way north along the Route du Vin, stopping in Riquewihr. We had our bikes with us and took a ride through the vineyards to Ribeauville, the next major town along the route. Here and on our traverses in Germany, we sampled the grapes from the vines—sugary sweet and thirst quenching. The etiquette of snacking is to pick only what you can eat in place, taking nothing away. Delightful!

…and then in September we were off to Rio for a meeting! Of course, we couldn’t make it simple; first we attended a meeting of the Greeting Card Association at the Sagamore Inn on Lake George. The flight itinerary was Karlsruhe, Washington DC, Albany, NY, Washington DC, São Paulo, Rio, and Karlsruhe. We learned a lot at the GCA meeting, helping us to formulate a marketing strategy for our products.

We attended an international geophysics meeting in Rio, with Norm giving a talk on a collaborative project with one of his consulting colleagues, Yu Zhang (Jahng), and Yus former thesis advisor, Guanquan Zhang (Gwahnchwahn Jahng), who is at Academica Sinica in Beijing. The meeting was great, with opportunities to renew old friendships with colleagues from Brazil and elsewhere around the world. The highlight of the meetings entertainment was a banquet at the original Copacabana Hotel. The photos on the wall represented a who’s-who of theater, the arts and government worldwide from around 1920 through 1960. We stayed on in Brazil after the meeting and spent a few days in Buzios, a town about three hours east of Rio on a peninsula, surrounded by lovely beaches wrapped around a high windswept ridge.

When we returned to Rio, Norm lectured at Petrobras and we wandered around town. The highlight of our wanderings was a long afternoon at The Hippie Fair, definitely a misnomer. This is a market of fine arts and crafts of Brazil. There was also a corner with