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**April Newsletter \*\*\*\*\* Free Prizes\*\*\*\*HUGE SALE\*\*\*\***

This is the largest sale we have ever had—Prices off many items 10% to 50% for the month of April only. Just some of the artists are Jimmy Sudduth (10%), Bernice Sims (10%), Jack Savitsky (10%), Karen Franks (35%), A.V .Smith (25%), Mose Tolliver (35%), Anne Tolliver (35%), JCM (50%) and on and on—you must read under “Category” on the website. Many of the items are under our costs.

Next—I still have not decided the monthly prizes or rules of the contest—will decide at the end of the letter.

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First, many of you know that my daughter, Missy was diagnosed with Lung Cancer several weeks ago. She is a non-smoker, vegetarian, SDA . We were shocked to learn of this! It was apparent that she would be losing one lung. We immediately asked for your prayers and positive energy. Your response was overwhelming. On Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 she went into surgery. At about 10:30 we were told that part of the lung would be saved. At 1:30 we were told by the surgeon that he had been able to save the entire lung, that all the cancer had been removed. All of us present believe we had witnessed a miracle. From all the family, THANK YOU!



And onto the newsletter update. We have acquired a nice selection of paintings by Levent Isik. For years I wanted some of his paintings then finally, a couple of years ago. I contacted him and have represented him since. Here is a painting I really like. It is called “Virginia Opossum”. Presently it is on

hold. His paintings are not on sale.

Over the past couple of months I purchased several of Steven Chandler's—Georgia Red Mud paintings. Many are smaller ones. They are reasonably priced. When these smaller paintings are gone, I question if there will be more. His prices are going up-up-up and his work is becoming increasingly strong. His prices are reflecting the strength of his work. If you already own a Chandler painting, you are fortunate! I expect the prices to continue to escalate. His paintings are not on sale.

Because of recent illnesses in the family I have so little to write about. The gallery has been open by appointment only and I have backed away, but only for awhile.

I am not exactly sure when I sent the last newsletter but if my records are right, it was in January. I apologize!



Since then we have added the fun Folk Artist T.V. Tommy Vision from the Northwestern State of WASHINGTON. He lives and does his art in Seattle. His work is mostly large and contains lots of as-found material. Here is an example: This one is named "Seattle Not Baaadd". Prior to Washington, he lived in Florida. Tommy is in his late 50ties. His paintings are on sale for 25% off

right now.

I am often asked, "Which artist is the best?" or "Which is the best painting to buy". I wish I knew! If I knew, I would probably have that great Finster I sold you years ago—or—that fantastic Pig by Sudduth I sold to Dr Mark—or—that wonderful Chandler I sold to you, Linda in Texas. I love art and I am happy for each of you but I don't know the future. Please, just buy what you love. Be willing to spend a little more to get the best.

I want to give away something I like so here goes. Go to our website [www.gravescountry.com](http://www.gravescountry.com) then go to the gallery section and look at the the different categories. Count the number of categories that offer a percentage off then email me at [graves@gravescountry.com](mailto:graves@gravescountry.com) with that number. (Each category will show a percentage off –count the number that show a percentage. ) Gosh, I hope this is clear. The winners will be placed in a drawing to be held April 10. The first winner chosen will be given their choice of:



This is by Steven Chandler and is titled “Black Oyster Catcher”. It is 8 1/8” x 11 1/8”. It was painted in 2006.

Or



This painting is by Karen Foret Franks and is beautifully framed. It is titled “Melancholy”. This is really a beautiful painting. There will be two names drawn so both paintings will be given.

I have spent the entire day writing this so its got to be over. Good luck with the contest!

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