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WINTER 2024/2025 NEWSLETTER

HOWDY!

2024 -WOW! A real mixed bag of a year with health issues and our work. **BUT WE MADE IT!!!** We were in the little group show in White Stone, VA, in March. It is always a fun show. We got to visit with many old friends, mostly artists, who we only get to see once a year now that we no longer do many shows.

Afterwards we continued working on inventory to be ready for the summer.....**BUT WAIT!!** (Kay) had to get a new knee in April. Needless to say, I have had many months of physical therapy. In May my cardiologist found a small electrical problem with my heart. This was corrected by me having a pacemaker installed shortly before we left for SD. **WHEW!!** Let us not leave Ron out of this. When he says he is "perfectly fine" that is always in question. He has quite a wicked sense of humor as many of you know!! What a guy!

Off to Custer State Park in SD early June. We started setting up our gallery on June 18, 19 and had everything in place by the 20th..... kind of. This was our 31st summer there as artists-in-residence. It is like coming home (it is our second home) when we arrive. Besides working in our gallery 7 days a week, we get to visit friends, locals and out of state, that have become part of our family over the years.

By mid-October we are back in our real studios in our home. It takes several weeks to unpack and organize everything again, which includes Ron doing inventory and figuring out what printing I need to do for our summer inventory. Printing the Giclée prints is my main job, Ron does all the rest of the work which includes varnishing the canvas prints and gluing them to the backing boards that he saws by hand, etc. He also cuts all the boards for his small originals. It takes the two of us to stretch our bigger canvases on stretcher bars. This is only part of the work to be done. Sometimes we even have time to paint! Imagine that! Plus, we have the work at home that couldn't be taken care of while we were away.

Thank you to everyone that sent us Christmas cards and letters. We appreciate your thinking of us and we enjoy reading your notes and letters.

Now on to **2025** which is basically a repeat of 2024. Boring?? Not at all. We are blessed to be able to do what we love and rarely have time to get bored.

Coming up is the group show in White Stone, VA. The show has a new name, NORTHERN NECK WATERFOWL AND WILDLIFE EXPRO. Dates are March 14, Preview Night, 6-8:30pm; March 14, 10am-5pm; March 16, 10am-4pm. Questions? 804-480-2612 (automated voicemail) or wwwexpo@gmail.com.

After this show we will continue to get all our art and personal belongings ready for our time as Artists-in-Residence at the beautiful historic State Game lodge in Custer State Park, SD. It is a tremendous amount of work since we move there for 4+ months. This year we will start setting up our gallery on June 23 and will be there until the pack up day on September 30.

We hope to see you at one or both of these places.

Throughout the year you can visit our website for updates and to view and buy our art. We can be reached at 423-290-1269 (Kay) or 423-322-8454 (Ron) or 423-775-8732 (home/work).

Ron and Kay