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June Newsletter update

Well, the great wedding took place June 18th in Lodi. I want to write about it as it is a love story that needs to be told but I have no pictures to show you. Every story needs pictures so I am holding off until July. I started to write a book about this couple, particularly the bride, Angela but it heavily involved family members so I pulled back. I had about 30 or 40 pages written. Any writers out there who need a good love story to write about?

It has turned hot here. In the gallery yesterday it must have been at least 120 degrees. My tiny a/c seemed like a joke!

Last months letter told about Karen Foret Franks. She is a wonderful artist in Prairieville, Louisiana. Last Saturday I was looking at all the paintings she had for sale on her website, picking and choosing what I was going to buy for the gallery. Well I decided to buy certain ones that I loved so I phoned her yesterday, Monday to cinch the deal. Too late! Another gallery in Louisiana picked her up to represent her. That gallery owner purchased 100% of the paintings on her website! She is still being represented by our gallery but now I have heavy competition. She is worth it!



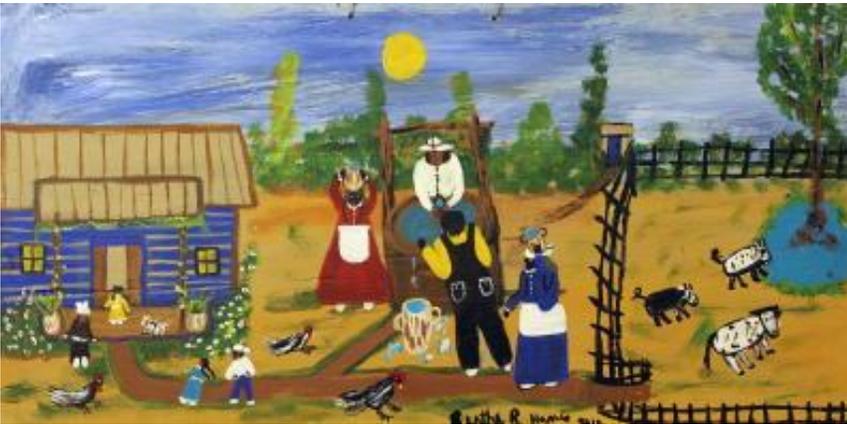
I just looked at Karen's website. She still has the sold paintings showing. If you want to see them, please go to our website www.gravescountry.com and click on links then click on her website. This will tell you the prices she is asking. It will be fun to see what she is doing.

Karen and I worked agreed to share cost of a painting for you. I paid her one-half of her asking price and framed the painting. It will be a prize from both of us and is this month's main prize. Here it is. It is titled "Secret Gardens" and is 8" x 10"/framed it is 12 3/4" x 15 1/4".

The value of this painting framed is \$175



Karen's sister **Connie Summers** paints under the name Jensey. She can be found on ebay under wienfield1923. For a spot of color, check her out. Her prices are very reasonable. This painting is our second prize.



Bertha Harris is our latest addition to the gallery, She lives in Shreveport, Louisiana. When I saw her paintings I knew I wanted her in our gallery. One painting in particular caught my eye. I want you to look at this painting. It is so much like I remember as a young child in

the Panhandle of Texas. The cistern—how many of you have any idea of what a cistern is! I laugh when I think most of us would never drink from the same cup, well folks, we all drank from the same dipper in the same pail of water, drawn from a cistern! And guess what, I am 75 years old and in fairly good health! And look at the wonderful perspective of the sizes of the animals. I love this artist!

I am always looking to buy paintings and I just found a nice 24"x 48" "Toto" by **Jimmy Sudduth**—it may be in the gallery soon.

I continue to sell Sudduths and have only 15 or 16 left. I loved the Sudduth family and will always have great Sudduths regardless of the cost!

The 2nd Sunday of each month is the Antique Flea Market in Sacramento. I think it was one of the best I have been to. Frankly, I ran out of money and space to haul. We are adding great primitives and folk art to our gallery continually. It is growing by leaps and bounds. Arlene finally refers to it as “our gallery”. –Yes you can—Yes you can visit our gallery--- we have added 4 or 5 virtual tours so sit back and take a tour or two!

Right now **Jason Mahlke** and I are planning something really nice for you newsletter recipients. We are sharing in the expense of a face jug he will be preparing as a prize. What a great prize!

And

Steven Chandler is doing likewise.---How is that for prizes! Two of the best artists/potters in America!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
So, watch for July and August newsletters.

I could write

a book—so many new additions in the gallery! So many new customers to make happy—from California to Maine/ from Alaska to Florida/ and across the ocean to France, Spain, Australia, Great Britain. Holy mackerel, it almost scares me.

In saying goodbye, please don't forget the following two must visit places in the Lodi area (other than our gallery):

Knowlton Gallery—Best of Fine Art!—downtown Lodi
Old Bean Barn in Linden, Ca

Almost forgot---to win a painting you must pick any number between 1 and 500 and email it back to me by July 1st. On that day our grandson, **Jaden (age 7)** will either tell us a number or pick a number someway. The closest number will win—if there is a tie, then the first email received will be the winner. All are invited to participate except the artists who painted either painting. Please, if you are in Alaska or not in the USA, feel free to enter but I will have to ask that you pay shipping if you win.

Lastly, right now and for the next few months, off and on, I will be selling paintings on ebay commencing at 99 cents, with no reserve. Please bid. There is nothing wrong with the paintings—just clearing some out of the gallery and having fun doing so.

Look on ebay under **ol_roff or ol_Roff**.

We would love to have you visit—Until then, may God watch over you and keep you safe!

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PS: To learn the winners, please check the red banner on the front of our website. It is now impossible to notify all the entrants personally. Winners only will be notified on July 1st.

