

## *Northeast Region TEAM Newsletter issue 4 Spring 2010*

### **From the key board of the president**

#### **Conference News**

Plans for our NE Regional Conference are shaping up. At the present time we have 36 signed up to attend. I was hoping [pipe dreaming] for, close to 60. The bad news is, with only 36, so far, several of the scheduled teachers cannot come, because their classes do not have enough students to pay for their travel expenses. Unfortunately, our own Brenda Harris is one. It is very expensive to fly from Jacksonville to Maine, and we cannot ask her to have expenses, more than her wages. Karolyn Hawthorne, another most talented teacher also has too few, as did Este Rayle. With the lousy economy, we are fortunate anyone can come! I want all of these wonderful teachers to know, it is not because anyone doubts their talent, or ability, it is just too few students, and probably my fault for offering so many choices. If anyone reading this is planning to attend, please sign up as soon as possible, as several other classes need students, they are not in danger of cancellation, but a few more students would be very nice. I will be on vacation from the 8<sup>th</sup> of April to the 25. During that time please contact Annie with Questions.

Our winter in Maine was most unusual, not much snow, and very few zero degree days--The South Stole "OUR" winter! Am sure next year they will gladly give it back to us, with interest! We have our sailboat ready for the water, as we had some very nice warm spring weather this month. Wonderful for working out side, painting and waxing! Have had rain for past few days, [nothing like the rest of the east coast got], but Easter is promised to be in the 70's. Am ordering wonderful weather for the June conference!

At our June Conference, I need your help. Several of our members are dieting, and doing a wonderful job at losing weight and creating a healthier life style, with exercise and diet change. We, all have so many paintings yet to do--we have to live and paint for many, many more years. What I would like to do is find out how many pounds we have all lost! If you, think this is a good idea and will share your information [just the lost pounds], I will honor those people at the conference!

#### **News from our Members**

Kathi Sojka writes that she has on going projects in Quick and Easy, and Paint Works Publications. These publications feature Kathi's oil and Watercolor projects. Please check them out, as Kathi is one of our most talented and productive members.

Carole Weber and her friend Nick are going on another cruise, in April. After the problems with their last one, David and I decided to go with them to keep them straight and as David is a Captain, if the one on the ship needs help, he will be there! [ha ha]. We leave Miami on the 11, return to NYC on the 24.

Arlee Jenkins has been on the road, visiting, travel teaching and attending the Vegas convention.

Annie Krampitz has condo problems! She reported 1 year ago that her part of the roof was leaking; needless to say nothing was done! Well, this fall she discovered, one of her closets was full of mold, and mold was found in many other places with lots of water damage! Sort of makes you remember the saying "A stitch in time, saves 9"! Last report the workers have stripped her third floor to the 2 x 4"s, the next step is re-building. Best of luck to Annie!

Linda Coburn and Patti Dority also attended the Convention at Vegas; they both report that they had a wonderful time, with flights that were on time, without problems.

Lynn Chamberlin's son was in Haiti at the time of the earthquake! He was not hurt, but had an experience he will never forget.

### **Congratulations--winners in the Vegas TEAM pony art show**

Linda Coburn 2nd place for her "Welcome' in the oil/acrylic landscape division

Betty Allen 3 rd place for my "Maine Catch," in the Seascape division [actually it was a watercolor Batik!]

Betty Allen 3 rd place for my "WOW", in the Oil/ acrylic Floral division [actually this was also a WC Batik!]

Judy Leasure, one of the teachers at our convention, won 2nd Place for her Pastel, "Brown Pelican"

**And** our own SMOKEY BEARE 3 rd place for her Portrait of "Carter"

### **Passings**

Joyce Wasson, who fought a courageous battle with breast cancer for 10 years, passed in December. All who knew Joyce will long remember her smile and sense of humor! She attended the National Convention in Nashville, and had a very colorful TOGA, and was a PIRATE, first class, at the last convention in Ellsworth, ME.

### **Prayers**

Linda Coburn has just found out she has lung cancer and is starting down the long, painful road to cure it. She will be having chemo and radiation for 5 days per week, for 5 weeks. After that another evaluation will be made. She is known by all who know her, as a wonderful cook, artist and friend. She is the first to jump in and help, to do whatever is needed. **Good luck Linda!**

**Dottie Weavers's Mark** was in a car accident that injured his neck and shoulder. let us pray the damage is not permanent!

### **NEW Members Welcome to all**

**Robert MacLeod; Lynn Walker; Beatrice Pisani; Judy Leasure; Betty Frasier; Brenda Anders; Joanne Hall; Leslie Robbins; Kim Johnson-Smiles; Patricia Chatman; and Carole Saunders**

## **Member of the issue Beverly Banks** our Vice President

She is a native to Bethel, Maine, moved to Lewiston Maine in 1965, after graduating from St. Mary's School of Nursing. For the past 30 years she has been employed at the Central Maine Medical Center, where she is currently the Performance Clinical Analyst in the HIM department.

Bev Took a few painting lessons a number of years ago, but they did not spark any real interest. While watching Bob Ross on PBS, about 18 years ago, she felt the urge to try again. She began painting on her own, utilizing the techniques demonstrated on the show.

Desiring more direction and instruction, she began attending seminars at Pat Riley's studio in Windham and Leon LeRoches studio in Jay Maine. She still attends seminars with Buck Paulson, Brenda Harris, Robert Warren, Dorothy Dent and Val Stewart. She became a Val Stewart certified instructor, in 2005. Bev is teaching a portrait, Val, style at the June Conference.

She enjoys working in oils, acrylics and watercolor. Her favorite, remains, portraits. She also loves painting houses; portraits of animals; landscapes and still life's-Let us just say, Bev, LOVES painting!

She has shown her work at Frost Farm Gallery, as a featured artist, as well as entering a variety of shows,. She won best Portrait, and PEOPLES CHOICE award at the Ellsworth TEAM conference. She also got two 3rd place awards for portraits of Kenny Rogers, and one of her granddaughters. She is continually studying and refining her talent, she derives both relaxation and fulfillment from painting and teaching.

Beverly is married to Edward Banks, who is her soul mate, helper and the love of her life! We all, who attended the 2008 conference in Ellsworth, will remember him as the guy who did everything! Well, I have news for you, you will not recognize him this year!

## **Easter Bunny**

As I am writing this newsletter, I am trying to think, who to appoint as **-The Bunny-**bunnies hop around and a lot of the time, in circles, they are cute, fuzzy and have fluffy tails, big ears and pink eyes [some of them] Not a flattering description, that many would appreciate! Have come to the conclusion, to save, argument--I will appoint, **myself!** I am always on the go, hopping from one job to another, running in circles doing 10 things at once, I am sort of fluffy, and my tail is soft, and I do bring gifts, my eyes get pink, if I cry, so I think I fit all the requirements! **Next Issue** summer, would someone like to be the guest appointee to appoint someone to be **a July firecracker!**

## **Recipe**

**Beer Butt Chicken—or you can call it 'Drunkin Chicken' It's** cheap, everyone likes it and we are all looking for easy recipes; well, this is it—

1 can of beer [drink 1/2]

into the rest, garlic powder, lowrrys seasoned salt, or whatever you like

Place the beer can in a 9x9 x2 baking dish, add water to cover the bottom, of the dish; [none in the can!]

## **Wash 1 small roasting chicken**

Place chicken onto can,[ stick it up his butt!] rub butter on skin [the chickens]

**Place in 350 degree oven bake for 3 hrs** I put mine in the oven after breakfast and by lunch it is ready, no need to baste or do anything, the meat will be flavored, tender and tasty. I got this recipe from Cheri Rols husband, years ago, one of my favorites! From Betty Allen's Kitchen

**Raisin Sauce for your Easter Ham [next year if too late for this one] from Annie's kitchen**

**1 cup of raisins, 1 16oz jar of red maraschino pitted cherries, 1 20 oz can of crushed pineapple; 1 to 1 ¼ cups of orange juice; ¼ cup of brown sugar; corn starch for thickening**

**Drain cherry juice into sauce pan. Place cherries in a blender and process until they are in small pieces. Add the rest of the ingredients, except corn starch. Simmer until the raisins are plump. Add water to the corn starch, a bit, stir into hot liquid, stir till thickened. This makes quite a bit and freezes well to use another time. If sauce is too thick, add a bit more OJ, Serve on ham happy hamming Annie**

**Ending** We all owe a round of applause to our web master team, for all the hours they put in to produce the site—A BIG THANKS TO Smokey Beare-Spenser, Harold Champagne and Ollie Trawick! In ending I hope all had a wonderful Easter, the time of re-birth, as is Spring. Take time to smell the tulips and enjoy life, it is all too short and we are all too busy! Betty Allen