



Now and Then!
50 Years of
Passion and Love



Linda and John Flakes
Our 50th Anniversary Year
June 5, 1965 - June 5, 2015

Zachary's Graduation





We began this celebration year with a new 2015 Yellow Bumble Bee Camaro!

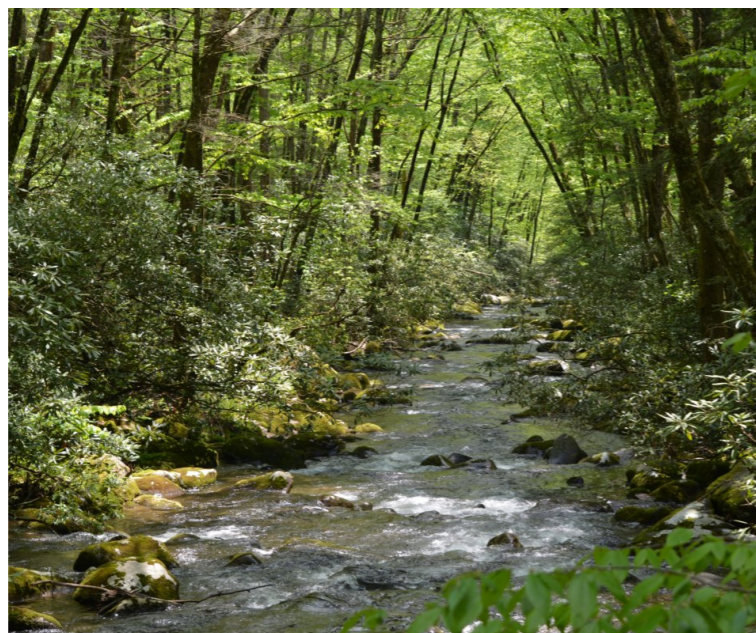


We began by spending a couple of nights in Branson, Mo. We went to Presley's Music Show and a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre where John had the role of a "villain". We then drove to Clarksville, Tenn. stopping along the way at the Jefferson Davis Mermorial just because it was there.

Beautiful
slow days in
Smoky
MT NP
John Resting



A beautiful
waterfall on
the way to
Cade's Cove



Us at the
top of the
Dome above
the clouds!



Linda in
front of an
old mill in
Smoky MT
NP



Our drive through the Blue Ridge Parkway was slow but pretty

Spring Flowers and wonderful views were everywhere



Gettysburg
NP is always
a very
moving
place to
visit.



Monuments
and a sense
of history
abound
here!



This was
taken
while the
Panorama
was
showing!

We had dinner at the famous Dobbin House on Mother's Day!



John again resting this time on a monument



Flowers and old historical homes also permeated the landscape



We visited MT. St. Mary's and the special shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. Flowers were everywhere. We took our picture with a card board Pope Francis and made our way to DC.



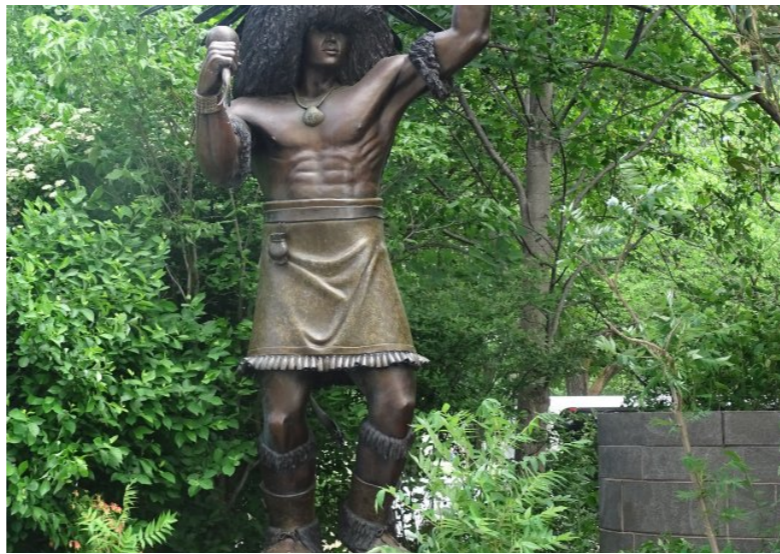
A special tour of the Nation's Capitol was arranged for us by Senator Pat Roberts' office. We were treated very special and throughly enjoyed the young woman who gave us the tour. Two highlights included a visit to the original chambers of the Supreme Court and having our picture taken together while standing on the center stone of the capitol. We also took a picture of Jefferson standing on Adams foot in the signing of the declaration of Independence.



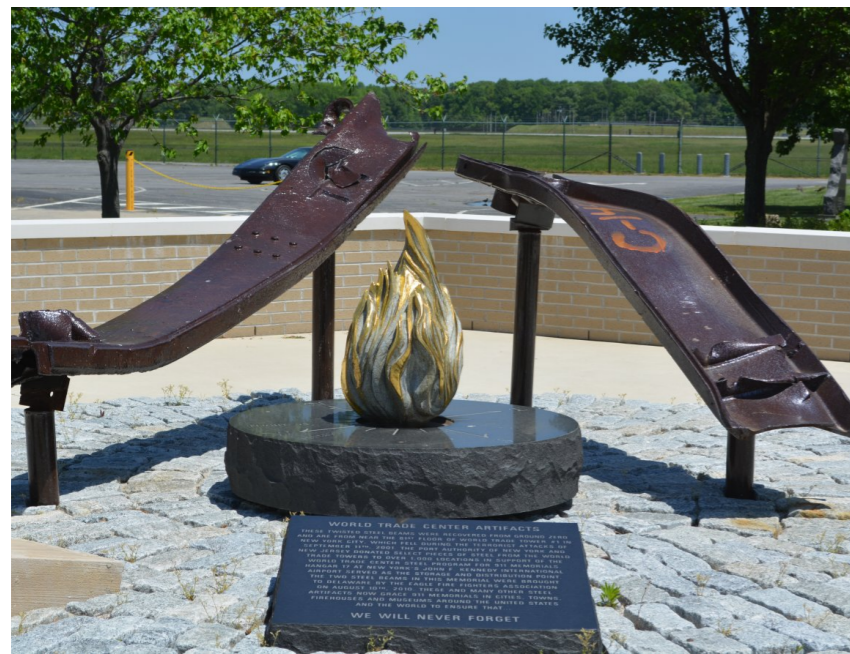
We visited the Our National Catholic Shrine to Our Lady. We then visited the Museum's of Natural History and American History. The First ladies dresses and the great elephant are special for us.



A bicycle cart tour of the Great Monuments of Our Nation is a memory we always cherish. We had a great driver who shared much information about each monument. This was a most special day!



A visit to the American Indian Museum, National Gallery of Art (an expensive but nice lunch), a visit to Arlington to see my mom & dad's graves and a revisit to the FDR monument were highlights this day.



We enjoyed a nice dinner with friends Roy & Joan Dixon. We visited a large airplane collection at Dover AFB and then took a nice drive through Valley Forge National Park.



Our 2nd grandchild to graduate from college, Zachary Fergus graduated from Villanova. It was again a very special day and time !



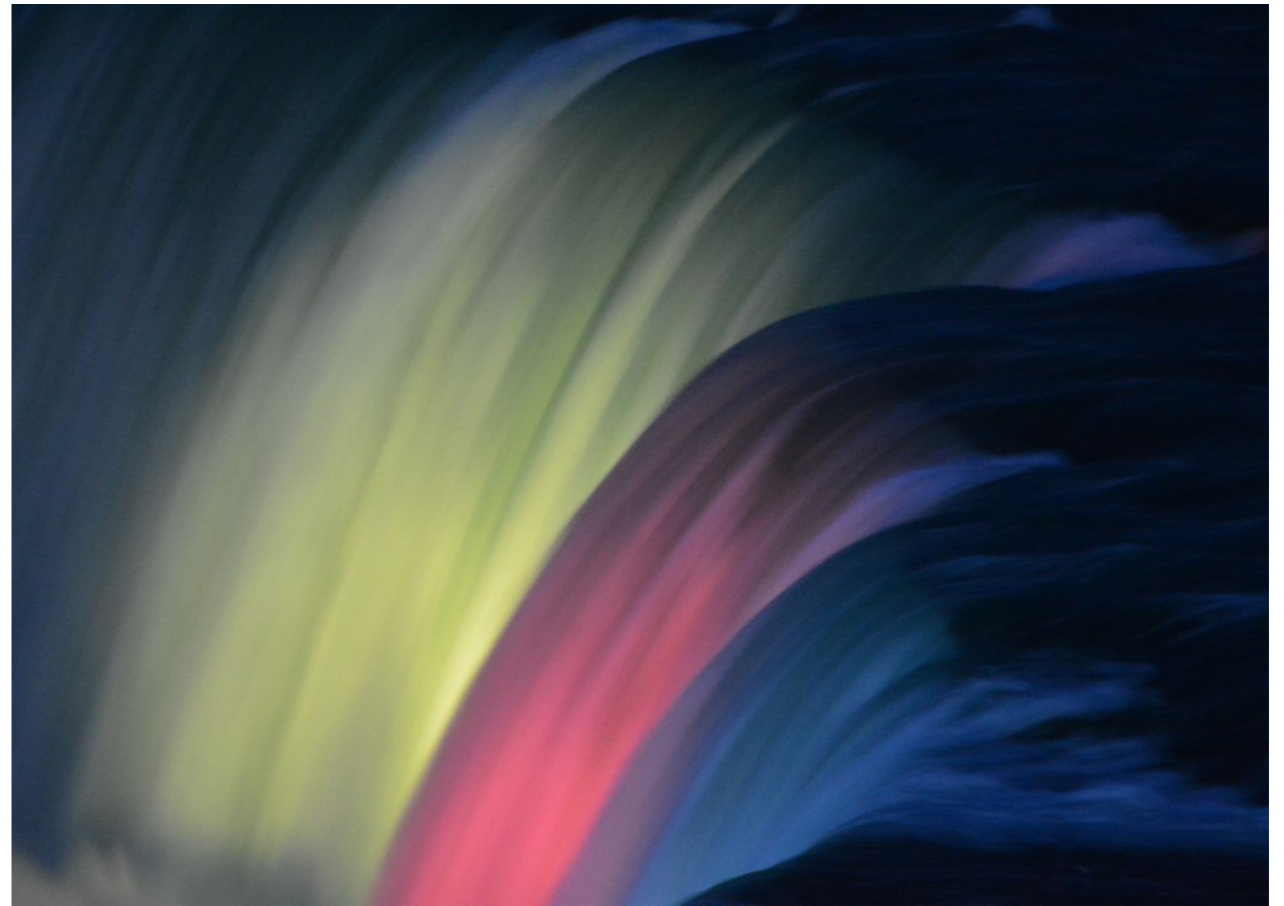
Mystic Pizza, Westerly, R.I. & Portia at her externship in Lake of Isles, Conn.



A visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame followed by a visit to the shrines of St. Kateri and The Shrine of the Seven Martyrs.



Niagara Falls from our room in the daylight



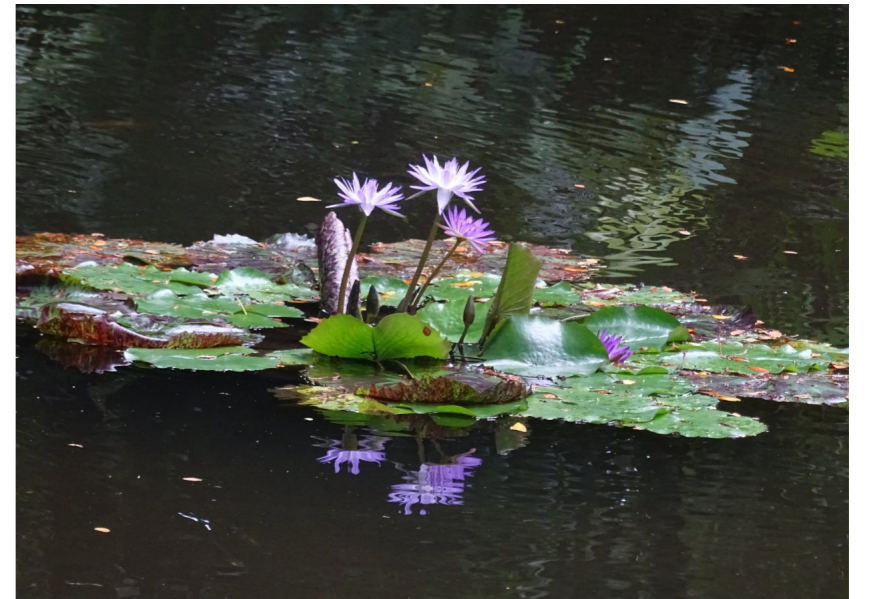
From our room, Niagara Falls at night!



From our room sunrise at the Falls!



Very nice couple of days with Zach in the Seattle Area

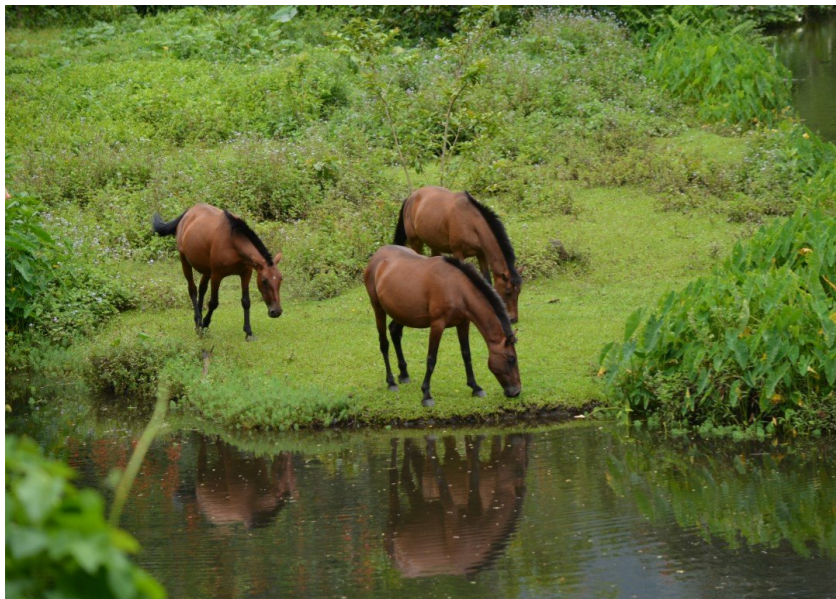


Hawaii - 8 special days
View from our room- Flowers
Everywhere -The Black Sand
Beach & Akaka Falls

We love all botanical gardens but this one is amazing!



Orchards, Rainbow Falls, Helicopter over the Lava, In the Pool & Dancing at the Luau



Two Valleys, Wild horses in the valley, Evening with the Manta Rays, and our hotel



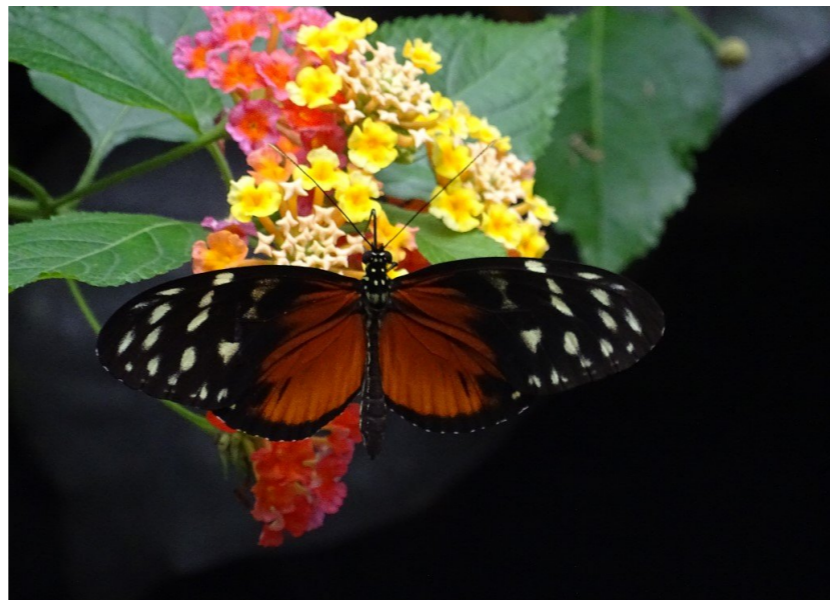
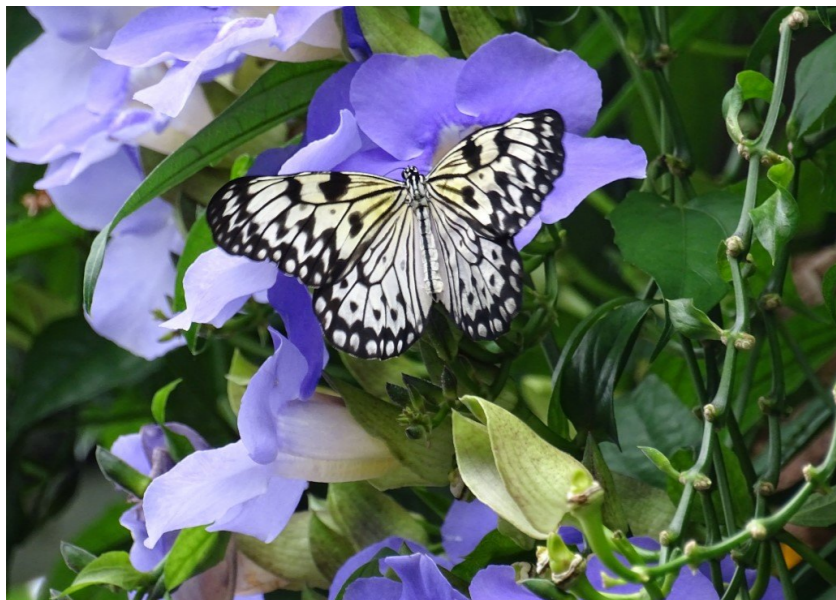
The Painted Church, Volcano NP, Sunset the last night at Huggo's Resturant



A very unusual picture of the sun and High Tea at Butchart Gardens



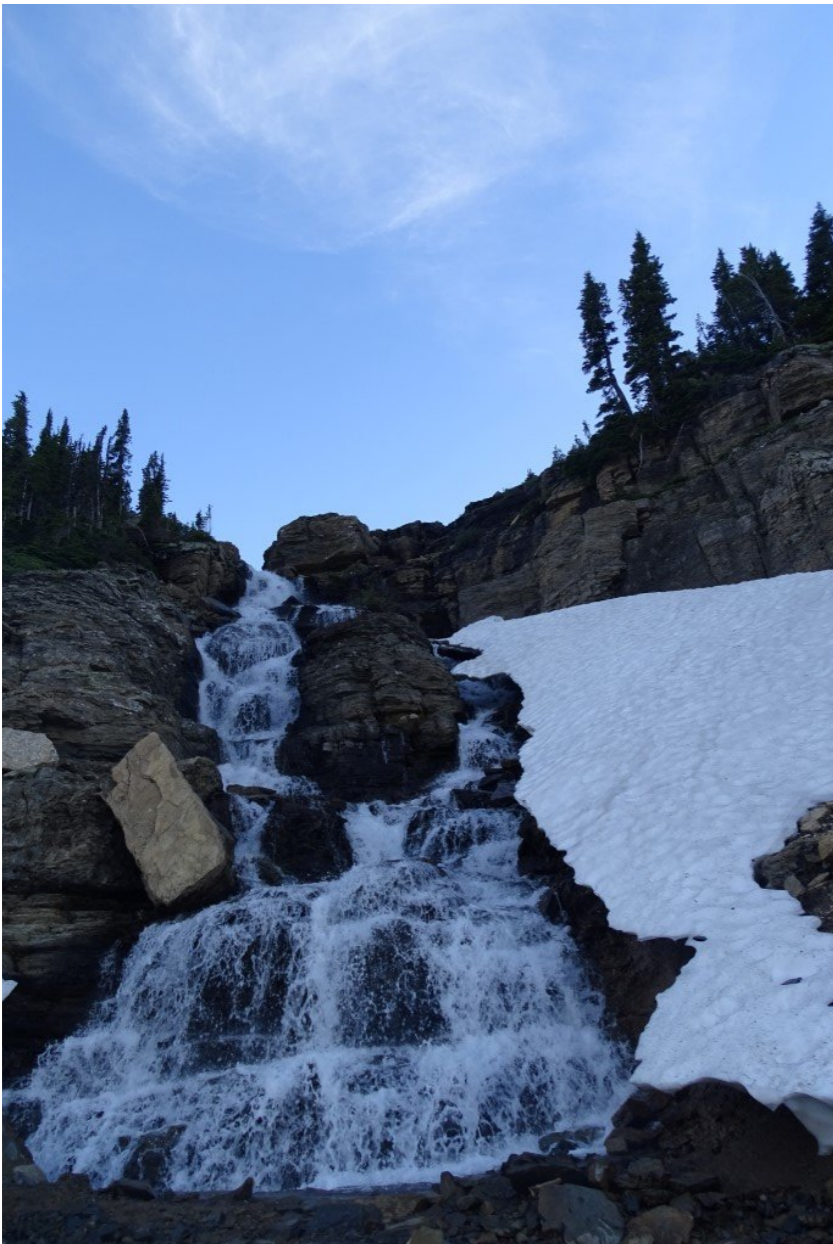
Sooke B&B, Victoria, High Tea at Abkhazi Gardens, & Hatley Park Gardens



Butterflies and Whales - a nice day!



**Our first venture across Cascades National Park Highway 20 and we were wowed!
Fires would break out just after we visited.**



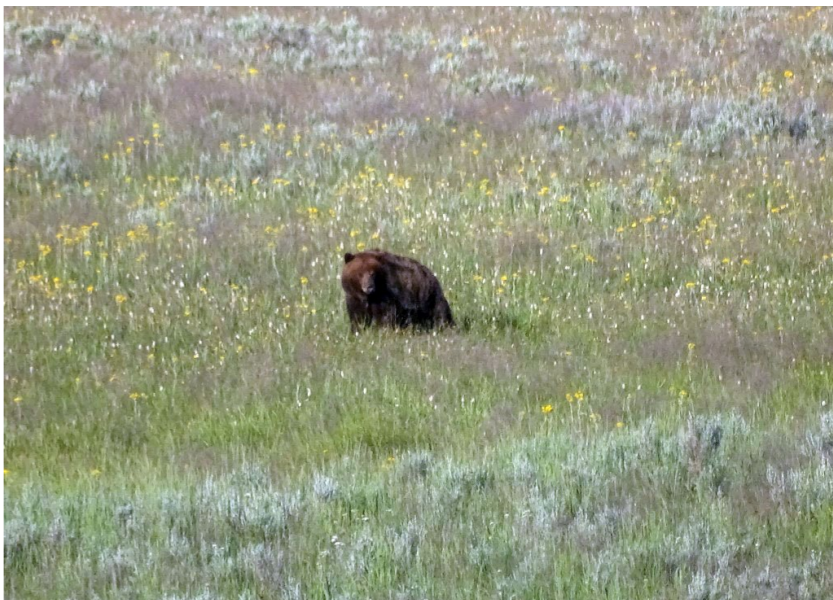
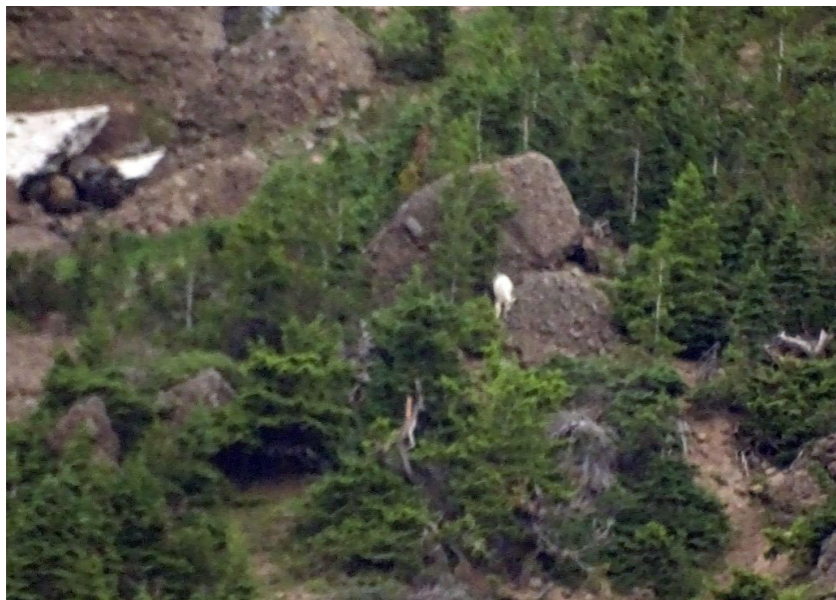
First Day in Glacier National Park
Look for the moose and her calf taken by Linda from a very long distance



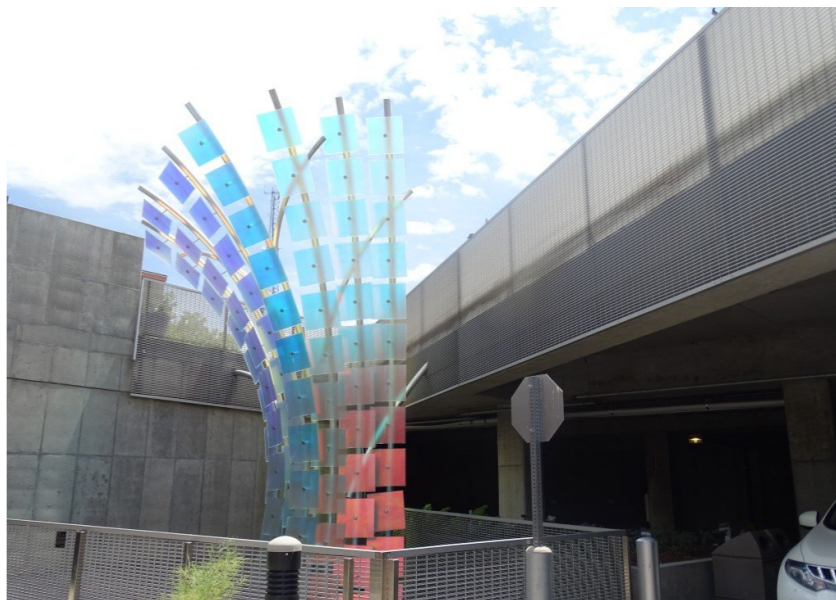
Waterton NP in Canada & Logan's Pass where many of the goats live! The day after we left Glacier a huge fire broke out near Logan's Pass & the Going to the Sun Road was closed!



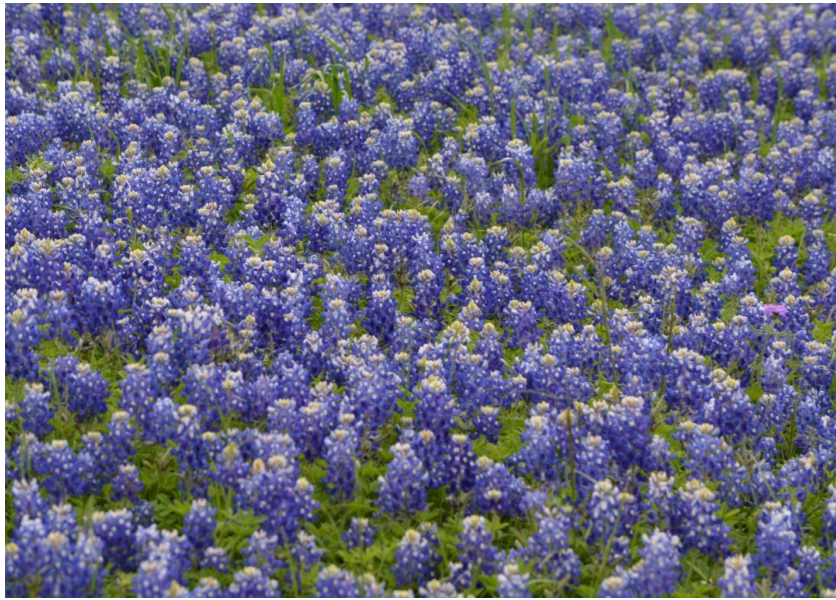
Last full day in Glacier filled with goats, views and a nice dinner at the beautiful old lodge.



Yellowstone and the magnificent Tetons !



Denver Botanical Gardens - One of our most favorite places - Great place to end this trip!



A blue bonnet trip including a visit to 6 Flags & a Ranger Game was an early trip this year



June 5, 1965
The Beginning



This is us now - June 2015