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away for the summer I would like to help inspire you to get back to perfecting your rosemaling skills. Take the time to paint and you will be rewarded twice -- first because the process is so enjoyable and second because you will be creating beautiful family keepsakes.

My summer reading has garnered some inspirational thoughts that I keep going back to . . . "Wake up every morning and feel thankful for a new day! Don't waste it by backtracking too far into yesterday or reaching too far into tomorrow. Time is a gift that we all sometimes let slip away. We forget how important it is to enjoy our lives and to help others enjoy theirs. If you need to make changes in your life make them; create a lifestyle that makes you feel complete . . . Life is all around you; the gift of time allows you endless possibilities . . . Keep moving forward, and try to make every day your best day."

I hope the enjoyment of rosemaling will continue to be a part of your life. Not only will you be preserving a beautiful art form for your family to enjoy but in so doing you will pass this knowledge on to another generation. And that would certainly be an enjoyable and worthy use of the gift of time.

— Gro Marit Kleitsch