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A Message From Your President

Well, it's about time for some fun. I am so ready for a road trip I can hardly stand it. My answer was to apply for my passport renewal because hope springs eternal. Some day.....

So, instead, I have been cleaning my UFO shelf and thought how lucky I am to have the time to attack this growing stash. Is it true that if you stack it up, turn off the light, it just multiplies and grows? Mine certainly has. Covid has afforded me the opportunity to tackle some painting projects I have been ignoring for years. I found that my tastes have changed over the years, so I was wondering why I had even taken that class or bought that packet. I know I would like to completely clean off this shelf, but the two remaining pieces are large Zhostovo (Russian floral) pieces. So, I asked myself, what else am I doing? I like a challenge, but this is a doozy. But it's better than housework.

We are optimistically going ahead with plans for a seminar in April. I know Kathy has written about our expectations and "Covid rules", so I won't go over them here. Please know we are doing our very best to keep you, and me, as safe as possible. That is our utmost concern. If you are approached by a member of the Board (the temporary Covid police), please don't be offended. We all need reminders at some point. In our discussion with the Grange a few months ago we agreed that if someone in our group caught Covid we would not hold the Grange financially responsible. My feeling is that if you attend a seminar, or any Chapter meeting for that matter, you are agreeing that you would not hold the Grange or Siskiyou Decorative Artists or its Board financially responsible. We want every one of our members to have a really happy painting experience every single time they come. If you have questions, please reach out to any member of the Board.

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Have you Zoomed yet? I am taking baby steps in learning to be a host and have been practicing on the Board. We have met on Zoom for the last 2 Board meetings with mixed results due to my lack of knowledge. I still don't know how to make it all work, but we are all learning together. It's a great way to communicate, so if you have a device (desktop, laptop, tablet or smart phone) that supports a camera and a microphone, and the internet, you are more than half way there. Just download the Zoom app. We can work it out from there. I am going to be working with a couple of members who expressed interest in learning to use this method. I have also signed up for a my fourth Zoom painting class. I have not had one problem with any class I have taken and they have each had two monitors who can help the students with questions or logging in. I can paint with back east teachers who would otherwise be out of my area. Just know that a back east time zone is a little tough for us west coasters. I see some classes starting to make time adjustments so we don't have to show up in our jammies.

Paint with a happy heart, my friends. Looking forward to seeing many of you soon.

Kellie

KEEP THOSE CANS & BOTTLES COMING IN!

By Judi Henshaw, Recycle Queen

Hello to all our wonderful painting buddies. This is just a reminder that we still need you to keep collecting and turning in your cans & bottles.

Last year, despite having only two meetings, we managed to collect \$229.10 for the Chapter's treasury. Along with our dues, this is practically the group's only relatively large source of income, at least until all this craziness is resolved. The Chapter has ongoing expenses, despite not being able to meet. We must pay for the copying and mailing of your newsletter, yearly insurance and chapter maintenance fees, and our storage unit, to name a few.

Please, please, please try to donate as many of your cans as possible. Just get them to your nearest Board member or gather a group of donations and let me know where and when to pick them up. You can also call, text or e-mail me and I can make arrangements to meet you, if you wish.

I can be reached at (541) 471-0436 (call or text), or by e-mail at judihenshaw47@gmail.com. Thanks, so much, for all your **continuing** support of our chapter.

TREASURE BOXES

Our long overdue delivery of treasure boxes (thanks Covid!) will be made on Friday, March 12th. Should you have any completed boxes sitting around, please, please contact Julie Veronneau to coordinate a pickup no later than Friday, March 5th.

Please contact Julie at either 541-840-0945 or jbveronneau@yahoo.com.

*whenever you are creating
beauty around you, you are
restoring your own soul.*

- alice walker

April 24 & 25 Seminar

Hello Ladies, I am pleased to tell you that the Rosemary West seminar is moving forward. Like so many other things this last year the seminar will look a little different. Some of the changes you will see:

1. Mask will be required at the seminar. We will socially distance the tables so when you are seated and painting you will not be required to wear you mask but if you are up walking around you must wear your mask.

2. We are asking everyone to bring their own table. If you do not have a smallish table to bring, please let me know we will make arrangements for you. If you need help carrying in your table let me know so we can help. We will use the chairs at the grange, no need to bring your own. For our out-of towners we will arrange for a table for you.

3. We will be supplying trash bags for each of your tables-please bring tape to affix them to your table. All the trash you generate during the day must go home with you. We will provide a small bottle of hand sanitizer for each table, if you run out it will be your responsibility to take the bottle home and refill it for day 2.

4. We are not going to have a snack or dessert bar as we usually do. We suggest you bring some snacks for yourself.

5. We will be having a raffle. We will have a table available for you to drop off your donation. The raffle person will wipe down each item brought it and put it on a "clean" table. The items will be spread out so all is visible. The rule when picking out your prize will be don't touch anything except the item you want. Can't you just hear your mom says hands in the pockets-look with your eyes not your hands!

6. If Rosemary brings packets to sell (do not have a confirmation on this) We will use the smaller room and spread the packets out on the long tables. We will have a station at the doorway to the smaller room with a bottle of hand sanitizer, you must use the sanitizer before looking at the packets.

7. We will be ordering lunches as usual. Everyone will sit at their painting table for lunch.

8. Each of you will be provided with paint cubbies for that days project. Extra tubes of paint will be available if you need should more. Again the hand sanitizer will be on the paint table for you to use prior to touching anything.

The Grange has assured us that they do a major cleaning job after each use but we will have someone wipe down the counters, door knobs etc early Saturday am. Doors for the grange will be locked until 8am so the set up crew can get their jobs done. The class starts at 9 so you will have plenty of time to set up your space. I am sure some of you are thinking we are going overboard with our precautions.

Our goal is to prove a safe environment and protect our friends. If you have any questions or concerns please call me 541 479 0337 or email me teddy2019@charter.net

CHEERS FROM OKLAHOMA!

I was remembering an old friend and beautiful painter recently so I picked up the phone and gave her a call. It was as if we had just been at a chapter meeting last week. Most of you will remember past member, beautiful painter and teacher; Joyce Connington. She and her husband retired to Elgin, Oklahoma a few years back to be near family.

Living in Oklahoma has been a bit different. She related a hail storm they had recently with some the size of tennis balls! Everyone on their street all had claims with their insurance. Some with a few repairs but most with partly or complete new roofs!

We had such fun chatting and catching up. Talked for about an hour and a half. Of course because of Covid they have been isolating quite a bit. She and her husband are doing well. Her grandchildren are young adults now.

For those of you who remember, Joyce did fabulous landscapes and animals. I remember a class she taught where we painted a scene on a specially treated oak leaf. It was so awesome. Since moving she hasn't done too much painting. She doesn't really have anyone to paint for so she's not motivated to do so. She did send me some photos of a couple things she has done since moving and said I could share them with you all. Just beautiful.

She keeps up with what we're doing as a chapter by keeping tabs on the website. She asked about everyone and I gave her an update on all of you who know her. She sends her love and best wishes to us all and I did the same on behalf of us all.

In this crazy world we live in, we feel so isolated with all the quarantine. The time I spent visiting with Joyce was such a kick. Picked up my spirits and gave me such an emotional boost. I hope it did her as well. So I challenge you to pick up the phone and connect with an old friend. It will put a smile on their face and yours too! Julie Veronneau

Good Morning Julie, Yes, it's already past 9:00 here. Temperature is 11 with a wind chill of -7 (north wind at 17 mph) according to a Lawton TV station app on my phone. Our thermometer says 12, but the sensor is in the patio. And predictions don't have it above freezing until next Friday at only 36. Snow predicted for tomorrow and Monday. Weatherman said last night that it is unusual for the cold to last so long. Oh well, I can think back to my childhood in South Dakota where -20 or -30 was not unusual and be thankful that it's a little warmer!

The purpose of this email was the pictures of the two things I've painted since we moved. I may give the wolf plate to Rachel as the mascot for the high school she teaches at is timber wolves. Landscape is hanging in the entry. It's OK to share these pictures with others in the club. Again, it was great talking to you yesterday. Love, Joyce



What's on Your Table?



Kathy Prewitt—UFOs



Julie—
Birthday Cards



Picture of Zoom Class Kellie Pomeroy painted with Jamie Mills-Price—didn't get in Jan/Feb Newsletter.



Marilyn—Dorothy Dent Design
Japanese Windflowers



Marilyn—UFO

What's on your Table? continued



I had a shelf chock full of UFO's. I got them all out, matched them up with the patterns, then started evaluating. A couple were just too ugly and I knew I would never finish. Sanded them then re-basecoated. They will be repurposed. A couple just needed some minor repair. Fixed and varnished. These were a Phyllis Maurer pattern that needed some work. So here are my finished pieces and they are on my kitchen table. Love them. Now on to 2 Zhostovo pieces. Whew. Covid quarantine work product. At least I can see the shelf now. *Kellie*



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This is a portion of an article in the Vesterheim rosemaling letter by Patti Goke that I thought was applicable to our current times, struggles and trials:

"Shortly after writing about not being able to paint for months, I came across the following quote in *Invitation to Solitude and Silence* by Ruth Haley Barton. I changed one word to apply to us painters."

"There have been several times in my own journey when I thought I was falling off the {painting} path and I needed someone to tell me, "This is what it is like. You haven't fallen off the path, you are right in the heart of the journey."

"Dry spells are part of the journey. I am embracing mine. I am taking this time to try different folk arts through online programs and painting small projects. I am beginning to feel a stirring in my heart that hasn't been felt for a long time."

Dear Siskiyou Decorative Artists,

The Board of the Society of Decorative Painters would like to thank your Chapter members for the perseverance you have shown in order for your chapter to survive 2020. Maybe you didn't have many meetings, perhaps you held some Zoom meetings, but you didn't give up.

This has been a year like no other and we wanted to commend your Chapter for surviving 2020.

Please accept this survivor patch for your banner as a token of extreme gratitude for never giving up!

Gratefully yours,
Linda Chaffee
SDP Board Member



A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast...

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began.

The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits."

"So, Lord, when things come up that we don't like; when life gets hard; when we don't understand what You're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Stay strong my friends, because our life is being mixed with lots of things that we don't care for, especially right now! Relax and wait until the mixing is finished!

Long Time Member Remembered

There are some of us ol'timers who remember a long time member and good friend, Daisy Biller. She was THE hospitality queen, always happy, always stepping up to help, working at yard sales and at our Christmas Open House fund raisers. At one of our Christmas parties, she had her gift stolen 7 times, and just had a fun time with it. Sadly Daisy died Jan, 9th. She was 94.

Happy Birthday



Joni Brooks

Mary Lee Cardoza



Dorothy Leamons

Marilyn Lopes

Barbara Stuckley

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Meeting Location

Live Oak Grange

120 Gardiner St.

Rogue River, Or. 97537

The Live Oak Grange Building is at the Northeast corner of Gardiner St. and Arbor St. Parking is on both Gardiner and Arbor Streets. Hope to see you there.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of materials to be included in the May/June issue is April 15th.

Please notify the editor by e-mail: artsyclaud@gmail.com. Thank you.



**OMG, I'm rich!
Silver in the hair,
Gold in the teeth,
Crystals in the kidney,
Sugar in the blood,
Lead in the butt,
Iron in the arteries,
and an inexhaustible
supply of natural gas!**

*I never thought I would
accumulate such wealth!*

-Unknown Author

Here are 12 things to consider as we get closer to closing the door on one of the most challenging years of our lifetime:

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES: (by Cindy)

Bentwood Boxes: When painting on "bent wood boxes", there's a couple things to consider regarding your wood and the glue that holds it together. We all tend to collect items for our stash of saved items for future projects; however, since this wood has been through special treatment in order to bend it and since it is "raw" wood, as it sits over a long period of time, it can have stress areas. (Think of what an old tire looks like with cracks and weather checks.) To protect your bentwood from drying out, give it a light sanding and then apply Sealer brushing over all areas and corners, or even a basecoat color such as Black Green or Midnite Blue or Buttermilk with your Sealer (ratio 1:1). Then write a post-it note label and lay it inside so you'll know what has been done! This will help preserve your lovely wood for that future project!

Happy mantras:
"Life is too short to miss out on the **beautiful** things"...so paint-paint-paint.

What is an artist? a painter, an artisan, fine artist, handcrafter, drawer, sketcher, clever, imaginative, ingenious, innovative, inventive.

Funny ha-ha:

What did the artist say to her rival: I challenge you to a doodle!!