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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that every year about this time, I can't believe that the summer is almost over. I'm afraid that my attention has been more on traveling this year than on rosemaling. Nevertheless, I am glad that such a group as WRA exists and I hope that it continues to be a viable organization in the Northwest.

Everyone is so busy with so many activities that it is indeed hard to maintain such volunteer non-profit groups. I took on the presidency simply because there was a crying need for someone to do so. I was told not to worry because people have been doing these jobs for so many years that things "just always get done".

Well, even though everything does indeed always get done, some of our people have grown a bit weary of taking on these responsibilities for multiple years. Also, responsibilities and interests keep changing for us all. Our officers and staff have all been wonderful doing their jobs. More helping hands would certainly be welcome in the upcoming year, though. Our nominating committee may be calling you for your assistance next year. If you are not called, **Marlene Echaniz** would certainly appreciate a phone call from you. Many hands make light work. I have enjoyed being president because I have gotten to work with some lovely, talented people besides learning more about Norwegian heritage and rosemaling techniques. Hopefully, we won't have to beg and plead in order to fill our leadership positions for next year. Call **Marlene** and see where your interests might coincide with one of our many officer or staff positions.

We'll finish out the year with the always-enjoyable sojourn to Seabeck, then our October program about paint and pigments and **Lois's** Valdres workshop in November. Spring of 2007 already has two workshops planned, so there is a lot going on within our group.

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