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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it looks like summer is here, and what better time is there to enjoy the beauty of our area? Better yet, do it amongst friendly people with whom you share a special interest! So here's the invitation. Take Sunday, July 17, as a day to visit Whidbey Island for the Western Rosemalers Association meeting. Enjoy a car trip with other Rosemalers, park at the ferry dock, walk on for a 20 minute scenic ferry ride and ride the bus up the hill to

enjoy lunch, a painting demo, a swap game and a short business meeting with other WRA members. (see page 2 for times and map.) Members living in the Northern areas of our Puget Sound will provide food for everyone. **Elizabeth Leese**, a 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner at our Juried Show, will give a short demo and talk about techniques that work well for her. A color print of her 36" plate is enclosed in this issue for your collection. And everyone is invited to bring a piece of wood, suitable for rosemaling, to swap. It can be old, new, backgrounded or bare. The surprise will be in what order you get to choose someone else's piece to take home as your own.

I realize that this meeting will involve a longer drive than for most meetings. Please call your Regional chairperson to let them know if you need a ride or if you are willing to include others in your car. This could be our first step toward making meetings more accessible to a larger group of members. Let's see how this works out. Finding a new location up north has been a problem. Suggestions for future meeting locations would be appreciated also.

With the hope of giving everyone longer advance notice about meeting dates, I'd like to mention briefly what is now planned. Since many members have not had the opportunity to visit Florence Burk's extensive collection of Rosemaling, **Julie Ann Hebert** arranged for the exhibit to be held over so that we could see it when we meet again Oct. 16. The Kitsap County group will still host the event, but the meeting location will be the Scandinavian Center at PLU, where a tour of the exhibit will be our program. This is also the time we will elect our nominating committee for next year's officers. Please think about

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