



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another year has flown by. As we start the New Year, a January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the new and outgoing Executive Boards is a brainstorming session for our organization. I encourage each and every one of you to voice your opinion any time as to how we might improve the Western Rosemalers Association. Whether you are present at the mini-retreat on the 4<sup>th</sup> or not, please relay to me any suggestions you might have. Only by knowing what our membership wants can we fulfill our goals.

Many thanks go to those of you who have taken on various responsibilities for WRA during 2005. I realize that everyone is terribly busy with many different aspects of life. It is only through individual commitments of time and energy that any non-profit organization such as ours can exist and grow. My heartfelt thanks to you!

According to our By-Laws, election of officers for the upcoming year depends on **Betty Edwards**, our Ballot Chairman, receiving the enclosed ballot from you before the next meeting on January 15. Please follow the directions even though you see that there are no heated races between opposing candidates! As an added incentive to receive your ballot, I encourage you to also enclose a check for raffle tickets. **John Huston** graciously donated a 23" tine that we are raffling off at \$1 per ticket. Slip your check into the same envelope and **Betty** will pass it on to **DeDe** for entry into the drawing. This way, you aren't restricted to being at a meeting in order to have a chance to win!

Mini workshops are being offered in January and February followed by a Spring Major Workshop. Just as the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Norwegians used colorfully painted rosemaled flower images to brighten the long and dark winter season, we can enliven our gray days in the Northwest with our oil and acrylic traditional designs.

**Happy Painting** to you from **Inga**

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