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Check this one out --- Drawing for some neat Christmas gifts. This will be discussed later in this letter.

First I want to tell you of a Doctor in Anchorage, Alaska (He will not let me give his name) who has a heart as big as the ocean. After reading one of my last newsletters this man wanted to pay for the face jug gift to Robyn Grace, the lovely cancer patient. Then he went on to send money to buy food for some needy families in the alley behind the gallery. I can't tell you how many people this man brought joy and the true spirit of the holidays. I say to him, Thank you, how very, very kind of you.

I spoke with Bernice Sims yesterday by phone. She sends her love. She is turning 83 years old Christmas day. She would love to hear from you. Her address and phone number are--- Bernice Sims, 215 Bradley, Street, Brewton, Alabama 36426---phone 1-251-867-2441.

And please remember Myles Corbin, my grandson, as he continues to serve in Afghanistan dismantling bombs. His address is

**SrA Myles Corbin
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A reason to keep my gallery open---I served with the California Highway Patrol in my earlier years. I was alone, patrolling in South Stockton, an undesirable and very dangerous area. It was just getting dark when I stopped three men in a car. They immediately got out, as did I. Somehow I managed to let the men get between the patrol car and me. I couldn't get to my radio. I

knew I'd had it! I was so scared. I looked up and saw headlights coming. To my knowledge there were no other patrol units around. But somehow the headlights belonged to a CHP car being driven by Lee Marshall and his partner. Now, Lee was very tough but very fair. He jumped out of the patrol car and I knew I had just been saved. I will never forget! I get chills from writing about it. Well, I told this story to a couple of customers I had last Saturday. Would you believe, the customers were Carolyn and Burt, the daughter and son of Lee Marshall!

What an absolute surprise!

Wow!

We have been adding to the Inspirational section of the gallery---see www.gravescountry.com



And we just purchased the entire wall of paintings by Steven Chandler, the great Georgia Red Mud folk artist!

I never tire of his work! I wish that I could make the picture larger but space doesn't permit. Please check out the website. The work is presently being shipped.



We are extremely honored to represent the famous potter Peter Lenzo and his son, Joe, age 13. Joe has been making face jugs since he was 5 years old. Please check our website for more information! Here is one of Joe's jugs.

Can you imagine what thrill it is to have these two on the same website as their friend, renowned potter Michel Bayne!



I have always enjoyed the love of Mexican retablos as contained in the Inspirational section of our gallery. Now we are pleased to bring you ex votos painted by the most famous family of Retableros in the world today, the Vilchis family. This is by Alfredo Vilchis and he is giving thanks to the Virgin of Guadalupe for President Obama.

And we are presently negotiating with another absolutely famous Retablero artist, Selva Prieto Salazar. We may be able to offer you a “Salazar” ex voto soon. Again it thrills me to bring such great artists to the gallery! Come-on New York, can you compare! Selva writes a wonderful blog –Please check <http://www.retableros.blogspot.com> then look at La gracia de dar las gracias. It is wonderful! Translated this means “The Grace To Thank”!

And we now come with our gifts to you, our loyal readers, artists, potters, and customers:

First---24” x 24” painting “Sister’s barn” by the well-known artist, Ken Gentle, also known as Blacktop Value \$250 plus---

Second---Cracker box top painting by Jack Savitsky---Value \$50 plus---(Yes, Jack Savitsky the famous artist!)

Third---Old German Bible—Stuttgart 1910

Fourth---Book “Mose T’s Family Album by Robert Ely

Fifth--- Autographed book “Detour Art” by well-known Kelly Ludwig

Sixth and Final--- Antique painting of an “Old Church In the Mountains” this is slightly split down the center but it is wonderful!

Shipping is free---this is open to everyone who reads the letter. Just write and say Merry Christmas OlRoff and Arlene

And tell us please if you don't want any one of the gifts such as the old German bible! The

Names received will be placed in a container and drawn on December 8th. You will have the gift before Christmas.

Please –only one gift per family.

Merry Christmas

OlRoff

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