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I am writing this on a sunny day in California—missing the storms that are passing through home.

As this will be my last message as president I would like to thank all of you for your support throughout the last two years. I appreciate your help and understanding. I enjoy the camaraderie shared by members and the workshops offered, and I am looking forward to continue working with WRA in an active manner.

We have two major and a few mini workshops in the planning stages for the upcoming year. Elsewhere in the *Vine* you will see the registration forms. At the sales booth in October several men and women stopped by and expressed an interest in learning to rosemal. As a result, Marilyn Hansen is planning a beginners workshop in spring which will take place over two or more days.

Please remember that the workshops are about YOU. Our committee chairs plan throughout the year for them. If you have an idea, a teacher suggestion, or want to teach a class, please let your executive officers know. It is difficult for two or three people to know the wishes of many.

In this *Vine*, on page 6, you will find the ballot for WRA 2009 officers. I know some of you wonder, "why vote?" . . . other than the fact that this is how WRA is organized, I believe it is a way for each of you to show your support for those members who have agreed to serve as officers.

So, I wish you all a happy and healthy 2009. Continue rosemaling and keeping the tradition alive. Continue sharing your knowledge and ideas.

**Kay McKenzie**

#### Ideas Wanted

***Our regional chairpersons could use your input for upcoming programs. What would you like to see/hear? Could you, or do you know someone who could, make a presentation of interest to WRA members. Please let one of the WRA board members know your ideas. We want to make our meetings/programs of interest to everyone.***

**- - ARE YOU AWARE . . .**

that WRA members may sell items related to Rosemaling at our meetings.

These items would include, wood, books, painted pieces, art supplies.

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