



Tales from the Trails at Dunrovin

December 17, 2019

Happy Holidays



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It's that magical time of year. While our family photo may be five years old, our holiday greetings are as fresh as the newly fallen snow that we all happily embrace at Dunrovin.

May you all have a most joyous Christmas, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, or whatever tradition you embrace this time of year. We look forward to ringing in the new year, indeed, the new decade, with you and wish you good health, good cheer, good eating, and the good company of friends and family members from near and far.

Singing with Charla. Dunrovin has been blessed to have a long friendship with musician, singer and songwriter, Charla Bauman. A true Montanan with a musical heritage from birth, Charla can bring any type of music to your world. She will perform a sing-along Christmas program for the residents of Auberge in Missoula, Montana, on Sunday, December 15th. Dunrovin will be there to sing along and record the fun so we can re-broadcast it for all of you on Tuesday, December 17 at 2:30 PM. We hope you will join us!



Charla Bauman is a Dunrovin favorite!

My Most Unusual Christmas by SuzAnne Miller

The distance that Sterling and I were from our families while living in Chile from 1970 through 1973 was always felt most acutely during the Christmas holidays. For one thing, Christmas falls in the middle of the South American summer. Both of us hail from northern states with cold, snowy winters, so seeing Santa sitting under a palm tree on a hot day with children on his lap just didn't fit. His speaking Spanish was jarring as well. In 1972, I joined Sterling for a trip into the Andes while he worked with local wildlife biologists studying vicuna. We planned to be back in Santiago by Christmas, but as is all too often the case with back country trips, we were delayed. On Christmas Eve, we found ourselves on a crowded bus in southern Peru trying to get to cross the border into Chile. We arrived too late. The border was closed. We were turned back to spend the night in Violeta, Peru. The wonderful part was that the bus driver had a radio on that featured Christmas carols. Some were sung in English. Everyone sang along. There we were on Christmas Eve, surrounded by strangers who were becoming friends as we celebrated together. We arrived in Arica, Chile, for Christmas Day in route to Santiago.

Poinsettias grow as shrubs and trees in northern Chile.



As the northern most city in Chile, Arica is only 11 miles south of the border with Peru. Arica occupies two lush valleys that cross the world's driest desert, the Atacama, and converge at the ocean.

Broadcast Date: December 10, 2019

Time: _____

Location: _____