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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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Dear Rosemalers,

Thank you for re-electing me as your president and for re-electing an especially supportive and hard working board. We are all very excited about the changes that were approved at our last meeting.

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We now have four regional chairmen planning their four regional meetings. **Island/Snohomish County** is being lead by **Nina Kurrle**, **King County** by **Dede May**, **Kitsap County** by **Lois Clauson** and **Pierce County** by **Julie Ann Hebert**.

It will probably take us a while to adjust to this new meeting schedule after 27 years of the old schedule, but this proves that our organization is alive and well. It has successfully adjusted to changes in our lifestyles that were unimaginable just a few short years ago.

We now have also added an Internet affairs chairman (**Roberta Morrow**), who will keep us abreast of Internet resources. We don't know what changes we will see in the years ahead, but we do know what we like . . . we like Rosemaling. We want to learn more about Rosemaling, we want to preserve the history and promote the knowledge of Rosemaling. It is a worthy cause; an important mission and I salute you all for renewing your memberships, attending workshops and sharing your stories and knowledge. Your efforts will be rewarded in more ways than you can imagine.

There will be a **Board Meeting** immediately before the general meeting. **Members**, please bring any samples of Swedish Painting you may have to share at that meeting.

— Gro Marit Kleitsch

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The **Acanthus Vine** is published 4 times a year approximately two weeks prior to the coming meeting. News items that any member deems interesting or beneficial to our members is welcome. Send as **Word Doc** attached to e-mail if possible to **Barb Smith** (address above); or surface mail to **Gro Marit Kleitsch**.