



~ ~ **from the PRESIDENT**

HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope you all had happy holidays and are ready to begin another year of rosemaling.

Thank you to all who brought "show and tell" items to our last meeting. I think we are all interested in what others are painting or have collected and it was a joy to see so many members

bring items to this meeting. Please continue to do so.

Our major workshops were very successful this year. We began with Joanne McVay in April. **Mickey Buchanen** was a great volunteer for this workshop: she negotiated with her church for a space to paint, helped to get it set up, and made sure we all had coffee. Thank you **Mickey**. And in October we tried something new: a major workshop in Bend, Oregon with Judy Ritger. From everything I hear it was very successful. Many thanks are to due **Barb Smith** who coordinated location, lunches and snacks for everyone, in addition to her regular position of taking care of membership, newsletter, and WRA roster.

We already have major and mini-workshops planned for this year. Many thanks to those volunteers (**Dede May**, **Julie Ann Hebert**, and **Robin Gwinn**) who stepped forward to organize a mini workshop. As we do not have a mini workshop chairman these would not be taking place were it not for these fine members. It will be difficult in the coming year to continue mini-workshops without a chairman and committee to coordinate them. I would like all of you to consider taking on this important role. There are generally full registrations for workshops, so it is clear that there is interest in having them. However, we cannot continue to ask our elected officers, staff and other chairpersons (many of whom have been doing their jobs for many years) to do double duty.

Our January meeting will bring a few changes to our officers and staff. Please, even though there is no opposition, remember to send in your ballot.

I look forward to seeing everyone in January.

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