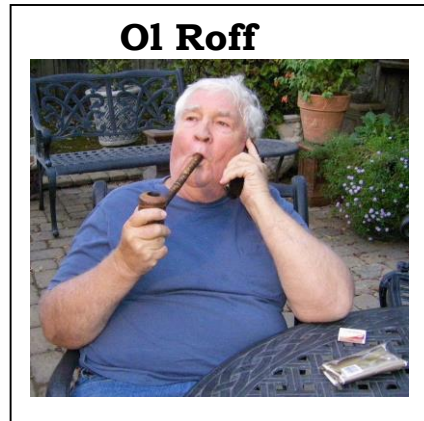


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**Ooh My Gosh, Can you believe I have finally got up the nerve to write a Newsletter again!**

**My health, perhaps I should start with Arlene's health—She is awaiting surgery on her left knee. She damaged it badly while Tap dancing. It wasn't enough that she tore both shoulders out while trying to show some young Personal Trainer that she could do a 300lb weight press! Oh well, that is the Arlene I love and have been married 30 years to.**

**Me, I still (and always will) have the tumor residing in my brain. I kind of compare it to a green onion. The roots are in my brain but the top has been cut off. It hampers my vision (limited vision in the left eye—right eye is gone) and it affects my stability but it has given me rewards untold! I had to sell the gallery. It was auctioned in June 2013 by my personal friend and auctioneer Buster Hewlett (assisted by another huge friend and Auctioneer in the Southeast (He asked that I not use his name but he is a giant of a man, both physically and professional).**

**How in the world can a Brain Tumor give you benefits untold, you ask? First, it has taken away the fear of dying. I have walked through the valley of the shadow of death and came face to face with my God. It is OK! And I even appreciate my family and friends more than imaginable. The flowers and everything are so beautiful. Life is so precious!**

**The business went and with it went the overhead of \$1,350. per month. I am a rich man now! I pay \$135. For a large storage unit and \$20. per month for website hosting. That means I have \$1,145. per month to blow (and Arlene will tell you that I am doing an excellent job of doing it).**

**I had paintings left over from the auction and there were painting some xxx\*\*\*### guy from Alabama refused to pay for after buying them. I had to pay a large amount of Excise Tax on them when I surrendered the business license. I have several things (all nice) that I intend to give away with my Newsletters in the next few years.**



**So let's start with a painting by that great artist Louis Vuittonet. I loved this painting and its bright colors when I got it a few months ago.**

**Perhaps we can talk Louis into painting a Christmas Snuff bottle for us!**

**Louis and I have become good friends. He lives about 2 hours away so I can't visit him as often as I would like.**

**Please note---Louis has a great painting in Slotin's Auction that will take place next Saturday.**

**And while we are talking about prizes, let's give away one of Rick Black's handmade pipes. If you don't smoke a pipe, it is a nice gift for someone. It is his Plateau pipe and it cost \$60. to have him make it.**



**I recently returned to occasionally smoking my pipe. There is nothing more relaxing to me than to sit in our beautiful back yard, smoke my pipe, and let the world drift by.**

**I decided to pay-back our precious gift of life and limbs to some deserving Military Personnel by having Rick Black make a couple of Church Warden pipes for deserving troops that have paid the price. I know it's not very much but it is my way of saying "Thank you". The first pipe and tobacco went to SSgt David Flowers of Diamondhead, MS. Thank you David. America loves you! Here is a photo of the Church Warden pipes**

**Before I close I must tell you about the deep belly laugh that I had recently. Both of these men are my friends so they will understand that I am laughing with them. Not at them!**

**On eBay Captain Mike posted a painting of a goat, identifying it as Carolina Red Mud. Well now Captain Mike, owner of Capt. Mike's gallery has at least 30 or 40 of Steven Chandler's paintings and knows well that it is Georgia Red Mud. When Steven Chandler saw the painting he went absolutely bonkers and responded the same on Facebook. Omit was so funny. Thank you for this great laugh!**



**(Hell No! It's Georgia Red Mud!)**

**With that in closing, if you want to win either the**



**painting or the pipe, send an email telling me in a few words why!-  
--I will let my grandson Alex pick the two winners on Saturday,  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The winners will be notified by email on  
Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bye-the way, Alex, age 13 keeps us laughing. I hope he will join us  
by writing for this newsletter----also a great Country Writer Diane  
Maupin will be invited to contribute in the future**

**This is NO gimmick. I can't and don't want to sell you anything or  
take your money in any way what-so-ever. So humor this old man  
with an Onion Root in his brain who just wants to spread  
happiness with art!**

**olRoff**

**Owner of Graves Country gallery—olRoff' s Collection!**