

Warmest Holiday Wishes



Happy Holidays to all of you. Hope this has been a good year for you. It really flew by for me. It has been a year with focus on painting. This year's holiday watercolor seen above is a scene take from the holiday display in downtown Delray Beach with the famous 100 foot Christmas tree. Even though we do



not have snow and that crisp cold snap in the air, Florida is quite festive at holiday time. Much of this year I have been taking art classes right at the spot where this 100 ft. tree is located, mostly plein air and I even won first place in the student exhibit as seen here with my instructor, Ralph Papa. And, the best part was my winning painting, Loxahatchee Sunset sold. It was a great way to kick off a new career in art. John has been a true partner in this endeavor offering constant support and has even begun to make the frames for me. It is so special to have hand crafted frames for my art work. We planned a summer sketch tour but literally hours

before we were due to set out, I slipped in the shower and broke my ankle. So, it was call 911, an ambulance ride at 2 AM and surgery. This delayed our trip north but we still went, except we did not do the leisure trip with stopping off to visit museums as we had planned; pretty much we booked it up to the Cape. This was quite challenging as John had to drive the whole way and he even modified the car by taking out the front seat so I could sit in the back and keep my leg elevated per doctor's orders. It was kind of like driving Miss Daisy. We did stop at my aunt's house and it was such a joy to see my first watercolor hung up so proudly over the mantle in her new beach house. After a brief stop in Boston to see some friends and family we went up to Vermont for a month. It was just heavenly. We really got to relax and enjoy the Vermont life. I did a lot of painting and John relaxed by reading and getting in some target practice. At the end of August, my ankle was healed enough for me to drive so our trip back to Florida was more relaxed and we stopped along the way visiting friends and family. We stayed in Shenandoah



National Park for a night and that was fun. Back in Florida, we got busy with painting and frame making once again. John also made displays for me so I could participate in the Delray Art Leagues Artists in the



Park. We exhibited one weekend so far on the weekend after Thanksgiving, didn't sell anything but it was fun and we got the routine down for doing the show. Finally, we just got back from a cruise to the western Caribbean that we went on with a group of our friends, 16 of us altogether. Great way to start the holidays!! We are always open



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

John & Donna