

A Trip to Schulenberg December 2024

On a cool and foggy December morning a Precinct 3 bus was waiting at the Scout house to take 15 members of the LF garden club to Schulenberg for some Christmas gift shopping.

It was a long ride and we passed the time chatting and laughing, glad we did not have to pay attention to the harrowing Houston rush hour traffic.

As we left the city behind, traffic lessened, the fog lifted and we arrived in Schulenberg ready to get off the bus and stretch our legs. The historian took the opportunity to corral us at the bus for a group picture. This is a difficult task in most circumstances.



Our first stop was ***The Garden Company***, a unique garden center and gift shop with a rustic café at it's center. We decided to have our lunch first before we started the serious business of exploring the gift shop and browsing for unusual flowers and houseplants.

The small café had a welcoming atmosphere with unusual decorations made from natural materials and plants. We admired the lampshades made out of twigs and climbing plants supported by an antler hanging on the wall.



After lunch we made full use of our allotted time to discover all the garden and the giftshop had to offer.





Our next stop took us a short distance down the street to the **Potter Country Store** for more shopping. Besides the usual trinkets, clothes and christmas themed items, this store also offered food items such as locally grown pecans, home made preserves and fudge.







We could have spent much more time in this interesting store but our bus driver was waiting to take us on the road again; back to Houston.

At half the distance traveled toward home lies the town of El Campo which is the home to a **Prasek's** famous smokehouse. A stop at this place was more than an opportunity to stretch our legs and visit the restroom. Besides rows of counters with fresh and smoked meats, this store also included a bakery, a restaurant and a gift shop!



The entrance was decorated with a large Christmas tree and the festive theme was continued throughout the entire store.



We could have easily spent another hour in the store but we had to continue our journey home. Our bus was filled with our treasures like Santa's sleigh. Many of us were happy to have found special gifts for family and friends and had made a good start at Christmas gift shopping. Cathy Rogers, the coordinator of the trip, was sick and did not join us. With a phone call from the bus we thanked her for the experience.