



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an exciting month this April is for Rosemaling artists! At the Nordic Heritage Museum exhibit starting April 8, the public will have a chance to see some of the beautiful work that you artists create. And then pieces will be available to purchase at the Norwegian Heritage Festival at PLU on April 30<sup>th</sup> (make note of date change from the 23<sup>rd</sup>). These events will increase public awareness of our art form. I have talked with Michael

Monroe, the director/curator of the Bellevue Arts Museum, which will reopen this Spring with a new emphasis on crafts. Our Ballard exhibit offers an excellent chance for him to assess the possibility of exhibiting at the Bellevue Museum some time in the future.

Besides showing off our work, April also offers us the chance to improve our skills under the encouraging tutelage of Judith Kjenstad, a Vesterheim Gold Medalist who will be teaching two three-day workshops the week after our exhibit opens. The price for such classes will probably never be as low as the current \$25 per day fee. Let's not miss this opportunity!

To top it all off, our quarterly meeting will be April 17 at PLU. Come to celebrate the previous whirlwind week of painting and invite others who might have fallen under the charm of painting in this style. Yes, it will be a hectic, busy, demanding month, but the rewards could be amazing.

— Inga Carmack

There is a wealth of information amongst our members, but sometimes it is hard to find it when needed. We need to have a listing of *possible places where classes, meetings, or painting groups could convene*. We also need to know *who would be willing to teach a class*. A number of members do not like driving long distances or driving by themselves. *If you would be willing to drive someone else to an event, it would be helpful for the Regional Chairperson to know that*. *If you need a ride, call your Regional Chairperson for help*. Only about 20 members responded to the questionnaire last year about *what type of classes and on what days they should be offered*. Maybe group *paint-times* like the informal gathering at PLU on Wednesdays is what you want. If you have comments or information about any of these items or others, please contact me at [ingalarry@usa.net](mailto:ingalarry@usa.net) or call me at (360) 769-5458.

— Inga

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. If you have e-mail, send as **Word Doc** attached to e-mail to **Barb Smith** (address above-left); or surface mail to return address on this Vine.

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