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August 2010 Newsletter

First: The IRS audit is continuing. It is a difficult time for us but we are in the good hands of Laura Strombom, All about Numbers. And our God is watching over us.

This last week in the gallery has been wonderful, no sales but yet wonderful. I was so fortunate to have a great friend and customer, Mike Zimmerer visit! AND yesterday I was delighted to have one of the best Investigators I have ever known and worked with for several years, Demetri Dartis visit. He was accompanied by his beautiful daughter, Zaire! What a delightful surprise!



And to add frosting to the cake, we received a phone call from a friend/artist/Neuro Scientist, Doctor Lisa Cain. Gosh it was fun talking with her.

This world has given us so much. Why should we worry about an IRS audit! God is Great! God is Good!

The next thing is kind of new to me but I really want to do this. I have heard about this young lady and I have watched her on Facebook. She is 16 years old and sharp as a tack. I think that a TV

Series could be made from her happenings! She is Brienna Griffin of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She loves to paint and aspires to go forth in this world of art. I want to encourage her in every way I can. I offered to share one of her paintings here in my newsletter. Lets hear from her:



[Brie Lorraine Griffin](#) August 5 at 4:42pm

its called hidden love, because hidden within it are crosses that you can see in person, i made this painting because it really shows that despite what society wants you to believe, and no matter how many times you get hurt and how messy it may sometimes be,



beneath it all there is love from someone greater

Brie, I wish you all the luck in the world. The art is a wonderful world. Most of us involved get lost in it and it is so addicting. Thank you for being part of this newsletter!

Not too long ago I decided to go on Facebook. I invite all of you to look me up. There are so many wonderful people to connect with. There are people such as the great writers, Michael Largo and Kelly Ludwig, artists such as Levent Isik, Dr. Lisa Cain, Melissa Polhamas, Wendy D. Worsham, Haint Bradley, Matt Sesow, David Padworny, and many many others. Connect with them. You will find them great artists and great people!

Speaking of Michael Largo, I just purchased several of his books through his publisher. I will be offering one of his books each month as a prize in my newsletter, as well as other prizes. I also just purchased several books by John A. Burrison, the author of

Southern Pottery books such as “Brothers in Clay”. I am buying every book I can pertaining to Folk Art. People are always saying to me, “There is just nothing written” Truth is—there is much written. I will probably offer the books for sale very soon.

I believe an undiscovered artist is JCM---All I know him by is Joseph. I bought every painting I could by him. His colors are vivid. His paint is thick. I just love his work. Look at it on my website www.gravescountry.com . I will give away any unframed painting by him of your choice as a prize if you are lucky enough to win it. Just tell me the one you want.

The prizes are always gone within an hour of my newsletter being sent. I am going to change that! Here are the new rules. First everyone is welcome to play. I want you to guess a number between 1 and 100. Just email me back with a number. If your number is closest to the chosen number then you tell me which prize you want. You have until August 15th to get back to me. Good Luck! Prizes are (1) Portable Obituary by Michael Largo or Painting of choice by JCM. I will notify the winners on August 16th.

Look for some good prizes next month such as a book by John Burrison, a book by Michael Largo, a painting or carving, and who know what!

My world of authors, artists, potters, carvers, friends, gosh I love you all!

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PS: Please read my website blog.---and I almost forgot! I am getting some Exvotos by the wonderful artists in Mexico City, Selva Prieto Salazar and her sister Maya.— plus I am buying some paintings by the old masters such as B.F. Perkins and Jimmy Sudduth!

