



NEWS, EVENTS AND OTHER FUN STUFF DECEMBER, 2019

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FELLOW CREATIVES!

The annual ***P.A.A Holiday Pot Luck*** will be at Robyn's house again this year. You can call Robyn at 360. 426. 7295 for the address if you need it, or for directions. It was first noted that the party would be on Sunday, December 15th, but it was later determined that too many people couldn't make it on Sunday, so the party was moved to Thursday, December 12th, our regular meeting day, at NOON (12:00). As previously mentioned, it is a **Pot Luck**, so Pat requested that everybody bring something really tasty. Actually, that's one thing this club's events never seems to lack; great food, good variety and plenty of it! Well, except that one year when we had something like 15 deserts and one salad. (I don't know what the problem was, I thought that was great myself ;) Of course, you can't forget the "Dual of the gifts", aka

'fun gift exchange", where you draw a number, then you go up to the table and grab the gift you've been staring at for hours, you sit back down, open it and swoon at the wonderful item you scored (one of Larry's prize winning bird carvings or one of Pats' paintings maybe???). You carefully secret it away under your seat so it's forgotten by most, and then the person with the next number jumps up, and with glee, grabs the gift you've already bonded with, tearing it from your arms, leaving you near tears, but...not to worry.... you now have the power of grabbing a NEW WRAPPED GIFT! Ok, so now there is that other pretty package on the table you've been checking out....you go for it. Yes!....you are elated again as you rip open your new gift, but you know it could be gone in the blink of an eye. Alas, such is this game of life we play..... and on and on it goes.

In spite of my dramatic depiction of this, it is quite a bit of fun that we look forward to each year. Of course, the gift exchange is not in any way mandatory, it's just an exploration into the psychology of human interaction, or, on a much less complicated level, it's just plain good-natured fun.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the soiree this year, as I will likely still be in the hospital recovering from yet another surgery (I know, what now, right?). I will finally be getting the much-needed repair in my neck that I've been putting off for over a year waiting for my hip to heal). I will be at the gathering in spirit though. Pat has been coerced into bringing my gift to the party and doing the gift exchange for me. Thank you Pat!!!

I want to give a huge **SHOUT OUT** to Rene Olson, the Wonder-woman who came to my house and fixed my computer which had some hiccups since it had a new hard-drive installed. She made it look so easy...She is also the talent who is putting our new website together. If you haven't checked out the website yet, you should. The address is '**sheltonarts.com**'. Be sure to add the 's' on the end of "art" or you get the wrong site. Also, if you send photos of your art to Rene, she can post them on the site for you. You can reach her at malkuri@comcast.net'. Thank YOU RENE!!!! YOU ROCK!!!

»»»»»»»»»» Why did Santa take 22 reindeer with him to Walmart???

>>>> Because what he wanted cost 20 dollars and he wanted to have a little extra doe. >>>>>>>>>>

In other club news, it been suggested that we make a donation to the wild cat sanctuary on Harstine Island. Unlike a zoo, this place is more like visiting someones backyard that happens to have around 50 large kitties. The animals that are housed there were brought in from exploitative, unsafe or neglective situations and will live the rest of their lives in this safe haven.

The Wild Felid Advocacy Center was founded in 2004 and received nonprofit status in 2006. Receiving no State or Federal Funding, the Center relies totally on support from the public. All the people who care for these animals are volunteers. The current

population of cats cost roughly \$60,000 a year to maintain. This sanctuary is home to an impressive list of wild cats, including servals, snow leopards, a caracal, jungle cats and several hybrids (domestic/wild cat mixes).

A visit to this place would make a great field trip, concluding with a generous donation to help them keep these animals well cared for. Great idea, don't you think? At a future meeting we can discuss how and what we can do to help support this facility.

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.”

Calvin Coolidge

**AND FINALLY,
>THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

**HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON
BE GENEROUS WITH LOVE
HAVE COMPASSION
AND
PRAY FOR PEACE**