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Graves Country Gallery—ol'Roff's World Newsletter

It has been over a year since my last newsletter. I have been hoping to do this one sooner but something always seemed to happen.

My book "A Kid In Korea" was published. It was highly successful with my friends and family members. I am considering placing it formally for sale in the warehouse of Next-Century Publishing. All the copies went fast. No more are available at this time. I just don't know if I have the energy to market it. Arlene is urging me to but----

I am happy to report that medically I am holding my own. I drive some (passed DMV driving test 100%). I am still unsteady on my feet although I do not use a cane or walker. My short term memory is awful. My depression went away following removal of the massive tumor in my head. A portion of the tumor remains but it is not growing. I am happy as can be and love every day of my life. I walk with my God holding my hand.

One of the prizes for this month's newsletter is a wonderful book by the former New Orleans gallery owner, Richard Gasperi. It is "Clementine Hunter---sketchbook". I bought this book for myself and enjoyed it so much that I bought one to give as a prize.

Clementine hunter continues to be my favorite of all artists, sadly I wished I had more of her paintings—have only two left. They are not for sale. Now not only is the Russian federation counterfeiting her work but counterfeiters from Bulgaria have joined in. Always follow the rule, “If is too cheap, leave it alone”!



Back to art news, my friend, the great Louis Vuittonet just sold two paintings in Russia. A gallery there represents him! Congratulations Louis! I have always said that Louis will be a famous artist, hopefully in my lifetime. I can see it happening!



Steven Chandler is back doing his art and is painting some real good paintings. As you know, I am especially fond of Steven's work. My collection has several of his pieces. If I continue these newsletters I will probably be giving away a professionally framed, signed print by him very soon.----His most recent paintings are awesome. I wish I still had the gallery. His paintings would be part of it. He sells through eBay--[sc_chandler_artist](#)



Slotin's folk Art Auction was held last weekend. I watched part of it Saturday—even bid on a couple of pieces. It is the largest auction of its kind in the world. The next will be in November. The high end paintings are even going higher. The middle price

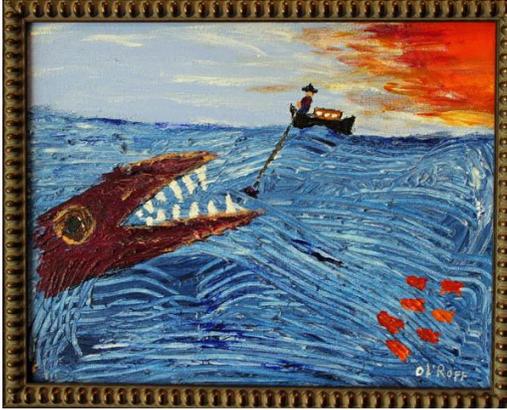
pieces seem to be losing a little bit of ground. Please note, this may be an inaccurate statement as I only watched half a day.

I must mention two artists, one in Great Britain, Tyler Stone and the other from France, Elke Trittel. I have works of both in my collection---Please check out my website for more information. As you know, I mostly collect American Folk Art but these two are the exception.

Now I will talk a little about my personal art.----- Well miracles happen. I have always envied the wonderful artists I have represented. I have even tried my hand at painting but to no avail. Following my surgery in December 2012 (still have a portion of it lodged deeply in my brain) about a year ago I decided to try painting again. Heck, I'd written a book so I had some confidence. Lo and behold the brush and acrylic paint connected with the canvas and a painting was created. Since then I have given away in excess of 100 paintings, plus I have several I have kept and are "on hand" in the gallery. To see the paintings, please check out the website---www.gravescountry.com and look under gallery---also under artists. I have yet to offer a painting for sale although I placed a couple in Kimball Sterling's Outsider auction. I am thinking of selling some of them so email me if you are interested---graves@gravescountry.com.

I give paintings to try to bring cheer into a home where a child is in trouble or the family is in despair. I have also donated to the "Make A Wish Foundation". The painting on this newsletter heading was one of my very first. I still have a special love for it. I use it on my stationary. I will be given a painting away as a prize this month.

Here is the professionally framed painting by me that I will be giving away-



Now here is how you can win one of the prizes.---- One of my lifetime favorite true tales is of the infamous Lizzie Borden. Are you aware of the TV Series about Lizzie—fun watching.

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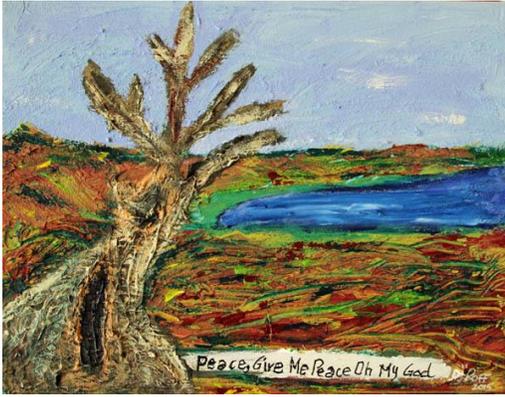
So here is how you can win. If you get the answer correctly your name will be place on a list for a drawing. The winners (2) will be drawn on May 1st. Winners will be notified and the prizes will be shipped to them at no cost. (Disgruntled losers will never be allowed to enter again—and there is always at least one or more.)

Of the statements below, all are false except one.

- (1) Lizzie's step-mother was killed first.
- (2) The hatchet was kept by Lizzie's father in the barn for killing chickens.
- (3) Lizzie was found guilty by a jury and was sentenced to hang.
- (4) After Lizzie was hung, her sister died shortly thereafter and was buried in the same cemetery, next to Lizzie.

Everyone, worldwide can win. Let us have some fun!

Oh I almost forgot, Rita Cagle, thank you for the kind remarks regarding this painting. It pays to be nice! Enjoy YOUR painting.



If there is another newsletter, more questions will be asked about the infamous Lizzie Borden so be prepared.

Lastly flowers from our garden for you



May God Keep his Loving Arms Around You---til we meet again!

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