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January 2010 Newsletter update

First: Congratulations to the great folk artist, Juanita Leonard.

I understand that she has been written up in the "Folk Art Messenger" which is published by the Folk Art Society. I have not yet seen it but I know it is there. She deserves it. She is a great lady!



Here is a copy of an email I received from her Friday: HELLO MR ROFF, I'M BACK PAINTING SOME, HAVE SOME PEOPLE COMING TOMORROW TO LOOK AT MY WORK, AND MR JIM WANT A PAINTING. I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL YOU GET YOUR COPY. THANK YOU OL ROFF, AND GOD BLESS YOU JUANITA.

Here is what Dr. Mark Bernhardt has to say about it: nothing new but GREAT NEWS. The current issue of Folk Art Messenger (the magazine of the Folk Art Society) has a wonderful piece on my friend and mentor, Juanita Leonard (MA The Ascension.) I encourage everyone to read it and start buying Juanita's art because I think she's about to hit the well-deserved big time. See you all next week.
Mark

And now lets hear some more from Doctor Mark: Here we are in 2010 and I've got my first piece for your consideration. It's the second in my series, Articles of Faith. This one's based on folk and faith treatments for acne. There's a lot going on:



Toothpaste, cucumbers, Pepto-Bismol, goat's milk, oatmeal, peppermint, Milk of Magnesia all of which have been touted as effective topical treatments. The cotton balls surrounding the peppermint and Pepto-Bismol eyeballs represents the cotton balls that can be used to swab on any number of other remedies like apple cider vinegar, neem oil, ad seemingly infinitum But my favorite-and literally the basis for this piece-is an enamel urinal because some people advocate washing your face with urine to clear up your complexion! If the choice was up to me between piss and pimples I'd go for the latter! Don't look for anything next week-taking daughter back up to college. But that will give me an opportunity to get the final piece for my next Article

of Faith. It's a secret, but if you want a hint, my daughter goes to school in New Orleans.
Catch ya later
Mark

There is so much to write about. Steven Chandler is painting his great-grandfather's death by lightning while fighting in the Civil War. This is a much anticipated painting. You will read more about it in the February Update.

I am a retired State of California Investigator, former California Highway Patrol Officer and I love a good mystery. Well I found one on ebay. I love the primitive paintings of Joseph Coal Miner. They are so inexpensive. Adding to that are the bible stories they represent. Look on ebay for josephcoalminer and you will find good inexpensive oil on canvas paintings OR look on our website. You will pay a bit more but still inexpensive.

And who is Joseph? Lets hear from him.

Dear ol_roff,

Hello dear ol-roff: i was born in 1961 in a small mining village in Upper Silesia 40 minutes from Auschwitz. In a family with a long mining tradition. I worked 4 years as miner-driller in front of combine where coal is cut. i also spent 2 years in military in communist Poland and 2 years in refugee camp in Italy. Now i live in the north part of Vancouver Island in a mobile home with my wife and poodle. live by my means. love nature and pristine air that is why i chose this remote community.

The subject of my work is related with my childhood. i grew up with a mystical woman which was my Oma.

could be Mark Joseph k but i prefer to be Joseph Coal Miner.

i hope this can demystify any questions.and that my art shows my inner life Truly.

jcm

note: i do not write in the computer, my wife lists and writes for me.



Happy 83rd birthday to Bernice Sims on Christmas Day. She continues to paint. Her wishes are for everyone to have a great 2010!

Everyone, please say a prayer for my Grandson Myles Corbin in Afghanistan. His lovely wife, Holly will give birth to their baby daughter Feb 14th. I am so very proud of these two young people.

For you who sent Xmas cards and packages and received them back, I am so sorry. Myles had moved to a new location. He has since moved again and I have no idea of his new address.

I am obviously not a writer so please forgive my errors. Arleney and I wish you all a very happy 2010.

May God keep his loving arms around you!

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