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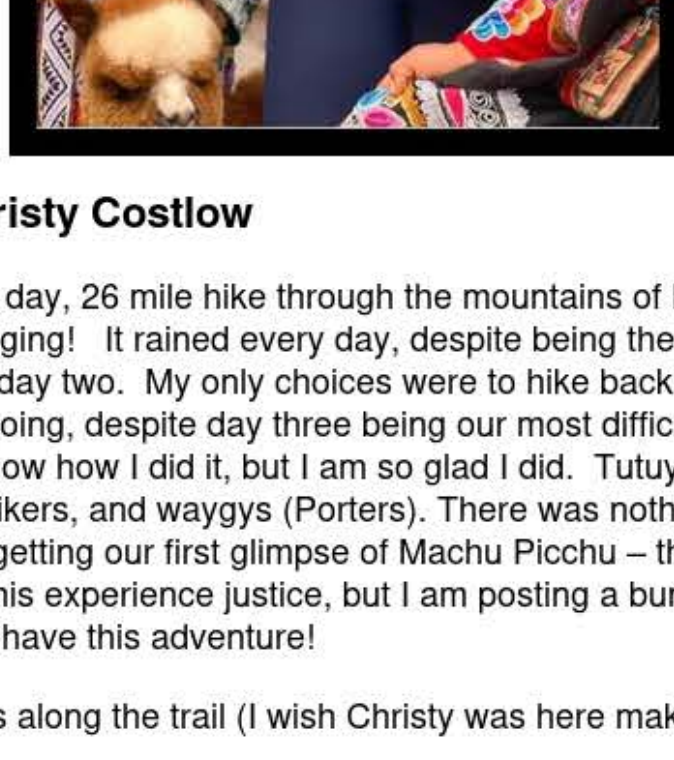
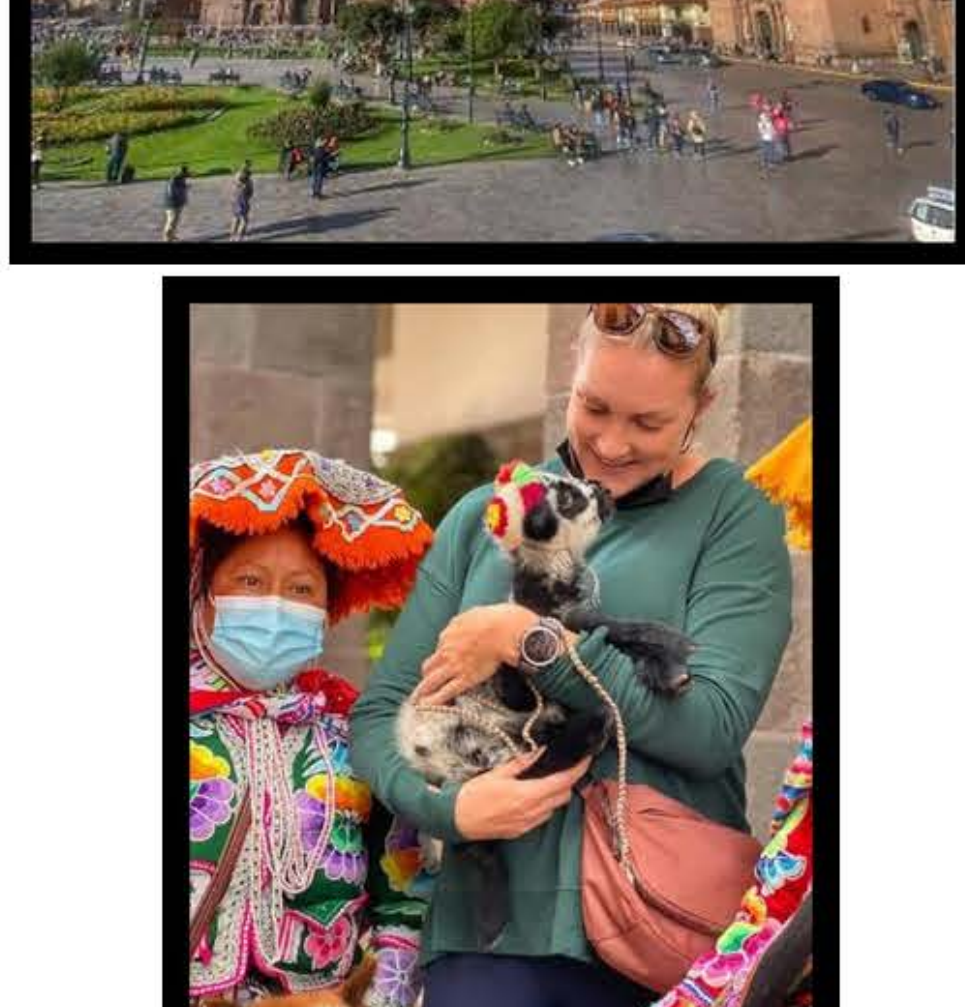
What's Up June 2022 Edition

Greetings Friends. This month, the newsletter is a special treat! Christy Costlow is the Archivist at Travis County. We have been fortunate to have her work with the Austin Friends of Folk Art since the start of our partnership with the county. She and her husband, Tutuy Soto, travel to fantastic places, often with their children going along on the adventure. The best part is getting to see some of the wonderful places they visit through Christy's beautiful photographs. Recently, she and Tutuy made a trip to Peru and joined a group of hikers to Machu Picchu. Below you will find some comments from Christy and see many of her beautiful photographs. Our special thanks to Christy for sharing her and Tutuy's adventure with us.

By Christy Costlow and Tutuy Soto
Photos by Christy Costlow

First stop, Cusco, Peru

Cusco is beautiful. We spent a few days there acclimating to the altitude, exploring, drinking and eating and the next day we began our trek along the Inca Trail.



Machu Picchu by Christy Costlow

The Inca Trail trek is a four day, 26 mile hike through the mountains of Peru to Machu Picchu. It was AMAZING and challenging! It rained every day, despite being the dry season, and I became quite ill towards the end of day two. My only choices were to hike back to the beginning, or to just push on. I chose to keep going, despite day three being our most difficult with three mountain passes. I honestly don't know how I did it, but I am so glad I did. Tutuy was such a great support, as were our guide, fellow hikers, and waygys (Porters). There was nothing quite like reaching the Sun Gate on day four and getting our first glimpse of Machu Picchu – the clouds literally parted for us. Pictures just don't do this experience justice, but I am posting a bunch anyhow. So grateful that we were finally able to have this adventure!

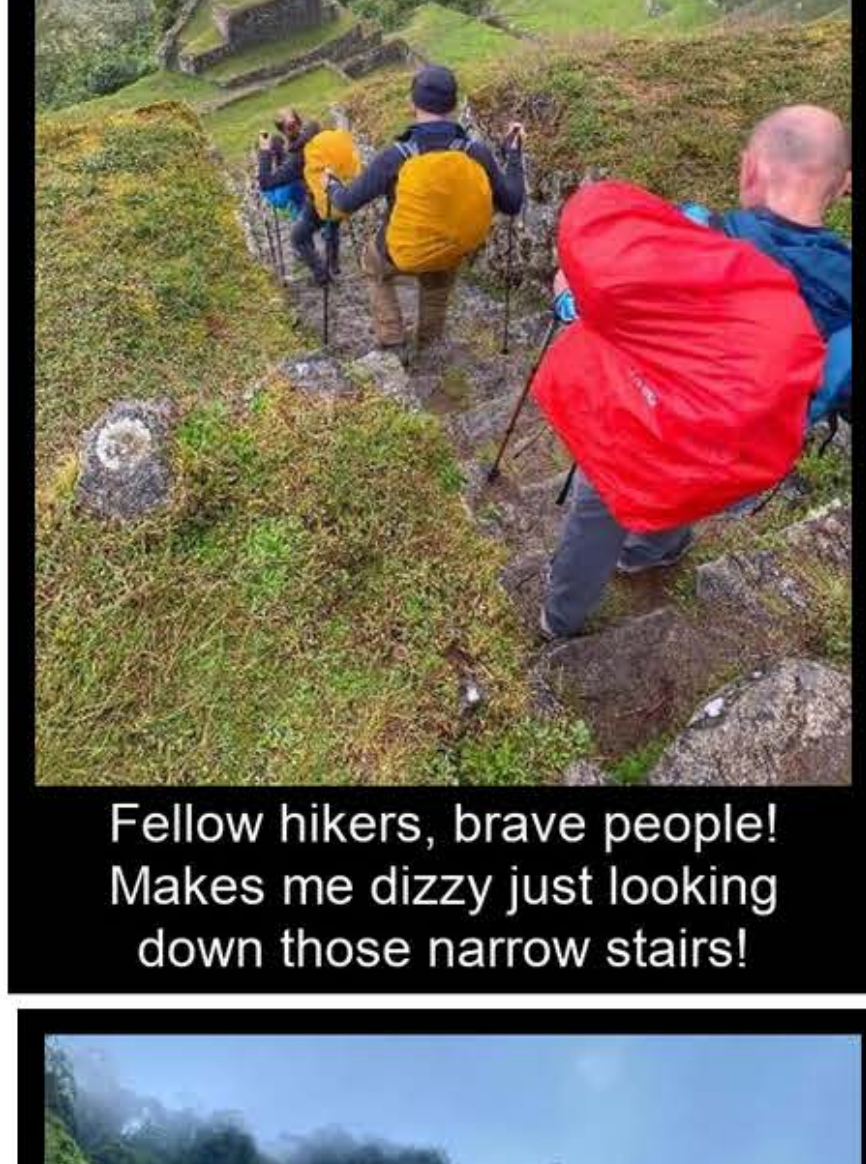
Some of the beautiful views along the trail (I wish Christy was here making comments, the comments are mine):



Yes, people live up here!



A beautiful view and a great tent but I don't know if I could sleep here!?



Fellow hikers, brave people! Makes me dizzy just looking down those narrow stairs!



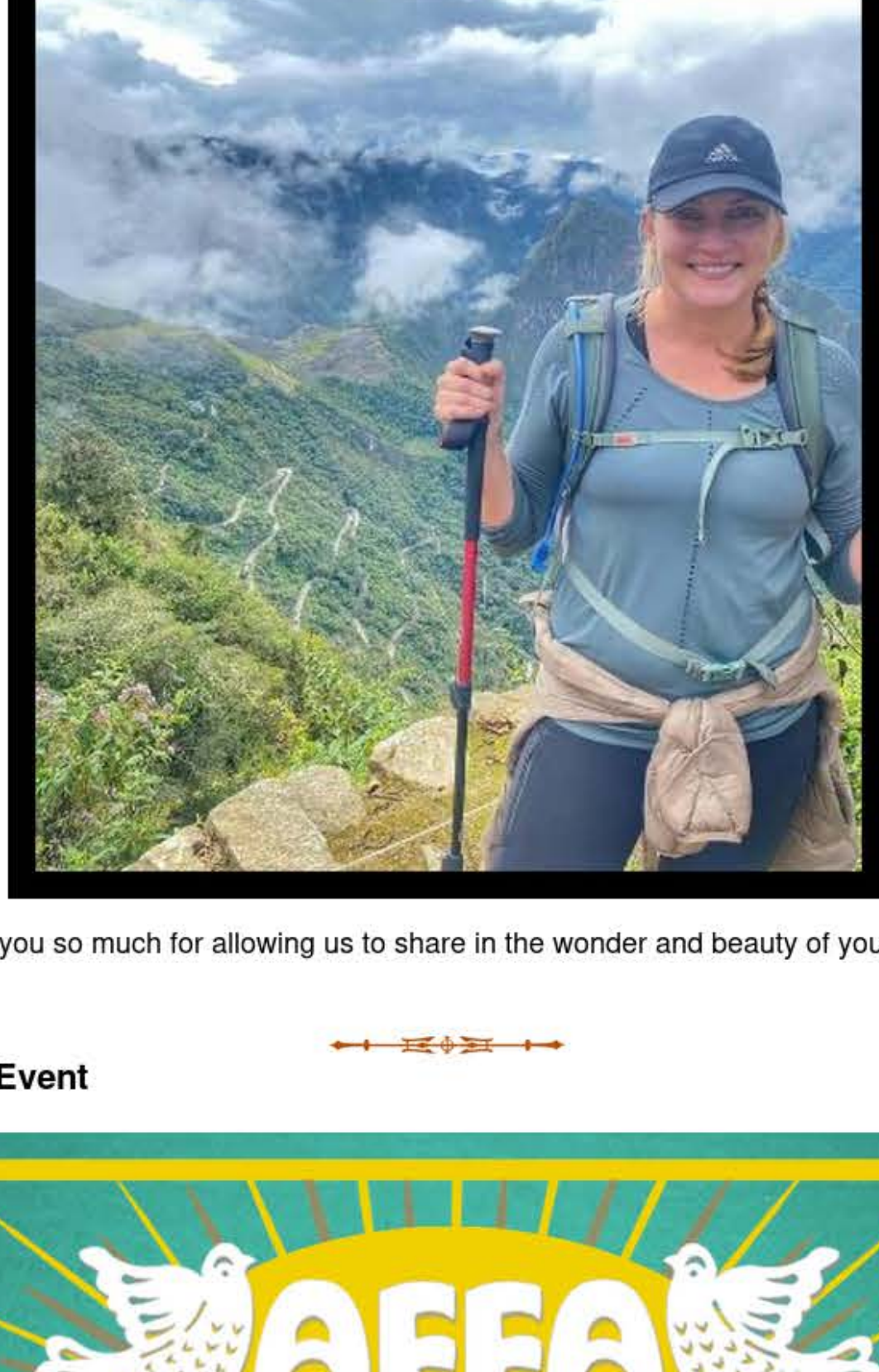
Christy at bottom of all those stairs shown in the above photo!



The Guide high among the beautiful clouds!



The smiles and sense of pride – justifiable!



Christy, thank you so much for allowing us to share in the wonder and beauty of your trip. It was fantastic!

Upcoming Event



Austin Friends of Folk Art is hosting a "Welcome Back" in-person event.

June 29th - 7:00pm
at The Rosette
3908 Ave B, Ste. 116
 RSVP to: events@austinfriendsoffolkart.org

A screening and discussion of Texas Folklife's 2017 documentary short film *La Santa Muerte: A Folk Saint in Texas*, which features interviews with the late Priscilla Murr, past AFFA President, and several other experts. Following the screening, Texas Folklife Executive Director Charlie Lockwood and guests will lead a discussion about La Santa Muerte ("Saint Death" or "Holy Death"), the controversial Mexican folk saint with a growing presence in Texas and across the world.

This free event is being co-sponsored by Texas Folklife & Austin Classical Guitar. Refreshments and light snacks provided.



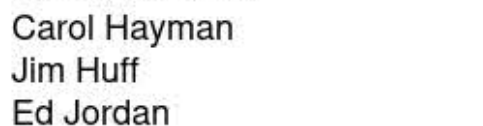

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Until Next Month

Stay cool and drink plenty of water!

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