

December 31, 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

NOTE: This is an interactive newsletter. Click on any picture or link for larger images and/or more information.

Thoughts on 2020:

A few years ago, when I was traveling almost full time, I used to say that a vacation, for me, would be to get to just stay home and not have to fly off anywhere. I wasn't expecting my vacation to last quite this long or that everyone else in the world would be joining me.

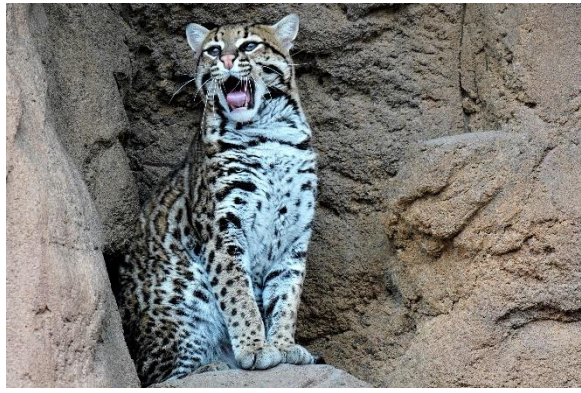
During our isolation this year, Ron and I have felt very lucky to have each other and a comfortable home in a spot that is pretty close to paradise on earth. We are grateful to those who continue to work, delivering parcels to our door, groceries to our car, routine medical appointments online, and many other services that made it possible for us to stay healthy. We had a spectacular Summer and Caryl spent many hours outdoors, clearing brush and planting dozens of ferns to replace blackberries and other invasive weeds. We continue to exercise at home and play frequent sets of ping-pong, although Ron has one knee that limits our sets to three games each. Caryl enjoys frequent outdoor walks with our friend and neighbor Cindy Lerouge. With barber shops closed, Ron is now sporting a buzz cut.

TRAVEL & PHOTOGRAPHY:

We were fortunate to be able to take two trips before the pandemic set in.

Tucson:

In January we joined our good friends Alden and Karin Mead for a relaxing week at a resort in Tucson. [CLICK HERE](#) or on the pictures for a slide show of the photos we took while we were there



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Chile:

We flew to Punta Arenas, Chile, at the southern tip of South America, and from there drove five hours north to Torres del Paine National park, where we spent five days. [CLICK HERE](#) or on the pictures for a slide show of the Chile part of our journey.



Antarctica:

This was a very special trip for Ron, because it was a photography workshop with two, world-famous photographers, Art Wolfe and Kevin Raber. We flew to Antarctica from Punta Arenas and spent five days on a brand-new arctic exploration vessel. Although the virus had not yet appeared in South America, we were all checked by a doctor before we boarded the plane, and two passengers from Hong Kong were denied boarding. Here is the [SLIDE SHOW](#) of the Antarctic part of our trip. It's 27M, so it may take a few moments to load, depending on your bandwidth. Caryl has now visited every continent and got to pose with the 7th continent flag.



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We took so many photos of beautiful icebergs we made a separate [SLIDE SHOW](#) of just the best of the “Nice Ice”. Think of it as floating through a museum of giant modern art sculptures

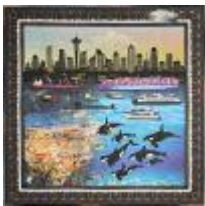


We also took dozens of photos of rusty whale oil tanks on Deception Island [CLICK HERE](#) for *Just Rust*)



QUILTING:

Caryl made Twenty-one new quilts this year. One was inspired by our visit to Patagonia, five were inspired by Antarctica, one was inspired by a photo taken from our breakfast room window, and seven of them were 12” square miniatures. Click on any picture for the whole story and larger images.



[J Pod: 2020](#)



[It's All Relative: 2020](#)



[Nice Ice #1: 2020](#)



[Nice Ice #2: 2020](#)



[Guanaco: 2020](#)



[Deception Decomposition #1: 2020](#)



[Deception Decomposition #2: 2020](#)



[Glacier #1: 2020](#)

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[Feather Study #36a: 2020](#)



[Midnight Fantasy #11: 2020](#)



[Duet #5: 2020](#)



[Spirogyra #6: 2020](#)



[Northern Harrier: 2020](#)



[Bradford Fantasy #3: 2020](#)

If some of these look familiar, it's because they are updated versions of designs I made in the past.

12" x 12" Miniatures



[Miniature 2020A: 2020](#)



[Miniature 2020B: 2020](#)



[Miniature 2020C: 2020](#)



[Miniature 2020D: 2020](#)



[Miniature 2020E: 2020](#)



[Miniature 2020F: 2020](#)



[Miniature 2020G: 2020](#)

Caryl's quilts were in several exhibitions this year, but as you may imagine, most of the national quilt shows were cancelled and some are already cancelled for 2021. Caryl has two upcoming solo exhibitions scheduled in the Spring. We'll hope and wait and see.

We plan to get the vaccine the minute it is available and will be staying home until then. We can't wait to start traveling, and eating out, and hugging our friends again.

We wish safety, health, and joy for you, our friends and family, and peace and healing for our country in 2021.

Ron & Caryl