

## Millers 2022



Niles, Cameron, Emily, Stuart, Sue, Andrew Miller

### Sue & Stuart

This has been a year of travel and connections and reconnections!

In February we travelled to Taos New Mexico to ski with our local ski club. It was a lot of fun and great skiing. During the week we took a day trip to Santa Fe where we had a private tour of the Georgia O'Keefe Museum. We were able to connect for lunch with our cousins Blair and Bill Cooper. So glad they were able to meet us with such short notice. Sue kept thinking Mom would be happy we reconnected with her cousin. It was great to reminisce and coincidentally their son, Chris, faceted from New Zealand; so, we made another connection and met his wife and daughter- thanks to modern technology.

In April we travelled to Napa Valley for Emily's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. We reconnected with Stuart's college friends before and after the celebration, friends in Seattle and friends in San Francisco. Dave and Nancy picked us up and chauffeured us around Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula, and the Puget Sound. They have a lovely camp on the Puget Sound where we enjoyed eating fresh mussels and oysters at low tide that we harvested every afternoon. Yum! Farm (or sea) to table! We also had a nice outing with Nick and Ruth to Muir Woods while in SF.

Sue decided to continue her travels and invited Lynne to go with her to Hawaii to visit a good friend, Ann Slattery. Ann met us in Honolulu, and we enjoyed a night at Waikiki Beach. Then we all went to the Big Island where Anne and her boyfriend, Marc, hosted us at their plantation in Hilo! We had fresh eggs laid daily and enjoyed seeing the flora and fauna of their lovely place. Mark was so kind to drive us all around the big island where we saw volcanoes and explored the Kona side.

At the end of April, we travelled to Grifton, NC for the 50<sup>th</sup> Shad Festival celebration. Here we were joined with family and friends and enjoyed the fun in the family town.

In June, Sue went on the 36-foot Carver with the boat captain John Ellerton for 10 days. We had crewed a short leg of The Great American Loop with him in March of 2021 where we travelled from Fort Myers to Key West. John is still trying to finish the loop. He stopped a few nights in New Bern and Lynne hosted John and his crew for dinner. This time Lynne joined Sue as we cruised the Albemarle Loop stopping at marinas along the way, ending up in Manteo. In Manteo we reconnected with friends, Tom and Lynnette Crews, who we had not seen for many years. Tom attended Sue and Stuart's wedding in Rensselaerville 40 years ago and we had not had the pleasure of spending time with him recently. They were the best host and hostess, and we had many laughs when we remembered our old times.

In the summer we enjoyed the younger folks annual MillerFest in Rensselaerville, NY where there were lots of other reconnections and connections as we spent time with friends from the past and met new friends. We also spent time on Onieda Lake at the cottage "camp" hosting friends and sailing and fishing. Stuart travelled to London for work during the record-breaking heat wave there.

We travelled to Maine in September to visit Stuart's brother and rented an Airbnb with some of the family. Robert took us out on his small lobster boat, and we kayaked in the bays around Beals. We left Maine to attend a concert in NY at Radio City Music Hall with other family members. Lots of fun.

In October Stuart and his friend Jim planned a fishing trip to Belize, so Sue and Jim's wife Ann tagged along. While the boys were fishing every morning, Sue and Ann had their own adventures. One excursion involved flying into the jungle on a small plane to an air strip in a sugarcane field, then traveling up a river for a couple of hours in a small boat to some Mayan ruins near the border of Guatemala. Sue and Ann were the only ones on the trip! They did make it back to the lodge with lots of great photos and stories of their adventures.

In October Sue travelled to New Bern to play in the annual Craven Cancer Classic which raises money for cancer and is in memory of Lynne's husband. We made another trip to Lynne's for Thanksgiving where Lynne hosted family and friends for the holiday meal.

In December we enjoyed the incredible family trip to Turks and Caicos! Thank you, Allan! Lots of fun and reconnecting with old friends and family. We enjoyed Christmas at home and then a quick trip to Brooklyn for dinner with family for Stuart's big birthday before New Year's.

2023 already has several trips in the works so it looks like the travel will continue... Best wishes for the New Year and good health to all!

## Niles' Nomading Highlights



Christmas was spent with family, skiing and training newbies. New Year's Eve at New York City Karaoke with the siblings and friends.

This year I worked with Stu and Direct Alloys and got to know the business better and better. We took a team trip out to London for the biannual London Airshow to meet several of our suppliers and customers. The heatwave made it a little uncomfortable but we still enjoyed the sights.

Emily wrangled the Millers and Cousin Catherine's family (or rather we crashed her plans) out to Napa for a wild wonderful wine weekend where we enjoyed views and tastings from the cabernet caverns to the Malbec mountains. We stayed and celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> at an amazing vineyard villa among the vines and had an absolute blast. Much thanks to her and Shoji for organizing such a great time.

May was spent in Raleigh and at Taylor's darty numero dos.

Lacrosse lured me back to NY for a box lacrosse season with the Utica Yeti this summer. We did well and made the national tournament where we placed honorary 3<sup>rd</sup> – one of the teams dropped out so we played and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game. I also enjoyed tournaments around the Northeast and took a special trip to Prague with several of my long time teammates. I operated as tour guide and made sure that everyone had an experience they wouldn't forget.

I was temporarily sidelined in July with a torn shoulder but that allowed me some weekend getaways to have fun. I managed to make it to a few music festivals this year from the sunny sands of Florida to the thunderdome of Pennsylvania's Peach Fest with Cam (no there weren't any peaches and I don't know

why). And we all returned to our original favorite farm at Bonnaroo (except Blair due to wedding duties). It was a hot and trial-some time but we survived with new friendships forged in festy fire.

August brought the biggest MillerFest yet. #12 where we had nearly 100 people! Allan wanted to share the experience with Emma and made a surprise visit for the show. We had several bands (or different combinations of our one band) playing music throughout the day. We had a fun art project where we all spray painted the R'ville farm truck, donated by Max Gordon. Late night, there was a special surprise saxophone DJ set from the truck bed while the brush pile burned bright in the background.

September brought more lacrosse (the previously mentioned national tournament) and music. Stu and Sue and I came down to the city for Nathaniel Rateliff and the Nightsweats along with Catherine and Lori.

Sea.Hear.Now. fest was Jersey beachy with Roo pal Harry and new friends from NYC where we bumped into Jim James from My Morning Jacket (he liked my gems... Thanks Em), and Andy from Andy Frasco and the UN, who enjoyed the heart glasses.

Then two months spent on the road from NYC to NJ to Raleigh to Halloweentown (Hulaween Music Festival), to St. Augustine, Jacksonville, and Orlando EDC dancing, before shooting out to Nashville for a visit to my best friend Jason and another lacrosse tournament. We took home the hardware and a hat for our victory. Hulaween deserves a special mention for the magically curated musical and art experience in spooky grounds with Em and Blair and other friends. The vibes were premium and the dance floor was always hopping. Can't wait to go back.

Turks and Caicos was the whipcream, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, and cherry on top to a great year and what a wonderful time it was! So thankful for Aunt Kelly being the best thing that ever happened to Allan! (and thank you Uncle Allan) Such a touching reunion, speech, and tribute. It was really a pleasure to be part of such a moving event. So many great memories. And so much fun hanging with the fam! I felt like I saw and caught up with so many people but barely got to visit at the same time! Who knew the Malik's were such good dancers? The beach games and pickle ball were great touches. I realized a personal dream of being on Family Feud and got to share it with Emily, Blair, Shelly and Steve. We had too much fun competing with the whole family cheering us on. Special thanks to Steve Malik for bringing the victory home with his answers in the speed round. I was way too excited and happy when the family rushed the stage and jumped around! I'm still smiling and riding high from it!!!

Now it's New Hartford for the Holidays with the family and regrouping before another year of adventure!

Niles Miller

**WHOOPS FOUND ANOTHER  
AT 6 AM ON A SCOOTER**





**Cameron  
Adventures Abroad and Stateside**



The siblings and I kicked off 2022 with a karaoke bash in NYC to celebrate New Years. It was a nice way to get back into the swing of life in the states. Once things quieted down after the holiday season, I set out (digitally) to find a job. After a few cold winter months I landed a remote software consultant job with an insurance company based in California. With a remote job, I saw an opportunity to travel around the US and was able to support my adventures. I went to several places: North Carolina, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Maine, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. Most of these trips were taken to see family, friends or live music. After the road trip out west that spanned August-September I decided to take a trip to continue traveling and visit Europe. I visited 3 countries: Sweden, Germany, and England. This was my first solo trip in Europe and it was liberating having the freedom to explore new places at my own pace.

Cameron Miller

**Andrew**

**Emily**