Y2K, the infamous “millennium bug,” was expected to cause global chaos, with fears that airplanes would fall out of the sky, missiles would fire by accident—all simply by the hypothetical resetting of dates on computers at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000.

Where were you back then? Were you thinking the same? We want to share those stories and more, as we finish our “FOCUS ON THE DECADES” this month. It has been such a pleasure to share stories, learn traditions and hear about the world around us, from the 1920s through the early 2000s.

For the remainder of 2022, we will celebrate the fall season with activities and outings, enjoying the color it brings as it unfolds into the Holidays.

September 2022

In Remembrance of 9/11

Described as “a tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future,” the 9/11 Memorial in New York City honors all who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Built on the site of the former World Trade Center complex, the memorials’ focal points are two reflecting pools that sit where the north and south towers once stood. Water cascades 30 feet over the pools’ black granite walls, creating massive waterfalls. Inscribed on the bronze railings surrounding each pool are the names of the 2,983 victims of the 9/11 terror attacks and the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing of the World Trade Center.

A park with over 400 trees surrounds the memorial and includes a special symbol of resilience, the Survivor Tree. The damaged pear tree was found during the cleanup at ground zero and rehabilitated.

The memorial was dedicated in 2011, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. In 2014, the underground 9/11 Memorial Museum opened and displays thousands of artifacts and multimedia exhibits.

Another powerful memorial that commemorates the historic date is New York City’s annual Tribute in Light. From dusk to dawn on Sept. 11, dozens of searchlights are used to create two beams of light that resemble the former twin towers standing within the city’s skyline.

We, too, will have our own time of reflecting on 9/11 in conversations, through documentaries and during a special gathering around our Flag that stands majestically beside Martha Jefferson House.