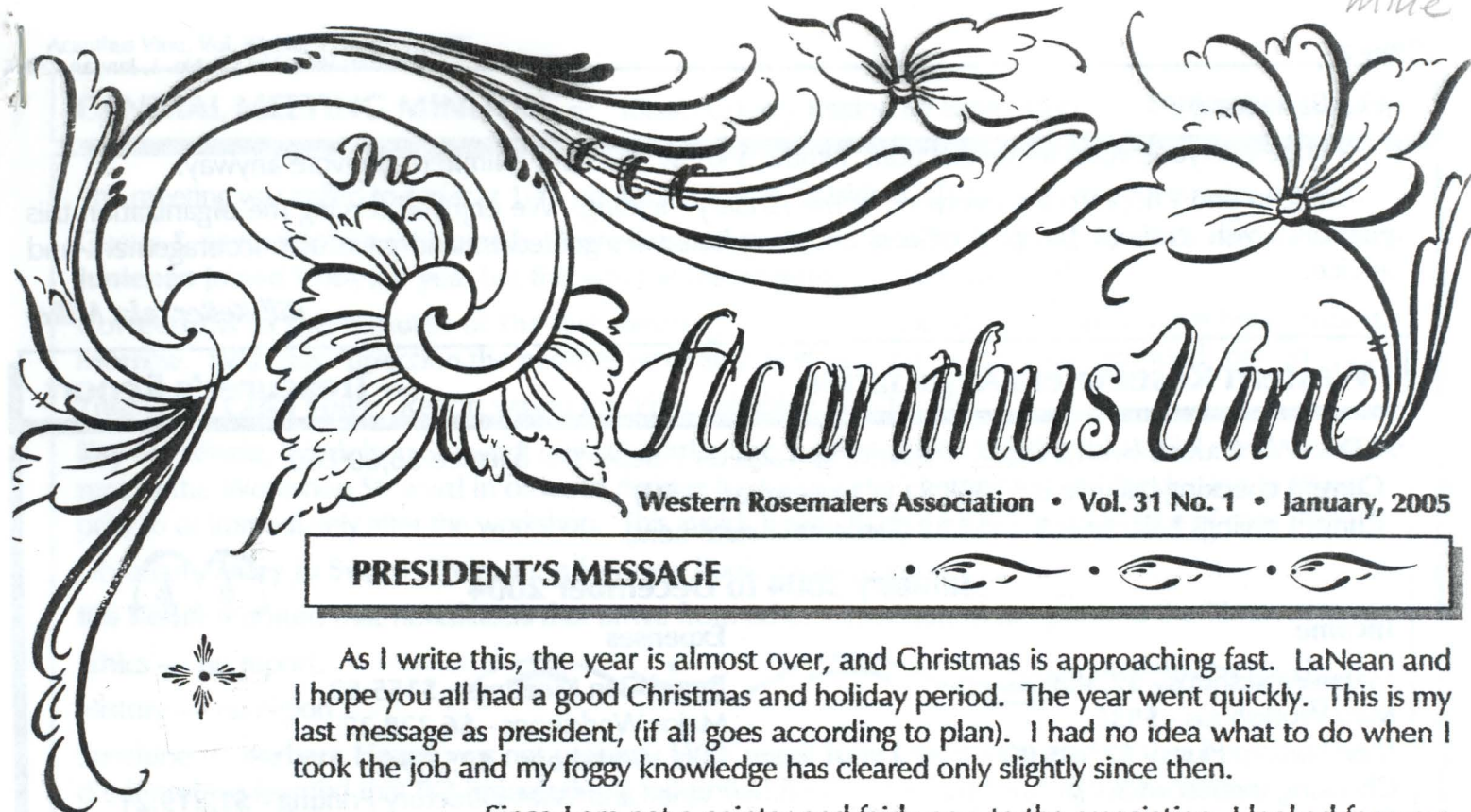


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, the year is almost over, and Christmas is approaching fast. LaNean and I hope you all had a good Christmas and holiday period. The year went quickly. This is my last message as president, (if all goes according to plan). I had no idea what to do when I took the job and my foggy knowledge has cleared only slightly since then.

Since I am not a painter and fairly new to the association, I looked for ways to contribute that did not include painting. The subject of document control seemed to be a problem. Paper work and documents were collecting in the books and files of the various officers for years. Most of the papers were dated and had no value. Many of the same records were being kept by more than one person. I decided to attack that problem. A document control plan or protocol was written up and introduced to the board. It was generally thought to be a good idea by most, but never officially accepted by the board. I still have hopes that the document control plan will be adopted at the next meeting and made available to every member. The plan should make it easy for every officer to know what records they are to keep and for any member to find out who has what records and how to access them.

Then LaNean's father got sick and we spent the better part of the year either in Eastern Washington or traveling back and forth. My wood work and LaNean's painting suffered, the lawns and gardens suffered, our participation in WRA suffered, the car got lots of miles, and we got to know I-90 on a personal level. The good news is her father is recovering nicely and doing well.

Betty Edwards informed me that the Museum is not available for our meeting on the 16th as planned so she booked us for the 23rd. Thanks for doing that Betty.

I enjoyed having dinner with the painters at Seabeck. Some members think that is a better venue for major workshops than the lodge at Snoqualmie. The food was great, although the painting room was a bit cramped. I've heard there is a place in Oregon that is better still. We need to investigate that. If anyone knows of such a place please let the major workshop chair know about it.

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