



Esther Dickler

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Esther was born in Peekskill, New York and has lived in Saratoga for the past 45 years. She is a registered nurse, licensed to practice in New York, Arizona and California. After retiring, she opened a sportswear and accessories boutique in her home.

She met her husband, a college math teacher, on a blind date. Six months later they eloped and then spent two years separated while he served in the Signal Corps in WWII. On his return from the European Theater, she shared "a 36 year honeymoon with my mentor, friend, confidant, lover and joie de vivre, each year better than the one before".

Eighteen months after her husband's death, Esther moved to Paris to change her lifestyle. She is a published writer planning to market Paris, My New Love, a book about her experiences entering a different culture and hurling herself into the unknown. At SRC, she commissioned an artist to paint a *trompe l'oeil* on her living room wall opening onto the Paris street where she lived, complete with her two poodles. It takes her back instantly to the life she enjoyed there.