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**May 06, 2010 Newsletter update**



**First! We are all so thankful the Myles is safe at home with his lovely wife, Holly, and their baby girl, Addy. Holly, please forgive me for not having you in this photo but I can't find one---next newsletter I promise!**

**Myles, An EOD Tech with the USAF just completed a tour in Afghanistan dismantling bombs---see Hurt Locker! He says that the scariest thing about it is the Snipers. The stories he can tell! So darn proud of you Myles!**

**Myles is a died-in the-wool 100% EOD Tech thru and thru. He is crazy and loves it!**

**The world of Folk Art lost three wonderful artists during the month of April. They are Annie Wellborn, Myrtice West, and Purvis Young.**

**I was closest with Annie. When I first read of her Physic experiences I telephoned her. We discussed similar experiences and she told me, "Get on the airplane and get right down here!" I made arrangements and went to see her. She took me to some haunted sights and we had a great time. I later represented her at Folk Fest. Two of our daughters have Annie's paintings in their homes. She is the favorite artist of our daughter, Cindy Farnsworth in Salt Lake City.**

**Darn-it Annie, why didn't I see that Ball of Fire when you went!**

**If you did not obtain a free copy of Slotin's Folk Art Auction catalog, you goofed. It was a great auction! Be sure and not miss the one that will be held in November! I am always amazed at what is selling. Steve and Amy are Mr. and Mrs. Folk Art of America. They are totally honest! I am so pleased to know them and to count them as my friends!**



**Bruce Bruce! Where are you! You have so much going for you and yet you again drop out of sight! How can I represent you and show your carvings! (Bruce Azevedo)**



**My wife is in Boston and I can't figure out how to turn the TV on. I have spent my time playing with the photo log. I looked at some work of Fred Griffing and tied it in with Albert Alvarez (My adopted grandson) Obviously he is Poncho Villa reincarnated!**

**Playing with this computer is more fun than TV!**

**And how could I not talk about the best carver in the country, Shane Campbell. I believe he is the very best and his stories are beyond your imagination. Here is his story of "Sometimes Pigs Really Do Fly" (and this is a true story by Shane)**

Years ago I was at a show in Atlanta when I had just first started selling my art. I was approached by a man in his late sixties and he asked if I would carve him a flying pig. I asked why a flying pig and he told me that several years earlier his wife of many years had passed away he had reconnected with his high school sweetheart who had cancer and was

living in California. Her husband had passed away and they had found each other after all these years. On the phone one night she had talked of dying and had told him how bad she felt from the cancer and the treatments. He told her not to worry as the chemo would help her. She said: "Yeah right...when pigs fly". He wanted me to carve her a flying pig because of that conversation. I made him a flying pig and on the base of it I wrote: "Sometimes pigs really do fly". I have been giving them away ever since to cancer patients whenever I could. A few years later I was at Brimfield, Mass. at an outdoor antique show and low and behold, the couple came into my booth and told me how she, though not in remission, had gotten better and they were married. She told me how she was at a low point in her life when the flying pig arrived and how it helped to change her attitude. And that is the story of the flying pig.



Now here is the surprise. Be the first person to go to [www.gravescountry.com](http://www.gravescountry.com) and click on Shane Campbell . Click on the Flying Pig and watch it for a few seconds. The first person to email me back with the kind of instrument Shane Campbell is playing will win this neat carving!

**Some really good paintings are enroute to our gallery. One is a TRAIN by Jimmy Sudduth.**

**As you probably know, we specialize in the work of Jimmy Sudduth. At any given time we have 20 plus of his paintings in our gallery!**

**Thank you for being on our emailing list. If you want to be removed please email me and I will remove you immediately.**

**Lastly, please say a prayer of Thanksgiving for Myles to be back and please remember those American troops still there.**

**Final Lastly----Check the Blog on the website and comment. Tell me off. Its OK. I will publish it!**

**Bye until June  
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