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December Newsletter

Here it is a beautiful November day. I am writing the monthly newsletter a little bit early. The sale I am running has shifted gears a little backwards. Effective December 1 the sale prices have changed to as follows: 10% any one item, 15% off any two items, and 20% off any three or more items. This sale will end December 31st.

We just returned from a wonderful trip to New Orleans. I can't explain the joy of New Orleans. It holds something for everyone. The food was wonderful. The people so fun and beyond! Great artists and great courtesy from all! Arlene got her night of Cajun Dancing –was even asked to dance by a professional dancer! We attended the African American Franklin Ave Baptist Church on Sunday and were fully blessed by doing so! I just wish I could share all the events of the trip but it would take several pages to do so.

Arlene, not the folk art collector in our family, bought her first painting. I am still shocked. The painting and the artist, Daniel “Danny” Garcia impressed her so much that she couldn't pass on it. We both believe Danny will be a really well known artist in the future. I wish I could capture the beauty of the painting! It is on a door from a house destroyed in the hurricane. We are now representing Danny!





And we also took on another New Orleans artist, Ritchie Jordan. His art is very colorful and is abstract. What a pleasure it was to spend time with Ritchie and to purchase a few paintings for our gallery.

Ritchie is a former Marine and a top New York chef. He and Mindy, his wife left New York and moved to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Their dream is to help rebuild that city.



Let us talk about another former artist of New Orleans, Sharon Johnson. Sharon was discovered in Jackson, Mississippi. She later moved to New Orleans, met her husband, became Mrs. Williams, and moved away. I lost track of her but reconnected just recently. She now lives with her husband and little boy in Tennessee. I have talked her into letting me represent her again.

Here is a photo of Sharon's little boy, Zoejah!

I wish I had room to show a few of Sharon's painting but will keep it to two:

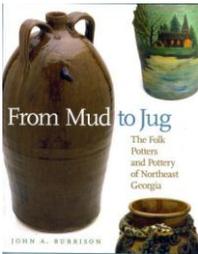


It is not my intention to become a craft dealer . I can't help but feel that these key chains are original art by Sharon. They are so good. You be the judge! They are signed on the reverse side. At least one will be given away with this letter

And we have gotten some small paintings by Marion Crow. Please check them out. Here is a 11" x 14" painting that will be given to some lucky person. Some of Marion's smaller



paintings are still for sale. This one is the prize!---could be yours!



I never forget you face jug collectors and what would this be without something for you. How about a copy of Mud To Jug by John Burrison!

Let us not forget Bernice Sims. This is her birthday month—Christmas day is her birthday—84th I believe. We love Bernice!

I haven't said a word about some of the great living artists we represent such as Steven Chandler—Georgia Red Mud, Kelly Moore, David Padworny, Annie Tolliver, Levent Isik, Our dear Juanita Leonard, Shane Campbell, John Abduljaami, A.V Smith, Terry and Peggy Hosey, The wonderful Hewell family, A.V. Smith, Jerry Brown, Michel Bayne, Peter and his son Joe Lenzo, And gosh, who else? We love all of you!

To you great artists and dear customers, we wish you a great holiday. And to anyone (relative or not), you are welcome to enter the contest. Just email a number between 1 and 500 by December 5th and you may win a fun prize. If you do not want one of the prizes, please say so. Arleney is picking a number right now. It is ___-please note—It is not possible for me to reply to everyone about who won. I will notify the winners by December 7th. In case of tie the email received first will win.

Please continue to next page for list of prizes

First prize- Either/Or
Marion Crow's "Picking Flowers"
Or
Sharon Johnson's "Wedding" please note—frame is not included

Second prize-
Remaining one of the two paintings above

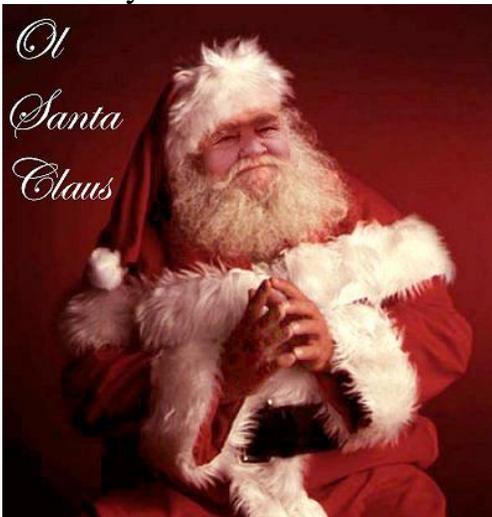
Third, Fourth, and Fifth prizes
One of Sharon's key chains

Sixth prize
Package of Sharon's notes

Seventh prize
Book "Mud to Jug"

So Arlene has given me a number—all artists(includes potters and carvers), customers, friends, family, everyone can play.

So Merry Christmas!



You People Make my World!
OlRoff—by Steven chandler

Roff M. Graves



Happy Thanksgiving! And yes I love it
By Kimberly Gates

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