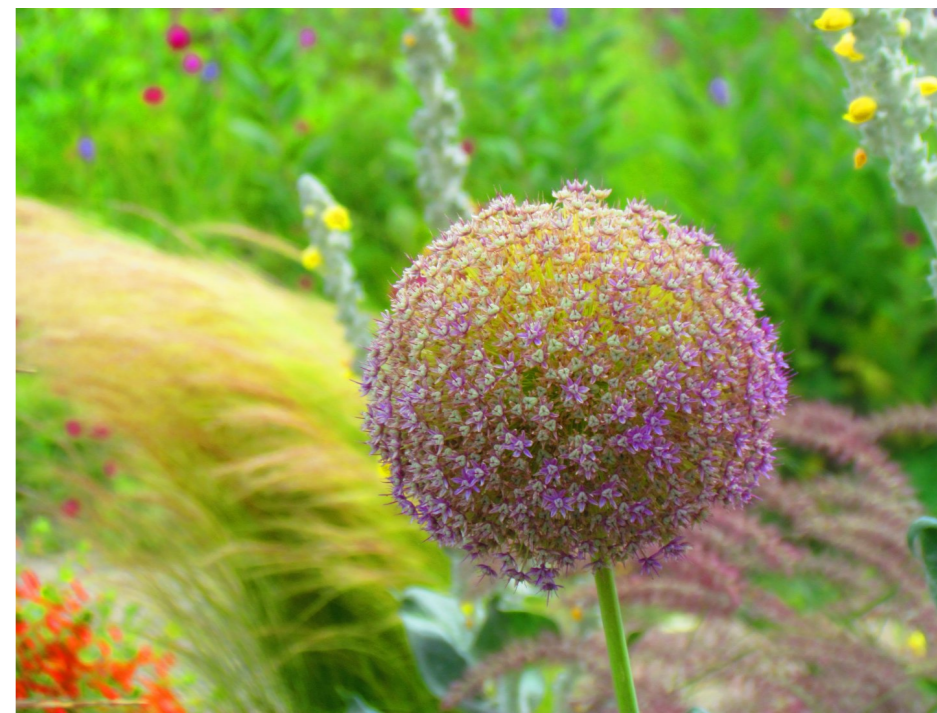








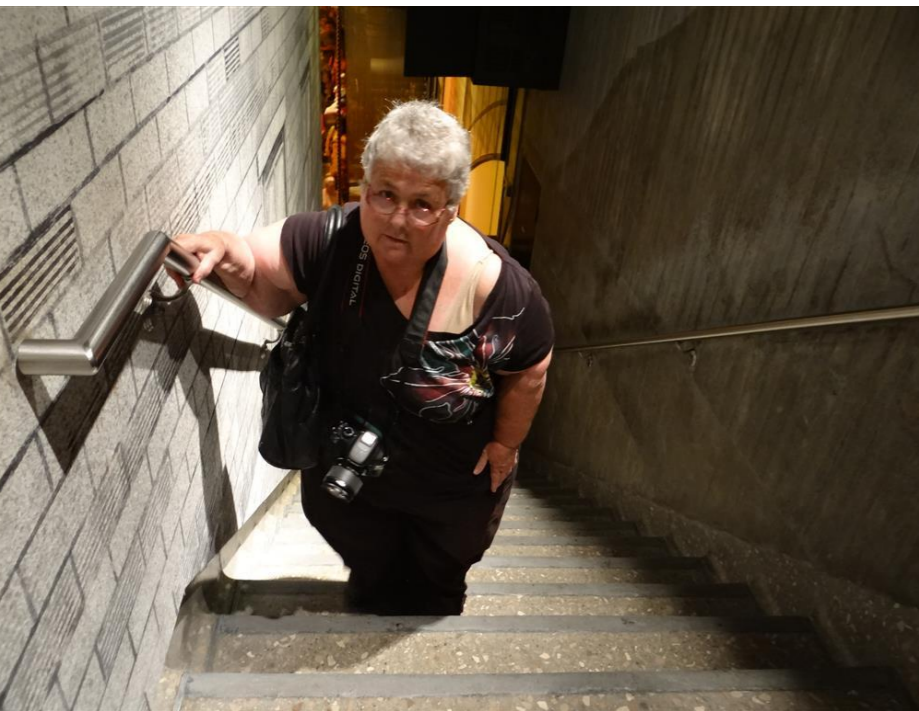
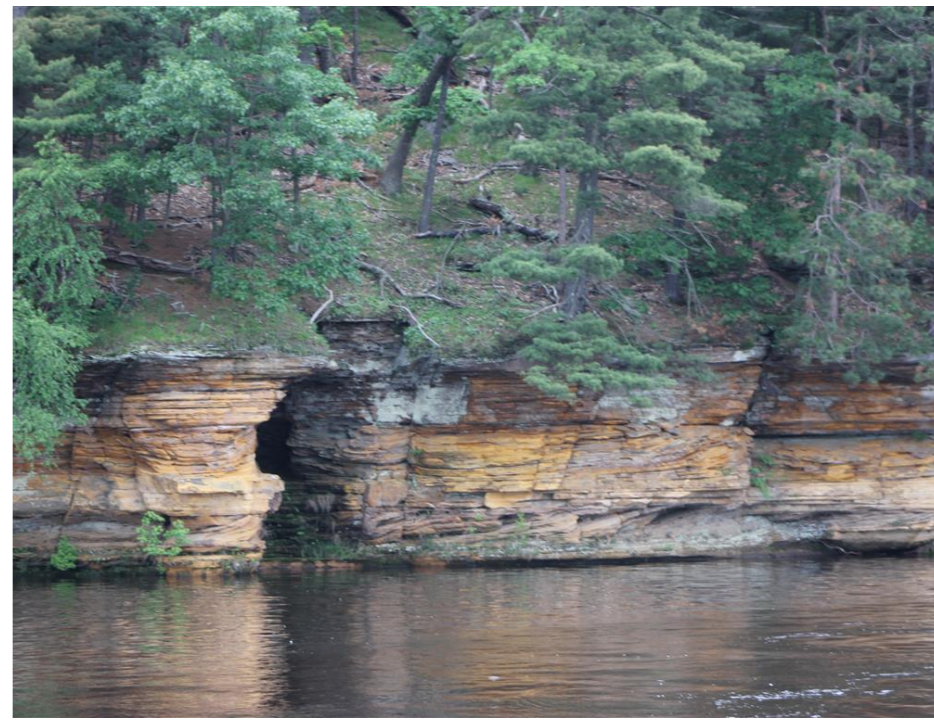




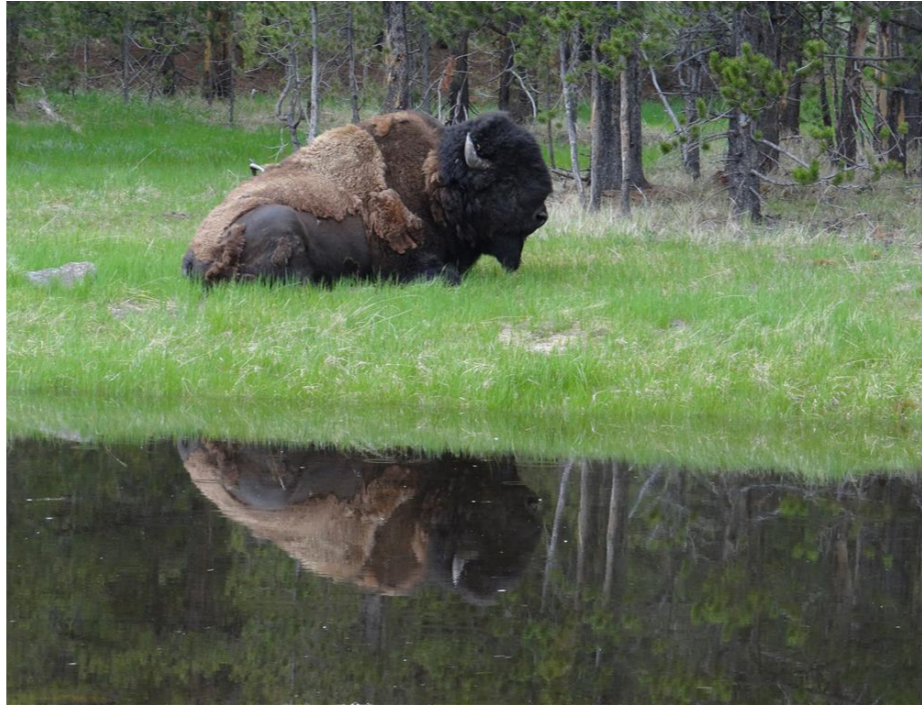


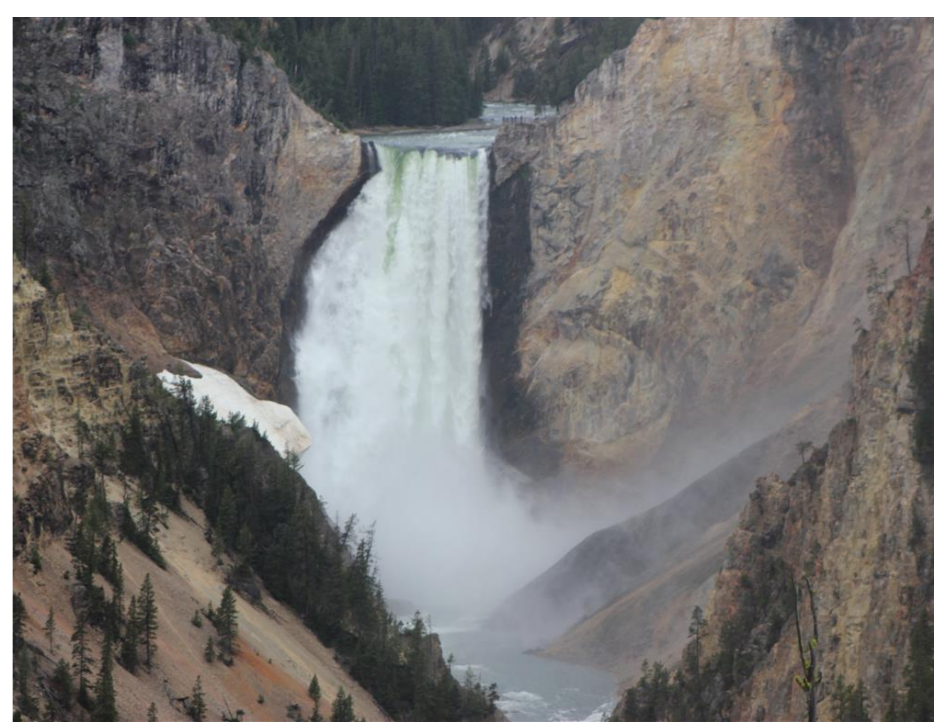
48th Anniversary Trip June 3 to June 19, 2013
We drove through St. Louis stopping to tour the Arch, went on through Cincinnati stopping for a ball game on our way to visit Nikki our daughter and her family. We then toured the Dells in Wisconsin on the way to meet 3 of my USBA baseball friends. On our way to Yellowstone, we stopped at the South Dakota Badlands, MT. Rushmore & Devil's Tower. The Tetons and Denver were our final stops.







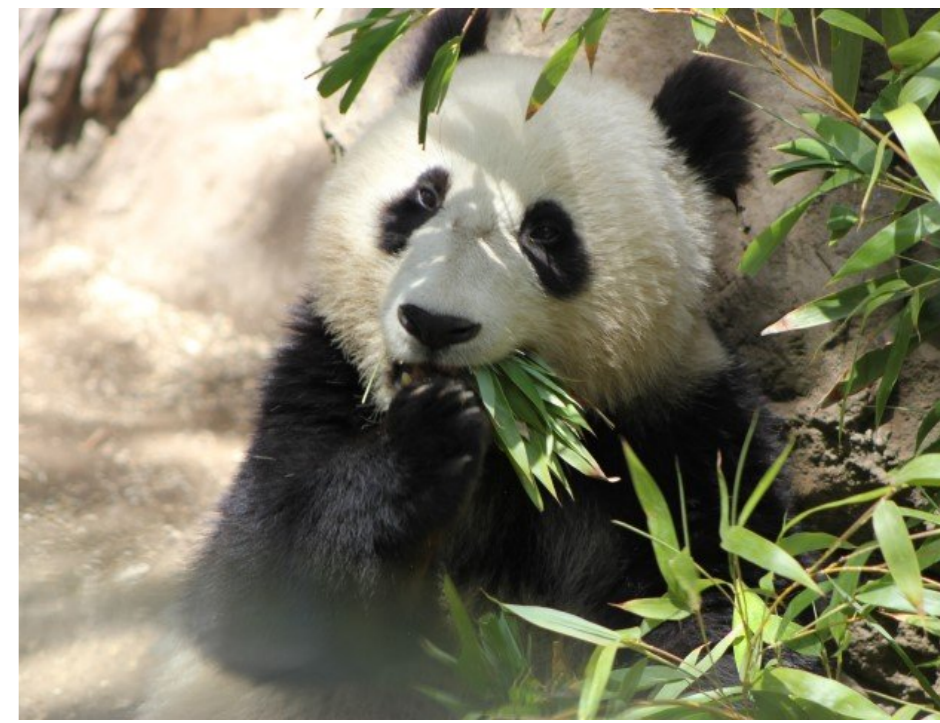






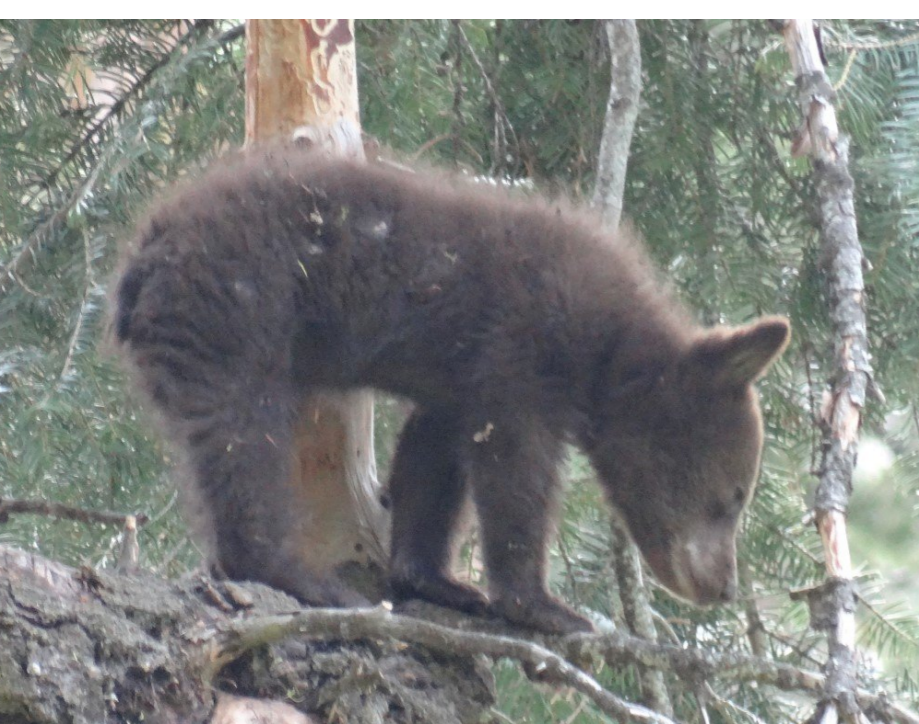
49TH Anniversary Trip - May 29 to June 22, 2014

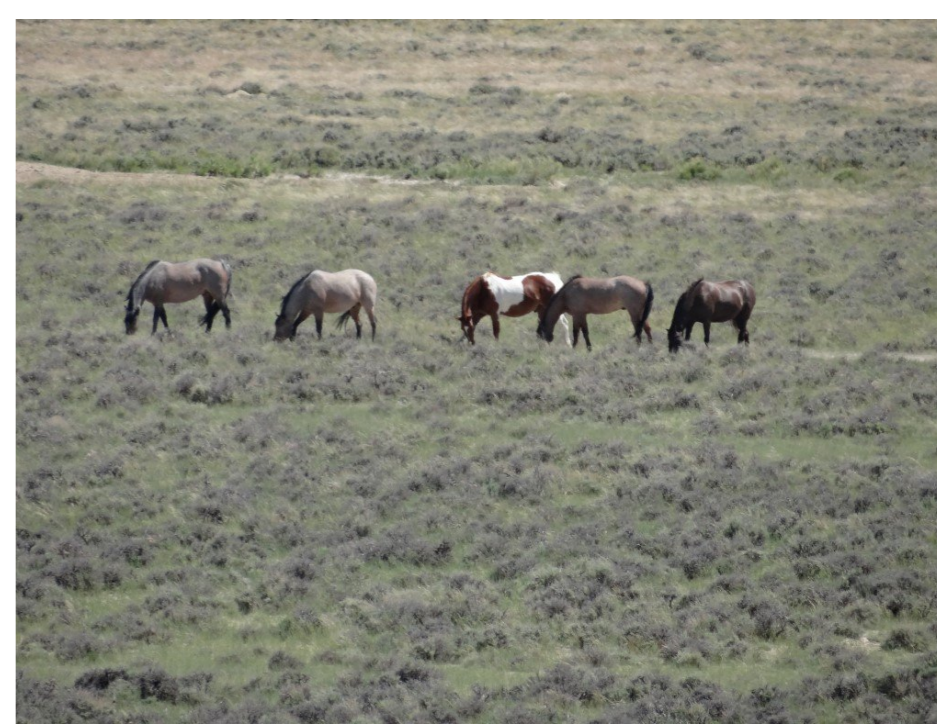
This was a long interesting trip. We drove west through Amarilo stopping to take pictures. We drove through Lake Havasu to see the London Bridge stopping at the Grand Canyon for pictures. We drove through Joshua Tree NP on our way to San Diego going to the Zoo and Balboa Park. We went whale watching and saw wonderful dolphins and we spent our anniversary day at the Huntington Library having high tea. This was a beautiful garden and museum. We then drove through Sequoia NP and of course stopping in Yosemite NP. We finished our trip by going to Yellowstone NP, The Tetons where we saw a Great Grey Owl, back through Denver. Our last day we visited the Botanical Garden which was featuring Dale Chihuly's beautiful glass exhibit followed by a Rockies game. What another fabulous trip!

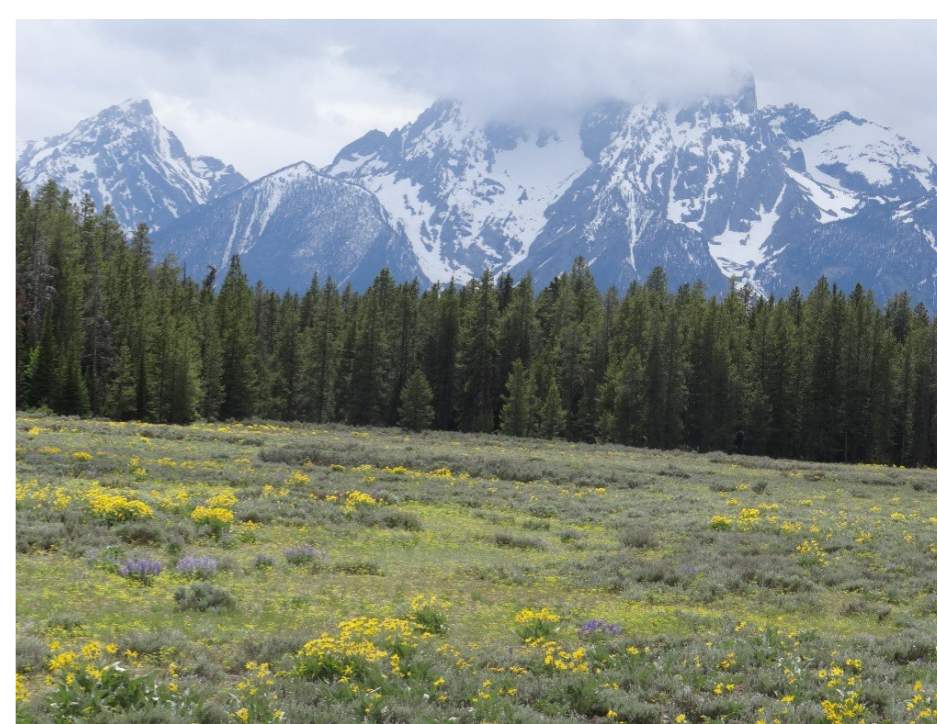
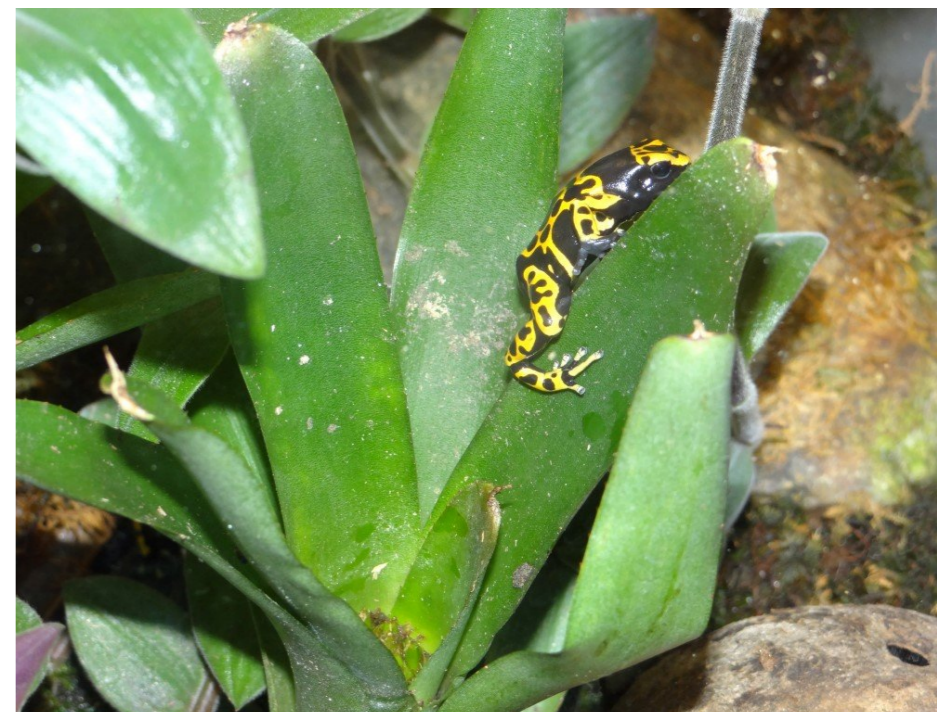
















The last three pages are pictures we just liked and had not used in this book.

