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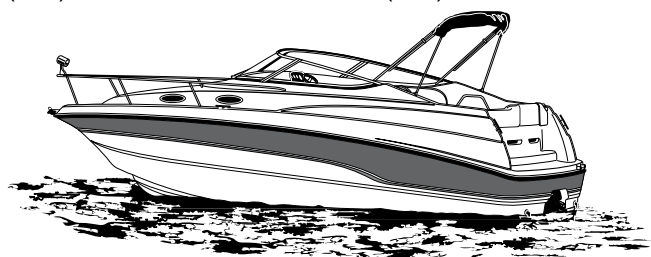
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Meals on keels



Lake Geneva Cruise Line offers a variety of meal cruises

By Jason Arndt

STAFF WRITER

Lake Geneva Cruise Line, a division of Gage Marine, offers breathtaking views of Geneva Lake featuring grand estates lining the shore.

But the boat tours deliver much more, including a Sunday brunch buffet tour, luncheon tour, jazz dinner cruise and supper club cruise, all prepared by Lake Life Catering on one of the cruise line's eight boats in its fleet including The Grand Belle.

Lake Life Catering, also a division of Gage Marine, states on its website that it promises to deliver exceptional food service, beautiful presentation and mouthwatering food.

"On all our boats, you can feel the history and novelty of being aboard a classic boat," Assistant General Manager Ellen Burling said. "From our steam yacht Louise to our paddle boat the Lady of the Lake, all our boats offer a unique experience."

All of the boats have bathrooms on board, as well as a full bar.

The Walworth, its U.S. Mailboat, also has televisions showing the mail jumper jumping on and off the boat.

With an array of boats, and meal offerings, some of Lake Geneva Cruise Line's meal cruises and cocktail cruises also offer live entertainment.

After visitors complete their meal or drink they can experience a variety of music talents such as a Frank 2 Frankie Tour.

The Frank 2 Frankie Tour includes lunch and music show.

Meal offerings

Lake Geneva Cruise Line has multiple food items available for the Sunday Brunch Buffet Cruise, including, but not limited to scrambled eggs with toppings, vegetable

and cheese egg bake, chicken breakfast sausage, sliced ham, fresh fruit, chicken cordon bleu with sauces and a series of sweets.

The Supper Club Dinner Cruise, meanwhile, includes homemade spreads with crackers and breadsticks, classic wedge salad, bakery rolls and butter, sirloin steak with mushrooms or baked salmon with orange basil butter, baked potato served with sour cream and butter, and a chocolate cream pie for desert.

On the menu for the jazz dinner cruise, Lake Geneva Cruise Line offers a summer berry salad with berry poppyseed vinaigrette, bakery rolls and butter, petite steak and chicken cordon bleu or salmon fillet with mango topping, smashed Yukon gold potatoes as well as a cheesecake with sauce.

For the vegetarian or person on a gluten-free diet, the cruise line offers accommodations.

The Luncheon Cruise, meanwhile, offers a different menu each day with access online at www.cruiselakegeneva.com/meal-tour-menus.

With multiple choices, and picturesque views, Lake Geneva Cruise touts itself as the top boat tours on Lake Geneva.

Many people online have delivered rave reviews, including a person who experienced the jazz cruise, and strongly recommended taking the tour.

"The staff was outstanding. The meal was fantastic and the cruise was smooth. The jazz band was awesome," one person wrote. "Overall a great experience. A great value for dinner and cruise."

A visitor from Kentucky, meanwhile, thoroughly enjoyed her cruise and decided to come back for a second boat tour.

"The history, the beautiful mansions, and the nice boat ride was wonderful," she wrote on TripAdvisor. "This is the second time I've taken this tour in less than a year, as I

bragged about it so much to my husband that he wanted to do it."

To tour the full lake, a cruise typically takes two hours, which includes Lake Geneva Cruise Line's Meal Cruises,

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above: A server delivers food to patrons on a luncheon cruise inside a climate-controlled dining area on one Lake Geneva Cruise Line's eight boats. The cruise line offers a variety of dinner cruises on it's many boats.

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on the cover: Edgewater Park in Williams Bay attracts a crowd on a warm July day.

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Lake Geneva Cruise Line customers can experience an array of food offerings while taking in views of Geneva Lake.

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U.S. Mailboat Tour, and the Full Lake Tour. Additionally, for people looking for a shorter tour, Lake Geneva Cruise Line offers a Geneva Bay Tour and Ice Cream Social Tour covering about half of Geneva Lake.

Narrated boat tours range in price from \$38 to \$50 while meal cruise trips cost between \$60 to \$80.

Popular scenes, attractions

Boat tours cruise past historical mansions, some dating back to the late 1800's, which Lake Geneva Cruise touted as breathtaking and unlike many houses typically seen in Southeast Wisconsin.

"The new homes that are also on the lakeshore are no less spectacular and offer a glimpse into a fabulous lake life," Burling said.

Some highlights, according to Burling, include the Wrigley Estate, Blacktoft home, House in the Woods built in 1906 by one of the founders of what is now known as True Value Hardware, Schwinn Estate, Aloha Lodge built in 1900 for the

Drake brothers of the Drake Hotel and the Blackstone Hotel and Theatre in Chicago.

Boat tours also include the largest home built in Geneva Lake called the Stone Manor featuring 50 rooms spanning 50,000 square feet.

"Our most popular attractions include the Black Pointe Estate Tour, which not only tours the lake, but also an 1888 Victorian Summer Cottage built for Chicago Beer Baron Conrad Seipp," Burling said. "Other popular tours are the U.S. Mailboat Tour, which is world-famous as one of the only a few remaining boat delivery routes."

While boat tours offer a historical glimpse, according to Lake Geneva Cruise Line, the Ice Cream Social Tour is a family-friendly option featuring lake views with ice cream sundaes.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line, accessible online at cruiselakegeneva.com, has a daily tour schedule running through Oct. 31.

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A FAIR FOR Art Lovers

Art in the Park offers works of celebrated artists

By **Sandra Landen Machaj**
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Summertime in Lake Geneva is a time of fun and excitement as a variety of festivals are held along the waterfront. One of the most exciting events is the yearly Art in The Park Festival that will be held this year Aug. 13 and 14.

“Art in the Park is a juried fine art fair sponsored by the by the Geneva Lake Arts Foundation and the City of Lake Geneva. This year will be the 42nd show,” said Anna Todaro Sadur, artist and member of the Geneva Lakes Art Foundation and this year’s director of Art in the Park. “The art fair will consist of about 80 artists who will display and sell their fine art creations. The art work will be in a variety of mediums.”

According to Todaro Sadur, the variety of media that will be included in this year’s show will include clay/pottery work, fiber, glass, printmaking, jewelry, metal, mixed media, oil and acrylic paintings, pastels, photography, sculpture, watercolors, and wood.

Each artist who applies to be in the show must complete an entry form early in the year before the show and must submit photos of their work.

“We always have far more applicants than we have space so unfortunately some of the applicants have to be turned down,” said Todaro Sadur. “We are limited to the 80 spaces that can be comfortably set up in the park. It can’t be too crowded as there needs to be space for visitors to comfortably browse through the art work.”

The artists each have a 10-by-10-foot space in which to set up their tent to display the art. Tents and all display materials are brought by the artist who is responsible for setting it up and removing it at the end of the show. For setup and takedown, parking is arranged on the street closest to the site assigned. Work and supplies must be hand trucked to the site.

“We are fortunate to have the Boy Scouts who volunteer to help the artists load and unload their vehicles,” added Todaro Sadur.

Many of the artists are repeat attendees who know the importance of early application. They may also request the same space for their booth that they have previously occupied. This makes it easy for visitors to find their favorite artist.

“We try to accommodate those who wish to return to the same space if it is still available when they apply,” added Todaro Sadur. “Repeat attendees who wish to return to their same space know to apply early.”

Choosing the artwork

While some artists may work in a variety of genres, they must choose which one they will be showing at the fair.

“They can only display and sell work in the genre that they apply to participate in. All the work in their space must be their own original work,” added Todaro Sadur. “At least 80% of the work they



Visitors meander through Flat Iron Park enjoying displays of art during the annual Art In The Park juried art fair.

COURTESY OF LINDA OEFFLING *The Breeze*

are displaying must be original art work created by them. The other 20% may be their work but are such items as cards or prints.”

Each year, organizers hope that it will be a pleasant sunny day where visitors to the fair will enjoy meandering through Flat Iron Park and checking out each artist’s works.

What is unique to this art show is that the artist must be present in his or her booth, giving visitors not only a look at the artist’s work but a chance to meet the artist and sometimes even watch them create new works on site as they demonstrate their craft.

The artists who participate in the Art in the Park event are as varied as the works they create. Some live in Lake Geneva, while others come from Chicago or as far as Naples, Florida. Many have competed in juried shows before while for some it may be their first experience.

A juried show

A juried show is an art show where the works of the artist are judged by a group of judges chosen by the organization supporting the show. The judges will visit the event on the first morning when every booth is set up and the works of the artists are artfully displayed. They do the judging early in the show so that all the artist’s work is still on display, nothing has been sold.

This year the jury will consist of three board members of the Geneva Lakes Arts

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Foundation – President Nikki Marsicano, Vice President Sarah McConnell, and Board Member Robin Vail – all artists in their own right.

Michael Neamond from Chicago was last year's Best in Show winner. This well-known artist also participates in the prestigious Chicago Gold Coast Art Fair where he also was named Best in Show this year according to Todaro Sadur.

Neamond is known for a series of paintings he produced which he titled *The Wrath of Consciousness*. These are unique paintings which must be seen to be appreciated.

Docks by Jen

The artist who seems to be traveling the farthest to display her work displays under the name Docks by Jen. Her unique three-dimensional, custom-made rustic docks – many of them representing the docks of Lake Geneva – are whimsical displays that may be depicting a favorite Lake Geneva memory.

The docks may include your own home or a popular tourist spot in the area. Familiar names of restaurants often pop up on her docks, perhaps one that you have enjoyed during your visit.

While Jen may be traveling the farthest to display in Art in the Park, Babs Schnabl may be one of the closest to display here. Living in Lake Geneva according to Todaro Sadur, Schnabl



This painting is from a series known as the *wrath of consciousness* by artist Michael Neamond. Neamond was last year's Best of Show winner at Art in the Park.

COURTESY OF MICHAEL NEAMOND *The Breeze*



A variety of jewelry is available including pieces such as this unique necklace by Joseph Eidman made of rosewood burl and turquoise.

COURTESY OF LINDA OEFFLING *The Breeze*

grows flowers in her garden. She then dries them in an old fashioned press. The dried flowers are arranged beautifully and framed to bring the beauty of nature home. The brightly colored dried flowers are as vibrant as fresh flowers.

Meandering through the park, which may take you the rest of the day, as you enjoy the hand carvings, whimsical paintings, unique feather lettering, metal art sculptures in vibrant colors and work from the largest categories, mixed media, and jewelry.

The jewelry that is presented is one of a kind. Made of materials not usually seen such as nuts or rosewood burl with turquoise, crystals, and other materials. Jewelry from the more traditional silver and gold are also presented.

Along with the individual artists displaying their works, there is also the members tent where members of the Geneva Lake Arts Foundation will have some of their favorite work displayed. The tent is open to visitors to come and peruse the offerings and to purchase items of interest.

The Silent Auction tent offers artwork donated by the exhibiting artists. Place your bid at the tent until 3 p.m. on Saturday and until 2 p.m. on Sunday. The winning bidders will be notified by phone on the day their auction closes, and are asked to pick up their item within 2 1/2 hours after the close of the auction.

Kids' activities

The Art in the Park event sponsors the Just for Kids activities in the Flat Iron Park Gazebo. Kids of all ages are invited the take part in make-and-take art projects.

"The Boy Scouts will be sponsoring a food booth with the traditional burgers and hot dogs. In addition, they will offer deep fried Twinkies," said Todaro Sadur. "Take a break and support them."



above: With 80 booths displaying a variety of art in various genres, Art in the Park offers an item for a wide swath of tastes. **top:** A family gathers around an artist's display of paintings and colorful fabrics.

COURTESY OF LINDA OEFFLING *The Breeze*

She also noted that they hope to have some food trucks on site. There are a variety of restaurants in the area which walking distance also perfect for a meal and a break.

Parking is always difficult in Lake Geneva on pleasant summer weekend days. To alleviate some of the parking confusion there are several free parking lots within walking distance to Flat Iron Park. Go to Genevalakesartfoundation.org to view the map where the free parking will be available.

There are two other parking facilities,

the Home Depot Parking Lot, 550 N. Edwards Blvd and the U. S. Bank, 303 Center Street which offer free parking and shuttle service from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14. The shuttle runs continuously every 20 minutes.

Art in the Park is held in Flat Iron Park, 201 Wrigley Drive, on the Geneva Lake lakefront, between Center Street and Wrigley Drive, in downtown Lake Geneva. It will be open on Saturday Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walk *the* Shore Path

The Geneva Lake Shore Path features historic estates with well kept lawns and gardens, the clear blue waters of Geneva Lake with sailboats, excursion boats and antique wooden boats, according to the Visit Lake Geneva website.

The Shore Path is open for walking, but people are asked to practice social distancing along the path and stay at least 6 feet apart, keeping pets on a leash and picking up after them, and disposing water bottles and other trash in public receptacles.

The shoreline of Geneva Lake is a little more than 20 miles, but the path reaches up to almost 26 miles with it weaving in and out of the woods along the shoreline.

Native Americans created the path around Geneva Lake about 2,000 years ago to get from camps on the east side of the lake to camps on the west side.

Library Park has a plaque, which reads: "The 26-mile lakeside trail along the shore of Geneva Lake was used by several Indian cultures from 2500 BC and continuing up to 1836 AD. Chief Big Foot's Potawatomi tribe walked the trail between their villages at present Fontana, Williams Bay and one at Lake Geneva located in this park. Later the trail became the workmen's path from Lake Geneva to summer states of wealthy Chicago families."

After the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 many Chicago natives made their way up to Geneva Lake area to build summer estates that were just as big and elegant as their Chicago homes, many of which still can be found along the shore path today.

The path has been preserved by early settlers who said that the "20 feet leading to the shoreline be preserved as public domain." Property owners were responsible then and still are today to maintain the path through each of their properties, which makes the trail very unique. Each property owner puts their own spin on their part of the shore path, some have placed benches to rest, some have artwork and some even have water stations.

The property owners along the shore path, in return for hosting the walkers, ask that visitors respect their homes and property in return by not venturing onto the lawns, gardens, piers or boathouses privately owned along the path.

Bicycles are not allowed along the shore path but dogs are welcome if they are leashed and picked up after. Strollers are not recommended on the path because of the uneven terrain, which puts little ones at risk.

As with all hiking adventures, appropriate footwear is highly recommended to deal with the ever-changing surfaces, which include cement, bricks, wood, stepping stones and gravel. In some areas, the path narrows considerably, so walkers are advised to take care when traversing the path.

The path is long at 26-miles and locals recommend taking it in sections because walking the whole path would take 8 to 10 hours for someone in average shape.

Public access points to the path include the Lake Geneva Public Library, Big Foot Beach State Park and others in Fontana and Williams Bay.



above: The Lake Geneva Shore Path winds around Geneva Lake for about 26-miles and takes 8 to 10 hours to walk in its entirety. Most people walk the path in sections. **right:** Signs along the shore path direct users to the path as well as to various sites along the trail.

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Tips for path walkers

Visit Lake Geneva offers these tips for walking the Lake Geneva Shore Path:

- The ideal way to hike the Shore Path is to wear sturdy shoes with a good tread to prevent slipping.
- Path surfaces vary from grass, cement and brick to wood, stepping stones and gravel. Some areas are hilly, narrow or wind through wooded areas close to the shoreline. Walk with care!
- Bicycles, skates, skateboards and motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Shore Path.
- Strollers are not recommended as portions of the path can be uneven.
- Dogs are welcome on the path as long as they are leashed and picked up after.
- The Shore Path should be used during daylight hours only.
- Walkers should leave the path with what they brought and deposit trash in public receptacles after the walk.
- Public restrooms and water fountains can be found along the Shore Path at the Visit Lake Geneva Information Center (Lake Geneva), Edgewater Park (Williams Bay), Reid Park (Fontana) and Big Foot Beach State Park (Lake Geneva).

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