

NORTHEAST REGION DUES ARE PAST DUE! EXTENDED TIME TO PAY FEBRUARY 19, OR YOU WILL LOSE YOUR WEB PAGE! BETTY

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From the Key Board of the President

I sit here at my computer, on Christmas eve, at 8:20, pm. The ghost of Christmases past, is on my shoulder. I have been thinking today of the past. How families, things, people, and times change. How, easily we adapt to new situations, ideas and changes, even though we do not like them, agree with them, or want them. Our family has changed, up until 10 years ago my father in laws house was full to bursting with family on Christmas Eve, now only Davids half sister is in that big empty house. 40 years ago, all our children were tucked into bed, waiting for Santa to Arrive. Now all are scattered through out the country, with families and plans of their own. So many family members in the past 20 years have passed on. I am sure our family is not unique, this is the natural progression of life! I see changes in the painting community. So many of us are aging, and I do not see enough young people joining to re-place those that retire, or die. I also see changes in the country, we are so far in debt I worry that the country will go bankrupt, does this mean we will be like Greece when the –free- money runs out and we cannot borrow or print anymore? I have to run my life and house with what money I have and cannot spend beyond -my means- When is the country going to wake up and live within its means? I am very concerned about the June Seminar. Are there going to be enough persons

with -extra-money to travel to Maine to paint for 4 days? With the occupiers demonstrating this fall, and promising much, much more in the spring—Will it be safe to travel? I will list the doings for a conference later in this newsletter. As 2012 nears, my hope is for JOBS for the jobless, Homes for the homeless and the government providing a work environment that allows this to happen, most of all I wish for you all to be safe, happy and able to create many new paintings in the new year. These are my feelings and for publication in the next issue, send me yours! Happy New Year!

SIGN SEEN OUTSIDE OF A CHURCH

[SORT OF THE COUNTRY'S MOTTO]

ADAM BLAMED EVE, EVE BLAMED THE SNAKE AND THE SNAKE DID NOT HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON!

This next section sort of reads like a hospital report

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS NEED OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Avner ~~ Fl~~ had total hip replacement November 7 and is recovering very nicely, back to long walks and painting mermaids!

Carol Weber, ~~Conn-- had total knee replacement surgery on November 29,, and she is recovering, has to have the other one done, when this one heals, fully. Says this is slowing down the next sage in "Catastrophes of Carol!"

Betty Allen~~ME~~ Cataract removal November 30, still has to have laser treatment on the other eye, before getting new glasses. Hopefully this month. This will happen in March!

Linda Coburn~~ME~~ had her rotor cuff operated on December 6, for the second time, and this time hopefully they fixed it! She is now doing exercises to strengthen the tendons and muscles.

Buster~~Fl~~Had a bit of an upset when he first arrived in Fl. But since has gotten better and fell in love with a very cute poodle! [More ladies than men in Fl. Buster!] Lots to choose from!

Jean Warrens--ME-- Husband, David is in a nursing home, as he got the flu, then an infection in his bladder and was too weak to come home from the hospital, She hopes he will not be there long. He is still there.

Ron Molnar—CO--Stretched a muscle [too much], behind his knee, and is now laid up with very sore muscles, some that he did not know he had! While recouping he, has time to do some writting

TRAVERLERS

Dotty Kay Stillman and her husband David are off to visit their daughter in Taiwan with a side trip to Japan, Jan 10 for 2 weeks

Laura Olsen and Buster have moved to FI for the winter, their new address is -460 NE Onyx Way Jenson , Beach, FL. 34957

new word for you word alcoholics PARAPROSDOKIANS

meaning Figure of speech, in which the later part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, frequently used in a humorous situation.

Such as 1. War does not determine who is right-only who is left

- 2. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad-----kind of a fun thing to play with.**
- 3. Come up with one about painting for the next issue! IN FACT come up with SOMETHING for the next issue, or you are going to get very tired of my rambles!**

2012 Facts so far for the June Seminar

Date JUNE 20th. Thru the 23rd

Place TEAM Art Seminar to be held in Maine

Teacher Mark Polomchak Watercolor

Building [Place] Linda Coburn's House, in Ellsworth [maybe] if it does not sell [no charge for painting rooms]

If Not at Betty Allen's house [no charge for painting rooms]

TEAM teachers, contact me if you are interested, in teaching a class

Will need 15, students per day for Mark

Painting, days -- Thursday. Friday and Saturday [arrive on Wed]

No extra stuff , bare bones, reasonably priced as it can be, we have to pay teachers and buy supplies. We should know early in the year if Linda has a buyer

Painting Tip

Use Fels~ Naptha Soap Bars to clean your oil brushes, that and Awesome at the \$ store are good inexpensive alternates to expensive brush cleaners.

For under \$2.00 you can buy a wonderful brush for making clouds. It is the BIG Yellow handle round brush by Crayola Jumbo 208 and you guessed it made in China! Dick Blick's.

Sleep Tip—Try counting your blessings

Medical Tip—The best vitamin for a Christian, B1

COOKING Tip –Receipt from Linda Coburn, Ellsworth, ME

Chicken Cordon Blue

4 Boneless chicken breasts, skinless

2 slices , sliced swiss cheese, cut in half of Swiss cheese, cut in half

2 slices of ham, cut in half

couple ounces of cream cheese, 1 beaten egg

½ Cup Bread Crumbs, seasoned if plain, add a bit of parsley , salt and pepper

Place chicken breast between wax paper and flatten to ¼ inch thick. Place, 1/2 slice ham on each breast, spread with some of the cream cheese, top with ½ slice of swiss cheese, starting at

short end roll up, secure with toothpicks, roll in egg and then in crumbs, you may fry in 3 Tbls. Oil for 3 to 4 mins. On each side, or bake in a 350 degree oven. Do not over cook. Remove toothpicks before serving. Serves 4

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 20 th through the 23rd^h, NORTHEAST T.E.A.M CONFERENCE

Teaching at the Conference—so far Mark Polomchak, watercolor

March 29 to April 2, Southeast Regional Seminar at Saint Simmons Island, GA. [a possibility I might attend]

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Terri Clements-- of the Southeast Region, said the other day, she had just finished bathing 10 of her 13 dogs! Terri, I do not know whether to send you a sympathy card, or to give you a reward for “ GOING TO THE DOGS”. Just wish I were your vet!

Linda Coburns' --Maine--report on her children—Tom her last to leave home has joined the military, the filth son to do so, army son John is being deployed to Afghanistan in Aug. Linda is very proud of her boys serving the country and our prayers are with her for a save return of John. Also, she had to put down her dog of 18 years and her big screen TV ,went belly up! We all wish Linda better luck in the New Year, she has certainly had a rough 2011, good news is, that, her last cancer checkup, was negative. She and Pati are going to Vegas for the the Creative Painting Convention February 27 and to Art Quest in Cherokee NC, April 22.

Pati Dority—Maine--Was the featured artist for Autumn Gold at the Eastern Maine Development Corp. In the Mill Mall. They held an artist reception for her and she sold many paintings and a lot of her 3D artwork. In fact she did so well, they have asked her to continue showing through the winter.

Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter, I do appreciate your input, as I am sure do all the readers! And thank God we are all able to do this. God Bless and have a wonderful New Year.

Betty Allen

Seen on a billboard—Honk if you love Jesus, Text while driving if you want to meet him!