



Holiday Greetings

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Season's Greetings to One and All!

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Dear Friends and Family,

5th ANNIVERSARY!!

2018 began with a trip to Mexico to celebrate our 5th wedding anniversary. We spent nine days enjoying art, craft, food, and sun in Oaxaca with our friends Alden and Karen Mead. For a slide show [Click Here](#).



QUILTING:

Caryl spent much of the spring finishing a large quilt, which has been accepted into Quilt National. She also put several new patterns and sets of instructions on her website free of charge, since she has retired from both teaching and selling (except her quilts). Her other quilts have continued to win awards at most of the major shows this year. Once the big quilt was finished, she got a burst of creative energy and has completed seven additional quilts since June, including one for a show celebrating the 100th anniversary of the constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote. Click the pictures for the whole story of each one.



In March we joined several other supporters of Centrum (our local arts organization) in a cultural tour to LA, which included concerts, art shows, and a rare visit to the restoration department at the Getty museum.

In late June we hosted a group of 20+ quilters from Japan followed by an open house/studio the following day. By covering most of the doors, windows and shower stalls, we managed to hang 60 quilts. Click pictures for larger images.



In July and August Caryl had a solo show at a local gallery in Port Hadlock, WA, with 30 pieces, both old and new. She was even able to include some of her art-to-wear pieces.



PHOTOGRAPHY:

Ron has continued to enjoy his photography hobby during 2018 and has added several new lenses for his Sony a7R III camera. He has also spent many hours online, learning the ins and outs of photo editing.

At the end of June, we drove to Port McNeill on the north end of Vancouver Island (BC) and stayed with professional photographer Rolf Hicker, with whom we booked three photo tours. Rolf took us out in his boat for two full days of wildlife photography (whales, dolphins, grizzly bears, black bears, seals, eagles, sea lions and more) and our third tour was to a cave carved out of the rock by a scenic river. On July 1 (Canada Day) we drove to Port Hardy, where the paved road ends, and enjoyed watching the Canadians celebrate their Independence Day. For a slide show [Click Here](#) or on the pictures.



In early September we flew to St. George, UT to begin a tour of the canyons of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. We first drove to Escalante and explored the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument for three

days. On September 11, we drove to Page, AZ and took a tour of the Glen Canyon Dam. The following day we took a special photographic tour of Antelope Canyon, after which we drove back to St. George to join Natural Habitat Adventures for a nine-day photographic tour which took us to Bryce Canyon, Zion, and the Grand Canyon (north rim) National Parks. [CLICK HERE](#) or on the pictures to see the whole [SLIDE SHOW](#) and some of Ron's best pictures yet.



In November we went to the big International Quilt Festival in Houston and enjoyed seeing many of our friends. We were also able to savor the whole show at a leisurely pace, since Caryl has retired from teaching.

FAMILY:

Since we were headed south anyway, we were able to visit Ron's family in Arkansas just before the quilt festival. Ron booked three days for the whole family at a B&B in Bentonville, where his niece and nephew live. It was a wonderful to have everyone together for a family reunion.

Once again this year, we spent Thanksgiving with Caryl's family at her sister Pat's house on Whidbey Island. We do love to see friends and family, so if you are coming our way, be sure to contact us.

Best wishes to our friends, family, and country in 2019.

Ron & Caryl