Newnan-Coweta Art Association NEWS

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(from the book "Art & Fear" by David Bales & Ted Orland)

Board Meeting November 10, 2016
General Meeting November 17, 2016
(Refreshments and Clean-Up provided by:
Rae Duncan, Ellie Farrington, Ken Hamilton, Barbara Kelly)
7:00pm Registration and Refreshments
7:30pm Meeting and Presentation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Artists,

As we approach this time of the year, we give thanks for our friends and family in the Newnan-Coweta Art Association.

In the eleventh month of my Presidency, I am continually reminded of how gracious you are! You share your talents with others. You are growing our organization in every good way.

Our 48th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Market, held earlier this month at the Fairgrounds, exceeded all expectations for participation and sales. The atmosphere was filled with energy and excitement.

Be sure to let us know if you are attending our annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15th, beginning at 7 o'clock pm, at the Asa M. Powell Expo Center (max capacity: 70 people) off Temple Avenue, Newnan. Bring a white elephant gift and a dish to share.

Can't wait to celebrate with you.

Thankfully,

Barbara J. Omerod
President, NCAA

It is an Honor to Serve

During the midpoint every year, we start thinking about turnover. Whose terms are ending? Who is ready and willing to step forward and contribute their time and talent? Where are we going to find the next group of successful, eager Board and Committee members? Being on NCAA's Board of Officers & Directors is more than just carrying a prestigious title. The individuals on the Board are charged with keeping our organization going in the right direction and ensuring NCAA members receive encouragement and opportunities for artistic appreciation, instruction, and creativity, while also promoting the arts in Coweta County and elsewhere.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee — Fred Buyarski, Tammy Troyer, Ruth Whitaker, Suzanne Kleese-Stamps, and Tina Persons for recruiting members to serve next year. The Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017 will be voted on at the November General Meeting.

NCAA 2016 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Officers:
President – Barbara Omerod
Vice President – Tammy Troyer
Treasurer – Karen DeFelix
Recording Secretary – Donna Parker (Barbara Kelly, acting)
Parliamentarian – Pam Trued
Corresponding Secretary – Cheryl Hipke

Board Members:
Fred Buyarski (Membership Chairman)
Eric Strother (Webmaster)
Barbara Kelly (by appointment)

Count Your Blessings

How we use our Blessings is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.

What are You thankful for?

For many of us, it's our family, friends, and good health that we are grateful for. Some of us may even say that we're grateful for a roof over our heads, delicious food to savor, the cars that take us from point A to point B, and a comfortable place to sleep at night. Everyone's list of the things they are grateful for is slightly different with varying priorities that change over the course of time.

One thing NCAA members are thankful for is, of course, art... and the ability to love and appreciate art in all of its many different forms.

Freedom of Expression — With art, there are no boundaries. With a myriad of tools and media available, the only thing that could ever hold an artist back is his or her own creativity. From stunning landscapes to evocative portraits and everything in

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between, artists create emotion and feeling with their creations and can evoke those responses within those who view their work. A work of art can also inspire others to express themselves and infuse their hopes, dreams, worries, and more into their projects, creating a never-ending circle of expression and inspiration.

Always Room to Learn — Art presents numerous opportunities to learn, even for the most accomplished of artists. From improving your techniques to learning more about your subject matter to upgrading your materials, there is always something to learn and build upon in the world of art. Artists are truly lifelong learners.

Provides Healing in Bad Times — Having a bad day? Pick up a pencil or brush or grab some clay, start working on something, and see how you feel afterward. When times are tough, art is a constant that provides unbiased healing.

Transcends Cultures — From music and theatre to painting and dancing, art is something that goes beyond all of our various cultures, backgrounds, and differences. It helps connect us in one beautiful language that everyone can understand.

Life is More Enjoyable — Imagine a world devoid of art. Wouldn't that be an incredibly dull place to live? There is art all around us that we take for granted every day. Take a closer look and appreciate the blending of colors in that painting in the coffee shop, the expression on the woman's face in the portrait you saw in a gallery, or the way the world looks through the eyes of another artist in their drawing. Life without art would simply be intolerable.

We give thanks for our incredible community of artists whose creative minds inspire us! We give thanks for a supportive Board of Directors, a strong core of volunteers, and fabulous opportunities to bring art alive. We give thanks for the willingness of people to collaborate and strive to make something great. We give thanks for the little moments of AWESOME seen in a painter's brushstroke, the tap of a sculptor's hammer and chisel, the turn of a lathe, and vessels taking shape on a potter's wheel.

We are thankful to be amongst talented artists and interesting people.

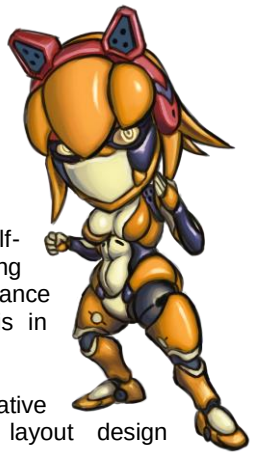
Who has more fun than us?

NOVEMBER 17th MEETING

GUEST PRESENTER —

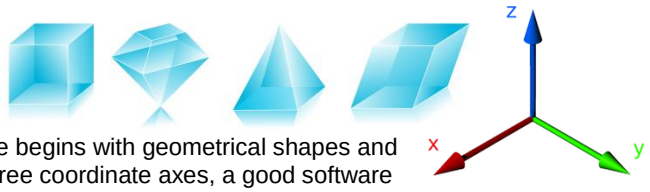
JAMES WEISBECKER

Digital Artist



James Weisbecker is a 26 year old self-taught digital artist who has been doing work in game development and freelance illustration. Currently, most of his art is in 3D graphical work.

James is involved in the entire creative process from conceptualization and layout design through final development.



He begins with geometrical shapes and three coordinate axes, a good software program, and the infinite possibilities in his imagination.

OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR

DAVID BOYD, JR. ~ Fine Art

http://www.davidboydjr.com

Thank you, David, for demonstrating your plein air techniques and sharing with us your thoughts on painting, photography, writing, teaching, doing what you love, and the joy of being a dad. Your demonstration and narratives were delightful and of interest. We look forward to a show of your work at McRitchie-Hollis Museum in the new year.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A general meeting of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association ("NCAA") was called to order by President Barbara Omerod at 7:30 pm, on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at the Art Association Building.

President Omerod welcomed members and guests.

Door prize (a real pumpkin) was won by Ellie Farrington. Ellie, in turn, announced that openings on the Exhibit List for Peachtree City have been filled.

President Omerod thanked Marc & Robin Stewart, Donna Massey, Rusty Sharp, and Laurie Yawn for providing refreshments.

Membership Chairman Fred Buyarski introduced new members Dinett Hok, Joan Wende, and Robert Hamman. He reported a total of 174 members on the roster. Of those, 145 memberships are current and 29 expired. A list of expired memberships was circulated to further inform those listed of their membership and voting status.

Vice President Troyer introduced guests Bill Skelton, Manager of the A. Mitchell Powell Jr. Branch of the Coweta County Library System; and Ellen Jenkins, Executive Director of ChildrenConnect: Newnan's Children's Museum. Ms. Jenkins spoke about the wonderful murals of native animals and plants of Georgia that are coming to life on the Museum walls and thanked NCAA artists Cecelia Hilton and Cecilia Smith for their artistic vision and the many hours spent painting the mural. Ms. Jenkins invited NCAA to the ChildrenConnect Opening Reception on October 22. She also asked that anyone interested in teaching art at the Museum should contact her at ejenkins@childrenconnectmuseum.com or (470) 414-2455.

General Meeting Minutes for September 2016 were electronically distributed by the Recording Secretary, approved by the Board and filed. Minutes are included in the (combined) September/October newsletter.

Karen DeFelix, Treasurer, reported NCAA account balances, as follows:

Value Checking (PP/FB Trx)	$ 744.98;
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Business Savings	$ 1,681.08; and
Money Market	$17,618.29.

The Treasurer's report was approved and filed.

Eric Strother reported that the NCAA online Gallery is currently being updated using a new photo gallery software for the web.
Website: newcaa.com
Member roster password: New15Arts

OLD BUSINESS:

Powers Crossroads — nothing new to report at this time.

Tammy Troyer reported that the deadline for painting the bisque teapots for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party is November 11, as the dinner is November 12.

The NCHS Oak Hill Cemetery Tour was held on October 15. On behalf of staff member Larissa McMichael, President Omerod thanked artists Tina Persons, Barbara Kelly, Peggy Aldredge, Louise Howard, and Bette Schumann for painting portraits of the individuals showcased, and Carol Toole for painting a likeness of the cemetery's stone entrance. She also thanked Rae Duncan who made flowers for the event.

With just 2 weeks to go until the Christmas Arts & Crafts Market, Cheryl Hipke reported that all vendor spaces have been reserved, and 12 vendors are on a Wait List. Advertising is underway. More fliers and postcards are available in the Lobby for members to distribute. Volunteer(s) needed to place 6 yard signs, with permission of businesses.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Hall — Artist for the month of October is Donna Massey.

Library Exhibits — Rusty Sharp coordinates art exhibits at City Hall and Carnegie Library. Exhibits at City Hall are changed monthly. The exhibit at Carnegie Library was changed on September 11 and will be on display for 3 months.

Newnan Theatre Company — If you wish to hang original work in the Black Box Theatre Lobby, contact the managing director, Mary Caroline Moore at 678-481-7611.

WGTC Art Initiative — Eric Strother will represent NCAA in its ongoing partnership with West Georgia Technical College. An exhibit of aviation art is planned for January. Eric replaces Mick Brandenberger whose term as coordinator ends December 31.

Nominating Committee — Requested 5 volunteers (2 Board + 3 from membership at large) to be on the Nominating Committee. The Committee is charged with preparing a slate of officers/directors willing to serve in 2017. Tammy Troyer, Fred Buyarski, Ruth Whitaker, Suzanne Kleese-Stamps, and Tina Persons volunteered to be on the Committee. Jenny Jones volunteered to serve on the Board. Nominations and voting will take place in November.

Proposed increase in Membership Fees by $5 across the board, except for student memberships, was presented and will be an item up for discussion and vote by the general membership in November. The proposal would increase a single membership to $30, family membership to $40, with student membership remaining at $5.

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With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned by President Omerod at 8:05 pm.

Tammy Troyer introduced demonstrator, David Boyd, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kelly
Substitute Recording Secretary

Rudolph and Cookie Decorating

Bring your kids to **Corner Arts Gallery** on **Saturday, December 3rd from 10 am until 12 noon** to find Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and decorate cookies. Bring your cameras, too!. Cookies and Decorations will be provided. Hmm... Me thinks Corner Arts will be overflowing with happy children!

There's still time to see "SPECTRUM"

a solo show featuring artwork by Tiffany Thomas

McRitchie-Hollis Museum
74 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA 30263

Exhibit runs through the holidays

"Society of Seven"

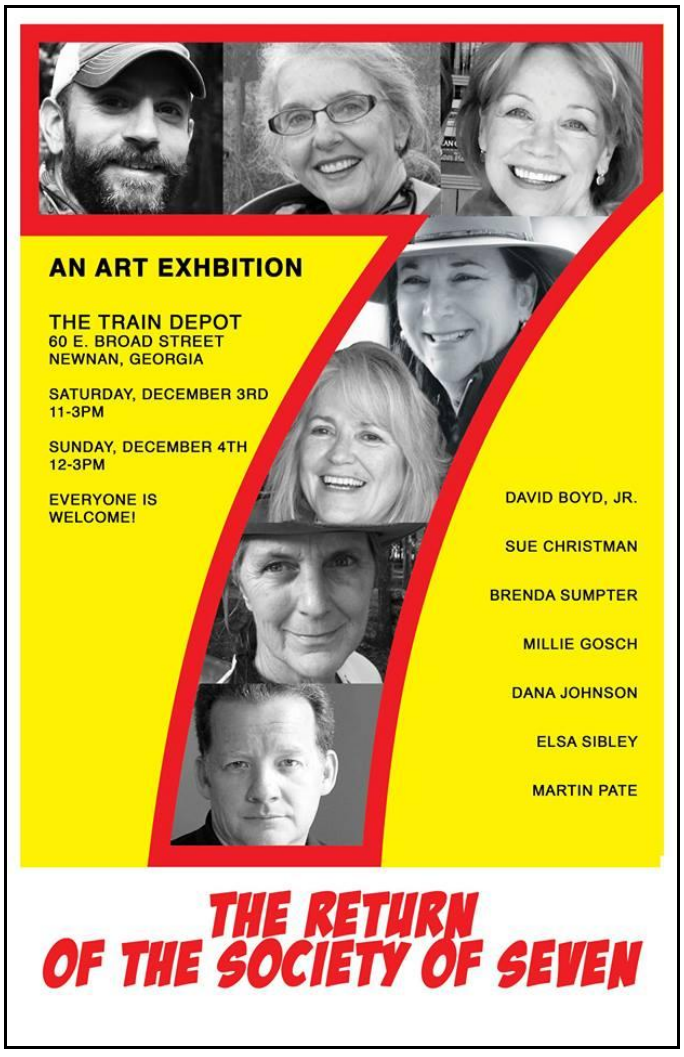
Group Art Exhibit — This Weekend Only!

A collection of small, medium and large oil paintings by these nationally known plein-air and studio painters. All works are original and available to purchase. Prices for every budget!

Saturday, December 3rd from 11 am - 3 pm
Sunday, December 4th from 12 noon - 3 pm

The Historic Train Depot
60 Broad Street, Newnan, Georgia

Free Admission & Open to the Public



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City of Newnan (Gov't) Artist of the Month

Every month a local artist is named *Artist of the Month.* The city has partnered with NCAA and some local art galleries on this project. It gives local artists an opportunity to display their work in City Hall and a chance for the city to support the arts.

Artist of the Month for November 2016
Pam Giles

Artist of the Month for December 2016
Cecil Cornwell

You are cordially invited to the

Fayette Society of Fine Art Holiday Sale

at Arts Clayton Gallery of Jonesboro

136 South Main Street
Jonesboro, Georgia

Exhibit/Sale runs thru December 21st
in Open Studio

Gallery Hours: Tue-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 10am-4pm

Among the participating artists are NCAA members

Sheri Anderson, Mary Ann Bonk, Lydia Ellis, Sandy Holcomb, Susanna Howle, Barbara Kelly, Julie Nestor, Emily Richardson, and Berry Smith

YEAR'S END IS NEITHER AN END NOR A BEGINNING BUT A GOING ON

The Budget Committee (Karen DeFelix, Fred Buyarski, and Barbara Omerod) will meet in December to review and approve a budget for 2017.

The Audit Committee (Karen DeFelix, Cheryl Hipke, and Barbara Kelly) will meet in December to conduct a financial audit of the 2016 Treasurer's records.

NCAA 2016 Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

The NCAA annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, **December 15, at 7 o'clock pm at the Asa M. Powell, Sr. Expo Center** located at 197 Temple Avenue, Newnan, GA.

Spouses and/or 'significant others' are invited, too! Maximum capacity at the Expo Center is 70, so **please RSVP to either Barbara Omerod or Tammy Troyer if you are attending**.

Dinner is pot luck. NCAA members, please bring a covered dish to share and one wrapped gift per person participating in the white elephant gift exchange. No names on the gifts.

Are you familiar with the "white elephant" gift exchange? It is a veritable 'tchotchke' swap! The premise is that you show up with one totally useless wacky gift. Shop from the convenience and comfort of your own home. We all have 'stuff' we'd love to dispose of and where better than a gathering amongst friends with goofy senses of humor? Seriously!

So, mark your calendars... See you at the Party as we celebrate the end of another great year at NCAA and the Christmas Season. Let the gag gifting begin!

Hello Donna! We miss you…

Hope you are keeping well

Donna Parker at The Studio School at Three Hearts Farm, 2015

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NCAA Artists Give, Out of the Goodness of their Hearts... Oak Hill Cemetery Tour Portraits

Many thanks to NCAA artists who generously donated their time and talent to paint portraits and representations of some of Newnan's most colorful citizens from the 19th & 20th centuries for the recent "Walk with Newnan's Old Souls" event held in October. Selling a work of art is *always* exciting, but there is also satisfaction in knowing you have helped the community and brought a warm smile to all who appreciate and benefit from your contribution.

Meet the "Old Souls"...

A key founder of Newnan...
Hon. William B. W. Dent
by artist Tina Persons

Volunteer Nurse, Civil War
Mrs. Fannie A. Beers
by artist Tina Persons

Newnan born, wife of Civil War Veteran and prominent businessman William Byrd Berry

Hibernia Dougherty Berry
(symbolic representation)
by artist Bette Schumann

Civil War Battlefield Nurse
Miss Kate Cumming
by artist Peggy Aldredge

Businessman
Robert Duke Cole
by artist Bette Schumann

Slaves in Coweta County
(symbolic representation)
by artist Louise Howard

College Temple founder...
Professor Moses P. Kellogg
by artist Barbara Kelly

"Aftermath" by artist Martin Pate

This painting shows Civil War nurse **Fannie Beers** at Brown's Mill battlefield in Coweta County, Georgia, during the Atlanta Campaign. The scene is described in Beers' journal, *Memories*.

Thank you…

to artist *Carol Toole* for creating (on a large slab of wood) a fascinating replica of the stone pillar entrance to Oak Hill Cemetery that was used at NCHS as a photo backdrop during the Tour event.

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FUN STUFF AT THE ART HOUSE

Life Drawing with Martin Pate: Every Monday
7 pm - 8:30 pm

Paint-In with Ellie Farrington: Every Tuesday
10 am to 2 pm**,** Bring your lunch. Paint-In continues in summer months.

Adults' Pottery with Tammy Troyer: Every Tuesday
12 pm - 2 pm

Children's Pottery with Tammy Troyer: Every Wednesday
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Adults' Pottery with Tammy Troyer: Every Saturday
9 am - 2 pm

Oil Painting with Cheryl Vickers: Every Thursday
2 pm - 4 pm

Children's Art with Bette Hickman & Teri Lewis: Every Wednesday & Thursday ~ 2 pm - 4 pm

CLASSES OFFERED BY MEMBERS

Oil - Acrylic
Myra Harden Every Wednesday, 2 pm - 4 pm
Hobby Lobby, 114 Pavilion Pkwy, Fayetteville, GA 30214
Pay by the month - $40 for 4 classes
Contact Info: 770-461-5631
Please visit class for supply list.

Oil, Acrylic, Tole and Decorative Painting
Chelita Freeman
Contact Info: 706-302-4209
chelitaf20@gmail.com
www.chelitaafreeman.com

Drawing or Digital Drawing
Eric Strother
Contact Info: artist@ericstrother.com

Greeting Card Workshop
Barbara Omerod
Contact Info: 678-353-4886
bjpo@att.net

Drawing Basics, Watercolor, Acrylic, & Oil for Beginners and Intermediate Students
Tiffany Thomas
Contact Info: 678-416-9891
thomasartinfo@gmail.com

CLASSES OFFERED BY MEMBERS (cont'd)

Drawing & Painting
Lydia Ellis
Contact Info: 770-789-1160
lydiaellisart@yahoo.com

Acrylics, Watercolors, Oils and Drawing
Kay Stanley
Contact Info: 770-254-9409
kayart1@bellsouth.net

Learning to Grid/Pencil Drawing
Cecelia Hilton
Contact Info: 770-683-3463
ceceliah@bellsouth.net

Acrylics & Oils at Corner Arts Gallery
Jenny Jones
Mondays, 1-3 pm, 4-6 pm, or 6-8 pm; or Fridays, 1-3 pm
Adults $15 per class / Supply List available
Contact Info: 678-633-5705
www.cornerartsgallery.net

Come Bead With Me (Jewelry)
Nancy Twomey
Contact Info: 770-630-1078
endesigns@charter.net

Stain Glass/Fused Glass/Beginning Watercolors
Karen Stetson DeFelix
Contact Info: 727-421-0779 / 770-463-9442
nevertoolate46@msn.com

Drawing
Martin Pate
Contact Info: 770-251-5286
pateart60@gmail.com

Pottery
Andrea Boswell
Contact Info: 770-486-9768
anboswell@gmail.com

Pottery
Tammy Troyer
Contact Info: 704-578-6375
tammytroyer@aol.com

Drawing (Pencil, Pastel, Color Pencil, Watercolor)
P. Giles
770-486-8112
peggyaldredge@gmail.com

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ART SCENE

MAINSTREET NEWNAN
http://www.mainstreetnewnan.com
Market Day, Dec 3, 10am-2pm
"The Nutcracker" Dec 3, 7pm & Dec 4, 3:30pm, Starr's Mill High School, Fayetteville, GA
City of Newnan Christmas Parade, Dec 10, 6pm

WADSWORTH AUDITORIUM
newnan.com/auditorium
Southern Arc Dance, The Nutcracker, Dec 16, 7:30pm & Dec 17, 5pm

ChildrenConnect: Newnan Children's Museum
www.childrenconnectmuseum.com
Santa's Secret Workshop, Dec 3 or 10, 10am-12pm
Call (470) 414-2455 to reserve your space or email info@childrenconnectmuseum.com.

PEACHTREE CITY LIBRARY
www.peachtree-city.org/library
Michael Sawecki Art Exhibit, runs thru Dec 29

CITY HALL, NEWNAN (GOV'T)
Artist of the Month for November: **Pam Giles**
Artist of the Month for December: **Cecil Cornwell**
works on display, 25 Lagrange Street, Newnan

ART AT THE ADMIN
Portraitist Abryonna Williams, art on display in the "Entry Gallery" Coweta County Administration Building, December & January. 22 East Broad Street, downtown Newnan

THE DONALD W. NIXON CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
www.thenixoncentre.net
Christmas at the Centre with The Masterworks Chorale, featuring the Newnan Brass Ensemble, Dec 3, 7pm
Jean-Michel Basquiat Exhibit, Reception & Lecture, Dec 6, 7pm
Christmas with The Annie Moses Band, Dec 16, 7pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY
www.newnancarnegie.com
Rotating Art Exhibits, 2nd Floor Art Gallery featuring NCAA artists

McRITCHIE-HOLLIS MUSEUM
newnancowetahistoricalsociety.com
"Spectrum" featuring works by Tiffany Thomas, thru Dec 2016

CANCER TREATMENT CENTER OF AMERICA, Rotating Collection: works by Tiffany Thomas on display thru Feb 2017

WEST GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Stay tuned! The winter show is planned for January 2017.

NEWNAN THEATRE COMPANY
www.newnantheatre.org
"A Christmas Carol" Dec 1-4 & 8-11
"The Santaland Diaries" Dec 14-18

All show times are Thu, Fri, Sat at 8pm and Sun at 3pm unless otherwise noted

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES, Historic College Temple Neighborhood, Dec 3, 4:30-9:30pm. Sponsored by Newnan Presbyterian Pre-School and Kindergarten. For ticket information, visit www.nppk.org

Coming attractions/highlights in the next edition of the Newsletter

- Reports on
  - ✓ 48th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Market
  - ✓ Mad Hatters Tea Party
  - ✓ Election Results / Meet your NCAA 2017 Board of Officers & Directors
- A Look Back
- A Look Ahead ... and more!

If you have items for upcoming Newsletters, please contact Cheryl Hipke

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