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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Rosemalers,

This has been such a busy and eventful year. I hope you have taken the time to enjoy the quiet pleasure of painting at home or in the company of good friends.

With so much going on in the world I am especially thankful for the friends I have made in this association. Our meetings are like reunions of old and new friends coming together not only to promote our art, but for the joy of regularly renewing these friendships. And as a bonus the friendships that keep us together also keep rosemaling alive.

Even though we love this organization it has become increasingly difficult to find members willing to take on the responsibilities of officers. Our members are not stay-at-home wives and mothers like our predecessors. We are super busy men and women with diverse interests and responsibilities.

My husband and I are trying to become snowbirds and spend winters in Palm Desert, so presidential duties would have to be conducted long distance. Pat is working full time and is so kind to give WRA some of her valuable free time. Marlene is very active in so many organizations, but still wants to help; Kathy is busy selling one home and moving into a new one; Carol and Barb have served quietly for so many years and we are so thankful for their saint-like willingness to continue. We all have families and jobs and other interests, but rosemaling is an interest we share and one we feel strongly about preserving.

My fellow officers and I have agreed to continue in our capacities for a second term with the hope that the day to day activities will be handled by 3 regional committees each headed by the existing liaison. We feel that delegating responsibilities to local committees will make it possible for us to continue in our positions and ultimately will revitalize WRA and improve it immensely.

We will be voting on a change to the standing rules as published elsewhere in this issue of the Vine. Please come to the meeting and share your ideas on how this should be structured. The board has suggested that each regional committee would be responsible for one meeting and one issue of the Vine. They would decide date, place, and program for the meeting. After their meeting each group would submit report for the Vine issue and be able to offer workshops.

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