

Northeast Region Newsletter 2013 Fall Issue 13

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From the Key Board of the President

Greetings

The more newsletters I write as I am getting older seem to have either become health reports or obituaries! I do have some good news and some bad news to share with you. Summer is ending and I hate to say that I am not sorry! I guess that I should say I am sorry for the quick passage of time, but not for the problems summer sometimes brings! There seem to be too many people on our small island traffic wise; lots of big hungry mosquitoes that carry diseases, and ticks with lyme disease. Our weather was either pouring rain and / or 100% humidity. I think that we are turning into a rain forest! My garden grew lots of big beautiful leaves!

Painting lessons held steady with the return of snow birds plus the regular students. I have seen a decline in the past couple of years due to the really bad economy. One shopping center in Ellsworth is nearly vacant, as well as several other large buildings. The world seems so unsettled and our future does not seem secure. With the far East on fire and the price of gas going up, people are giving up luxuries they do not need to survive. Those of us that are living on Social Security , are

feeling that future monies and health care very uncertain.

Years ago I preserved lots of fruits, veggies, etc. in the summer. My daughter, Susan, has been doing it for years. I did some last year, and this year I have really enjoyed doing it. I have frozen 24 dozen ears of corn, canned about 40 quarts of pickles, 24 pints of rose hip jelly; summer squash; creamed corn and stewed tomatoes. I find this to be very rewarding, healthy, tasty to eat plus the jars are beautiful to look at. I think I will paint a picture of the colorful the jars! Now to the Good news.

Ribbons

Several of my students, TEAM members , entered paintings in the local fair.

Jean Warren entered 6 paintings and took home six first place **Blue Ribbons**

Kathy Saunders, a first time entree, received one **Blue Ribbon** and three **Red Ribbons**. Kathy is a first time participant.

Laura Olsen, another first timer received three **Blue Ribbons** and three **Red Ribbons**.

Jan McCarty, got Took home two **Red Ribbons** and two **Blue ribbons**.

Dr. Jerry Wilkinstein, received two **Red Ribbons**

That is the best news of the summer! Congratulations to the winners for their hard work.

Passings

Pati Doriety's mother, Anne O'Connor passed in August. Her Aunt, her mothers sister, passed the same day! Her mother's best friend was her sister.

Jan McCarty's uncle ,Virgil Greenlaw, who raised her, passed in September.

My Aunt, Glenice Carter, passed in August. she and I were like sisters, as she was only 10 years older then I. Her youngest son Charles, ended up in the ER the day after his mother's funeral, and is now in Atlanta GA hospital with a very advanced and aggressive cancer! One never knows, enjoy life today as tomorrow may bring changes that are devastating!

My sister-in-law, **Mady** whom some of you have met lost her pug, Mr. Jones , 9/12 her best friend for 16 years.

We send our prayers to all in this time of great sorrow

TEAM Member News

Betty Allen My daughter and son-in law Dennis have been visiting and cruising the Maine coast since June. They live on their boat all summer. Dennis paints with me almost everyday and we do boating trips in company with each other. They returned home to Greenfield MA 9/14. I will miss them. My daughter Laraine has been my newsletter corrections editor this summer! I wish I had her writing talents!

Pati Dority has sold her printing business , Pioneer Print, which she had owned for 30 years! She has done printing for us, many times in the past. We wish Pati the best in her future endeavors .

Arlee Jenkins from Rhode Island is selling her house, hinging on a septic review. If it sells, she will be moving to GA to be near her daughter. She promises she will return to teach next year at the Seminar. She is going to be teaching at NET in MA next month, She is also teaching in W. VA, October 17 to 21 in Bruston Mills. In February she is teaching at the Creative Painting Convention in Vegas. She just had a party with 4 generations. What a feat to get everyone all together. So few have 4 generations to gather.

Dottie Weaver, our secretary, and her boy friend have just bought their retirement home. They are busy doing renovations on it and preparing their current house to rent. She has to wait until February to move because she has to be 55 of age I would wait a year to be 55 again! She is seeing a new doctor who feels she might have, UN-diagnosed lyme disease She has struggled with health problems the past couple of years. Our prayers and wishes to her finding relief if not a complete recovery!

Carole Weber was in Portland, in September, painting with Robert Warren. Ed Manzi from New Hampshire was also there. Some of you will remember Ed the barber. He is a wonderful artist and friend. Ed has cancer and is not doing well. He would certainly appreciate cards and a friendly message . Carole said she has known him for 27 years! Ed,s address is

Ed Manzi 20 wren Court, Derry, NH 03038-1819.

Suzi Franklin one of our new members is heading to MA. and NET. She is a volunteer at the conference There are 2 recipes in this issue and both are from Suzi!

Ron Molnar from way out in CO writes that he just painted with our old friend and teacher Val Stewart, how lucky for him! He said they did a new technique, instead of a burnt umber under painting of the face, they used blue and yellow. He stated that jury was still out on this particular method!

Pat Salopek has been accepted by the Wilson Bickford Company as a partner. This gives her the opportunity to teach different techniques to her students. She will be teaching at a local Joanne's Fabric Store using three different mediums. She is showing her paintings at a major three day craft show in Pittsburgh in November. Way to go Pat!

Jean Warren Who's hubby has been very ill for several years, is finally doing better. Hurray!

Laura Olsen is having the arteries in her legs operated on for the third time in October before she goes to FL for the winter. We will miss

her and Buster.

Buster Olsen Has gone to doggie school this summer to learn to fly on a plane he has earned his Doggie Vest to be a service dog! Doggie treats to Buster!

Linda Coburn is having her shoulder operated on October 16, for the third time. Better luck this time, Linda!

T.E.A.M Meeting 2014

I would like to ask any member who would like to teach at the 2014 Seminar to submit paintings that you want to teach. December 15 is the deadline, as I want to begin registration by the first of the year.

At this time, all I need is a photo of the painting, hours needed and the medium. I have applications that I will send you on request.

Two impossible things to do

It is impossible to lick your elbow or count your hair.

Travel News

Linda Coburn traveled to Portland to paint with Robert Warren this summer, then went W. VA to attend the Home Coming Hues Convention. This month she is in Kansas to attend the wedding of her son John. In October she and **Pati Dority** are going to MA to NET. I think she wins the travel award this issue!

Dennis Wade from MA is also going to NET as well as I

Recipe for the issue by Suzi Franklin

Slow cooker meal 2 cans Campbell's cream of Chicken soup~2 cans of sweet corn nibblets, ~ 1 T Italian seasoning ~ 4 T. olive oil ~ 2 boxes stove top stuffing ~ 2 to 4 lbs of chicken, cut into one inch pieces. ~ 1 T. adobo seasoning-or a spice you like ~add bits of water as needed for the chicken to cook thoroughly.

Use 4 to 6 quart slow cooker. Open and drain the corn, place in the bottom of the cooker. In frying pan, place the olive oil, seasonings and stir fry chicken until done. Place chicken on top of the corn in the cooker. Spread one can of cream of chicken soup over the chicken. Add 1 can of water. Make stove top stuffing per directions on box. Put stuffing in cooker on top of all and pat down, Spread second can of soup on top of stuffing, add 1/2 can of water. COOK ON HIGH FOR 2 HOURS.

You may substitute different meats, veggies, soups and seasonings Put veggies on the bottom as they will not burn as quickly as they are usually filled with water. Serves 6 to 10

Lazy Woman's Bread, by Suzi

Buy a package of frozen pizza dough ,Hannaford's has a nice wheat pizza dough that Suzi loves. Thaw dough, heat oven to 375, place dough in a baking pan, sprayed with pam, and bake about 20 mins or until top is brown. take out of oven and spread with butter.

Thoughts to Ponder

1. Kids in the backseat cause accidents, Accidents in the back seat cause kids!
2. These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go into another room, then wonder what I am here after!
3. My wild oats have turned into bran and prune juice.
4. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

5. Going to church does not make you a christian any more then standing in a garage, makes you a car.
6. You do not need a parachute to skydive. you only need one if you want to skydive twice! AND MY FAVORITE
7. You are never too old to learn something stupid! Or do something stupid!

This seems to be all the news for the fall. Please send me NEW stuff, news etc. for the winter issue hopefully ALL GOOD! Blessings to all and keep on painting with a happy heart!

Betty Allen, President