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### January 2012 Newsletter Update

**As our gallery continues to grow we have well known photographers, authors, doctors, and many professionals joining our list of customers. I tend to become very humble as I write this. Please realize that I am writing this as if I was speaking with you.**

**I do not type well nor do I see well so you may find lots of mistakes. Please excuse them!**



**Recently I was looking through a chest at home when I came across a snuff bottle painted by Clementine Hunter. It is presently in the gallery—not for sale. I then ran across some on ebay, Some were very inexpensive but I didn't get around to buying any. I did buy an expensive one from the mid 1800s for \$76. plus shipping. Here is a picture of it.**

**Well, my sweet little Hard-Shelled Baptist Grandma Emma dipped snuff, I can remember her dipping and I can remember her spitting. She used a tin can for a spittoon, The tin can set on the floor to the left front of her chair. She could spit and hit that tin can without hardly moving her head. I am still in awe over it!**

Thinking about it got me to wondering so I looked on the Internet. Did you know if they would have followed up on it, this statement written in 1701 may have stopped men from using it—More fun about tobacco—“1701: HEALTH: MEDICINE: Nicholas Andryde Boisregard warns that young people taking too much tobacco have

*trembling, unsteady hands, staggering feet and suffer a withering of "their noble parts".*

### **And a tribute to Grandma Emma**

Preachin' or Meddlin'?

The ambiguity of tobacco as a vice is illustrated by an old joke. A preacher was inveighing against several vices.

"All you people who drink are going to Hell!" he shouted.

"Amen!" responded the elderly lady.

"And all you people who smoke are going to Hell!" the preacher said.

"Amen!" she shouted.

"And all you people who dip snuff are going to Hell!" he went on.

The old lady jumped up and shouted, "You just stop a preachin' and started to meddlin'!

The bottle in your left is mid 1800s, hand blown with an open pontil. The center bottle was painted by Clementine Hunter in the 1970s-The bottle to your right is from the early 1900s.





A month or so back I was told of two sisters who painted and was asked to look at their work. They are Ashley Scott. Age 19 (I think) and Adeana Scott, age 16. Ashley is a student at Pacific Union College. Adeana is a student at Lodi SDA Academy. Adeana showed me a photo of her made up face for a Halloween party. I was amazed. I asked her if she could do dolls in the same fashion. She told me she'd never done so but was willing to try. I am showing you her doll and we are asking that you name the doll. Please send an email with your name for the doll. If Adeana choosing that name, you will receive a \$50. gift certificate for use on anything in the gallery.



**Adeana uses acrylic paint, tissue paper and Elmer's glue. Is there such a thing as Macabre Folk Artist?**



I am buying American Primitive antiques as well as the best folk art in the country. Take a look at this antique Roulette wheel which I just purchased at my favorite antique shop, The Bean Plant Emporium, Linden, Ca,—phone (209) 887-1893. It is handmade. It is so old that the rim is a wooden wheel bicycle rim.

Now lastly but very important is this months' prize. It is "Woman Sweeping" by Steven Chandler, Georgia Red Mud Artist. You must answer this question. You must name Steven's favorite color of paint and name the member of Steven's family who has that name. You can find that on our website. Send an email with that information of it. Your name and information will be included in a drawing that will be held on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Winner will be notified and the winning info will be placed on our website Red Banner.



In closing, I salute you S/Sgt Myles Corbin, USAF , Teaching Bomb Dismantling in Wichita Falls, Texas and all the rest of you Armed Forces members through out the world. How very much we appreciate you!

Gosh, I love my friends and family. You folks keep me alive and young in spirit!

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