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Thank you D,L.Marian, the great macabre artist who has become a part of Graves Country Gallery.

First, a Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas to our Beloved Bernice Sims. Bernice is turning 85 years old. Please send her a note saying hello—Bernice Sims, 215 Bradley Street, Brewton, Alabama 36426. She is still painting and always shows at Kentuck in October. She is doing well other than the normal aches and pains we seniors seem to acquire.

Also Happy Birthday Christmas to our wonderful daughter, Cindy Frisk Farnsworth in Salt Lake City, and to our grandson USAF S/Sgt Myles Corbin who is presently teaching in Wichita Falls, Texas about how to dismantle bombs We are so proud of you Myles!

And this is the DECEMBER letter you have been waiting for. There are one great prize and two fun prizes that are going to be given to some lucky winners! The prizes are (1) A really nice face jug by Jason Mahlke, (2) An antique Stomach Bitters bottle, and (3) A book “Vampire Art Now” —artist Donna Marian has a page in the book. Instructions will be given later in this letter.

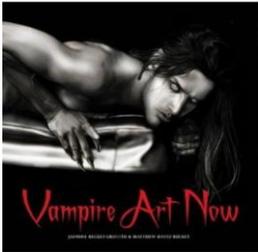
It has been years since antique bottles have been sold in the gallery. We sold a very large collection for a small amount of money as we were being bombarded by undesirable shoplifters-- so I just threw in the towel—quit—wouldn't even allow a bottle in the gallery. I have never lost the love for them so I will be bringing some back. One will be given away this month. It is a bottle dug in the Benicia, California Mud Flats. It's a Dr Hostetters Stomach Bitters—As Found—primitive.—A fun piece for your primitive collection.



Hostetter's Stomach Bitters contained as much as 43% alcohol (86 proof!) during the early 1900s, it's primary intent was medicinal though undoubtedly many people who used this very popular product did not have self-medication in mind (American Medical Assoc. 1921). The value of this bottle is \$25.



The best prize is one everyone is waiting for. It is a very nice face jug by Jason Mahlke, The Yankee potter. Jason is jointly giving this jug so the winner will owe him a big “Thank You”. Jason’s jugs are highly sought after. The value of this jug is \$300.



This gift is a fun book that younger people will love. I am giving this to honor our newest artist, Macabre Artist D.L. Marion. It is so much fun to have her with us! The value of this book is \$29.95.

Please pay close attention as you will not win if you do not follow instructions: (1) Send a email with your name and tell me what prize you want to win. Here is what is important. I will need an email for each prize. Just tell me which prize. If you do not tell me a prize, your name will not be included for the drawing. You may enter all the drawings—just need an email for each prize, telling me what you want. All members of your family may enter as long as they have their own email. Every one, including our family members, is encouraged to enter.

An example: John Doe entering for the face jug
Or John Doe entering for the bottle

Or John Doe entering for the book

You may enter for all three—just send separate three emails. Drawing will be held December 11th so that you can have the items by Christmas---good luck!

Our gallery is changing rapidly. We have just purchased a collection of smaller Steven Chandler paintings, three more paintings by Jimmy Lee Sudduth, several paintings by Karen Foret Franks and many antique items—gone crazy redoing the gallery—decorator Albert Alvarez, modeling the items is the lovely Rochelle (Chili Bean) Alvarez, helper is Nick Lang, bookkeeper is Wendy Gates. Arlene and I are the owners. From all of us, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

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PS: First one of these I have ever seen—Found it in the great Antique Bottle Show in Auburn, Calif. last Sunday



