



The Acanthus Vine

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COMING MEETING:

Sunday, March 21
1 pm. Social Hour/Sharing
1:45 Business Meeting
2:30 Break
2:45 Program

LOCATION: NORMANNA HALL
1106 South 15th
Tacoma, WA.

From I-5, take Exit 132
(Bremerton) Next take
Sprague Avenue Exit.
Then turn right onto 15th
Street. Go to K Street.
It's on the corner!

PROGRAM:

Shirley Charette will
present the program
entitled "WHAT'S NEW WITH
PAINTS AND BRUSHES"

SHOW AND TELL

Bring some of your
rosemaled items to the
meeting and share with
others. There will be a
special table for them.

NEW ROSTERS

Be sure to pick up your new
roster at the March meeting.
It saves us the expense of
mailing. See CELIA HENDRIX
membership chairman.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WESTERN ROSEMALERS ASSOCIATION is very fortunate to have Nils Ellingsgard from Norway, visiting in the Seattle-Tacoma area this month. There has been scheduled two seminars and two demonstrations to take place during his visit. There will be a limited number of books for sale at this time. It isn't often that we have an opportunity to learn from one of the "Masters", so be sure to plan to attend one of these functions.

A Special "Thank You" to Florence Buck and Mary Ellerman for your work in scheduling the activities for Nils visit. It is appreciated.

At the last report from our membership chairman, members now total 193! Renewals were a little slow in coming in for a while, but thanks to the reminding calls from the telephone committee, we are growing again. A slight decline in membership was anticipated for a while with the increase in dues this year. The increase in dues was necessary because of higher costs of so many things...our expense #1 is printing and postage.

A year ago I asked for some ideas and suggestions as to how WRA could better serve it's members. (I received some good ones). Now I would like to hear from you again. Help WRA continue to be an active and interesting organization.

Dena Iverson, President

Meet the officers

AUDREE RUSH, the newly elected vice president is the only new member of our Board of Directors. Other members were introduced in the March, 1981 issue of the ACANTHUS VINE. Therefore we think it appropriate that we tell you something about this very busy lady.

Audree is a Norwegian American native of Tacoma and the daughter of Asta Oden who is also a emmber of WRA. She is a full time art major at the University of Puget Sound and has exhibited sculpture, pottery, print-making, creative stitchery, paintings and rosemaling in many shows around the state. She has also taught creative art to all grade levels, kindergarten through college and to the blind, mentally handicapped and has also worked in various programs for minority children.

Audree belongs to the Daughters of Norway Embla Lodge, Norlandslaget and General Federation of Women's Clubs and many local organizations. Skiing, tennis, boating, flying, water skiing and swimming are favorite pastimes along with Scandinavian Folk Dancing. August and September of this year were spent in Greece and the Island of Crete studying Greek Art History and visiting all the antiquities there. Next will be to really learn to speak norwegian and to take a trip to Norway to study Art and Rosemaling and visit all the relatives.

In addition to all this she works for her son Greg part time at "Pure Male", a men's clothing store. Her other son, Jeff is a trucker and ski instructor at Snoqualmie Summit.

SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY MEETING

Hostesses Wilda Snider and her committee were thanked for serving refreshments.

Treasurer Barbara Laskowski reported a balance of \$1,191.64. Yearly financial report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Membership: Chairman Celia Hendrix reported a membership of 138.

Norma Splitt cards: Betty Edwards reported only 32 on hand. Motion made and passed that we order 200 at \$165.00 per hundred.

Yule Boutique: Total sales of \$1,052.10. \$742.72 paid to artists.

Telephone Committee: Helpers still needed in Bremerton, Tacoma, Seattle and Marysville.

Card Sales: Ruby Knowlen resigned as chairman of the sales for cards and pins in the Tacoma area. Jean Alfsen will take this position.

Sales Booth needs: Voted to purchase sturdy card table and a good light for demonstrators as well as several spotlights and extension cords to light the booth.

Nominating Committee: Esther Einmo presented the following slate of officers who were elected unanimously:

President - Dena Iverson
Vice President - Audree Rush
Secretary - Shirley Charette
Financial Secretary - Betty Edwards
Membership - Celia Hendrix

Sunshine Chairman: Marylou Overturf reminded members to notify her when someone should receive a card.

Fifth Meeting: Will continue to have two meetings in Seattle and two in Tacoma. Helen Gjovaag to check on use of Normanna Hall in Everett for the November, 1982 meeting.

Programs: Executive Board has suggested that we research areas of Telemark, Hallingdal, West Coast, Rogaland and Valdres styles of Rosemaling. See Audree Rush if you would like to help with this. President Dena asked for other suggestions for programming.

Officer Recognition: Jean Alfsen presented certificates to the following 1981 officers: Louise Friar - Librarian; Mary Lou Overturf and Helen Gjovaag - ACANTHUS VINE editor; Celia Hendrix - Membership; Betty Edwards - Financial Secretary; Barbara Laskowski - Treasurer; Shirley Charette - Secretary; Ida Mae Swedberg - Vice President; Dena Iverson - President. Dena also received a miniature gavel.

Next Meeting: In Tacoma with Olympia members as hostesses. Virginia Hosack, chairman.

Doorprize: A copy of the book FOLK ARTS OF NORWAY was won by Barbara Hazen.

PROGRAM: Mary Ellerman presented an interesting slide show of Bauernmalerei painting from her trip to Norway. She compared many techniques with Rosemaling.

WESTERN ROSEMALERS ASSOCIATION

YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT

February 1, 1981 to January 31, 1982

Balance on Hand, February 1, 1981

\$2,816.22

INCOME:

Membership	\$1654.00
Adjustment	.05
Workshops	1430.00
Notecards	434.25
WRM Dinner	338.80
Costumes	39.00
advertising	88.65
Sales	3069.15
Design packets/napkins	60.75
Entry fee-juried show	64.28
WRM pins	11.25
Cash advance reimbursement	50.00
Sales overage	3.41
Traditional cards	1.42
Miscellaneous	<u>5.95</u>

Total Income

7,250.96

Total Funds available

\$10,067.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Artist Sales	\$2548.53
Printing	959.57
Postage	617.67
Supplies	137.90
Telephone calls	80.66
Artist fee-workshop	1400.00
Workshop exp.-travel & motel	762.49
Workshop - room rental	100.00
Workshop - student refunds	180.00
Bank fee	1.65
1980 audit adjustment	19.40
WRM Dinner	464.60
State Filing fee	1.00
Juried show expenses	78.72
Door prizes	52.21
Hall rentals - meetings	200.00
Norma Splitt notecards	660.00
Cash advance	50.00
Commission to sale sponsor	272.10
Department of Revenue	120.16
Donations	71.68
Speaker	25.00
Meeting condiments	8.34
Locker rental - 1982	214.50
PLU Yule Boutique deposit	<u>15.00</u>

Total Disbursements

9,041.18

Balance on hand, January 31, 1982

\$ 1,026.00

Barbara C. Laskowski, Treasurer

From the Tendrils⁵ -

Florence Buck reports that she has received a letter from Nils Ellingsgard. Enclosed in the letter was a brochure with pictures and details of his new rosemaled cup and saucer series produced by Porsgrun Porcelain factory. The Hallingdal cup and saucer are already available and every 2 months a new district style of rosemaling will be available until 12 are produced. He plans to have a dessert plate to match. The sets are beautifully styled and cost 118 NKR plus postage. He says that you may register for the entire series extending over a 2 year period.

Florence has also received news Gunnar Bø from Romsdal will be in America and possibly for classes here in the Northwest.

Gunnar and Bergljot Lunde write that they are very now as Bergljot has 15 students in her classes at the craft school. Weather there has been very cold.

Kay McMahon also writes of very cold weather and of good times with family and her trip to Norway.

Carol Dziak, editor of the NORSE ROSEMALERS newsletter tells of a couple of trips in blizzards and ice and of having to spend one night in a school gymnasium because of road closure.

The NORSE ROSEMALERS are a busy group and Carol reports on a number of activities. Their Newsletter will be on display at our next meeting so that you may see what's going on in Wisconsin.

Viking Fare

NEW FROM SAS

Round Trip: **\$640** US

SEATTLE TO OSLO

Stay: Min. 7 days; Max. 21 days
Validity: Oct. 1, '81 to Apr. 30, '82
Tuesday departures
Call your travel agent or SAS for details

Also think car rental, Eurailpass. Min. land arrangements, \$140 for 7 days.

Take a Short Cut **SAS** Fly the Polar Route
SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

A BIG THANK YOU TO ESTHER EINMO WHO IS TYPING OUR NEW DIRECTORY. This is no small job and her good work is much appreciated.

The printing will be done by another WRA member Richard McIntosh of Postal Instant Print.

Also a thank you to CELIA HENDRIX and DOROTHY PETERSON for patterns contributed for use in the VINE.

Sharing patterns is one of the joys of Rosemaling! Why don't YOU SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL PATTERN FOR POSSIBLE USE IN A FUTURE ACANTHUS VINE?

ROSEMALERS BE COUNTED

Norma Splitt delivered a check to the Norwegian American Museum in Decorah from the Mid-West Rosemalers Association. The money is part of an effort to collect a donation from every Rosemaler in America to be used to help renovate the class rooms at Decorah. What a noble project!

Favorite Recipes - 6 - of WRA members

Perhaps you've noticed that when WRA members get together we like to eat!!!!...and as a result some delicious goodies have been served. Requests for recipes are often heard and we think it would be nice to share these with our members and print a different recipe in each issue of the ACANTHUS VINE. PLEASE send or give your recipes to your editor.

This months goody is a quick and easy one from membership chairman, Celia. (I've used it many times and enjoy it for good eating as well as short time in the kitchen....more time to paint.)

IMPOSSIBLE QUICHE

- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup biscuit mix
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 tsp salt
- dash of pepper
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup diced ham or crisp crumbled bacon (I also vary it with shrimp or crab)

Place eggs, biscuit mix, butter, milk, salt and pepper in blender container and whirl until well mixed. Pour into greased 9 or 10 inch pie pan. Sprinkle with cheese and meat. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes to firm.

From time to time we have had inquiries as to who teaches ROSEMALING. It has been several years since we updated our list of teachers. We would like to have a list of teachers ready to be printed in the May ACANTHUS VINE. Please send the following information to: DENA IVERSON, 1817 S. 262nd Pl., Kent, WA 98031, or bring to the March meeting.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ TEACH AT: _____

DAYS: _____ TIME _____

Rambling Rosemalers

Florence and Dick Buck visited in Sand Diego this past Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law. They delivered a handmade Norwegian chest to them. Dick made it and Florence rosemaled it.

Celia Hendrix and Helen Gjovaag spent 10 days in Hawaii early in February. Didn't see any rosemaling or rosemalers but did soak up a lot of sunshine and came back eager to paint again. One highlight of their stay was being at Kona at the time of the Ironman Triathalon. Very exciting!

Kay McMahon writes that she had a wonderful time in Norway in July. Teaching and mountain climbing were the highlights of the visit.

We would like to hear from other travellers. Hasn't anyone else taken a winter vacation?

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# NOTE .....
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# THE JURIED SHOW HAS BEEN
# POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER.
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# Look for information about
# entry rules in the May
# ACANTHUS VINE.
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TRAVEL TO NORWAY
ON
NORWAY'S "HEARTLAND TOUR"

May 16-31, 1982 (2 Weeks)
Complete tour cost - \$2060

Tour Leader - Florence Buck
\$100.00 deposit required

We will depart from Sea-Tac via SAS for two wonderful weeks in Norway. We will see the best of the old rosemaling and some of the new! We will arrive in Oslo in time to celebrate "Syttende Mai" (Constitution Day) with the Norwegians on Karl Johansgate and then depart for the heart of Norway.

The itinerary will include a delightful blend of activities to satisfy a cross-section of vacationers. There will be so much beautiful rosemaling including famous rooms by Thomas Luraas and Ole Hanson. We will visit folk museums so that you may better understand life as it was in Norway in the past. We will see the best of fine weaving, silver, needlework, bunads, carving, furniture and much more. Of course we will see a few stave churches on the way.

We will stay in lovely and quaint hotels tucked amidst breathtaking scenery that is a photographer's dream. We'll partake of several of Norway's smorgasbords, a not easily forgotten pleasure!

The tour includes guided sightseeing, airfare, land transportation, 3 meals per day, all hotel accommodations and museum admissions. We will take a special side trip to Porsgrunn Porcelain factory, spend several days in Telemark, two days in Bergen, two days in Hallingdal and take a ferry trip on the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord.

The tour will end in Oslo where you may plan to stay on and become better acquainted with this beautiful city.

If you are interested in more information about this very special tour or have questions, please write or call:

Florence Buck 9204 Division Ln SW, Tacoma, WA 98498 Ph: (206) 584-5392 or
Washington Travel Bureau, Inc. 500 American Federal Bldg. Tacoma, WA 98402
Ph: (206) 272-4211

Brochures will be available at the March meeting.

FLORENCE BUCK - NORWEGIAN ROSEMALING
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Large supply of unusual woodenware ----Many instruction books and patterns
Background paints -----rosemaled note cards -- brushes -- rosemaled head-
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DaVinci oil paints in rosemaling colors!

My own designs on an 8 page packet -\$4.00. Shop owners and teachers should
inquire about wholesale prices for 12 or more sets.

Please Come visit my studio and enjoy viewing my large collection of Norwegian
rosemaling collection. Have a cup of coffee!!

