



~ ~ from the **PRESIDENT**

I am pleased to serve as your new President. As soon as I learned that I would be moving to Washington, back in 1999, I became a member of WRA and my very first rosemaling workshop was with Judy Ritger at Trollhagen. That seems a long time, and many workshops, ago. Throughout these years I have enjoyed being a part of WRA, for the fellowship, for the workshops offered (both from our many talented local

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painting instructors as well as those that come from afar), for the wonderful library we have at our disposal, and for the introduction to Norwegian culture, for as my name implies, I am a Scot.

We have an excellent spring workshop planned. Joanne McVey is a Gold Medalist and the author of a fine book on rosemaling, and a workshop with her should be a rewarding experience. There are still some openings, so if you are interested, or have a friend who might be, please call Signa Anderson, our Workshop Steward. Don't miss this opportunity.

We have a very capable and willing group serving as officers and committee members this year. Many have served in one function or another over the years, and we have a couple of new faces. However we need more of you to help out.

Elsewhere in the *Vine* you will see an urgent request. At this time we have only committee chairpersons, when we should have committees of two or more, and, as of this writing, there is not even a chairperson for mini workshops. If we, as an association are to continue in our goal to promote and preserve the art of rosemaling, more members are going to have to (to paraphrase a famous person) "ask not what WRA can do for you, ask what you can do for WRA." So I ask you to volunteer for some of these jobs; none of them are daunting if several people are working together.

If you have any issues you would like brought up at the meeting or you would like to volunteer, please email them me ([kaymckenzie@earthlink.net](mailto:kaymckenzie@earthlink.net)). Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting. Happy Spring and Happy Easter.

~ ~ **Kay McKenzie**

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