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President's Message

Wow, I just can't believe that 4 years as President have flown by so quickly. For that matter, after thinking about it, it's been a total of 10 years since I took the reins of the Spring Show and attended my first board meeting! Through the Spring and Holiday shows and the Presidency, it's been a great ride, one that I'll always remember fondly. Please remember that it's the members that make the Guild great, the officers are there to serve. I hope that I've made even a small difference in the past 4 years by serving you.

Many thanks to all of the board officials and committee chairs that worked with me during all of my "seasons" and showed me the ropes, as well as all of the members who offered support and assistance even down to a hello and smile. Marie and I have made so many friends as a result of our involvement in the Guild's activities, and those friendships have flourished outside of it as well. Please know that they mean so much to us.

What I'm really excited about, though, is the future of the Chapter with our new President, Barry Bennecoff! I'm sure that you've realized as I have over the years, that Barry is an extraordinary leader with a great capacity for caring. He will be a tremendous asset to the Chapter in his new position, just as he was behind the scenes with all of his help and support. Remember my talk last time? Barry will be the Chapter's "Slight Edge".

Thank you all, once again, for a chapter in my life that I will never forget. *Steve Smith, President*

Program

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in anyway with this year's holiday social, whether providing a dessert, helping with set up, providing music, clean up or just lending a helping hand. Your assistance was most appreciated. I also hope that everyone attending had a great time, it is a great way to start the holiday season!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has answered my invitation these past four years to provide a program for our meetings. Your help has also been appreciated.

As you may or may not know, this is my last official article for the newsletter, since I have resigned my position as Program Chairperson effective 12/31/06. However, I have planned the January program, and am also working on the February 2007 program, in hopes that this will help the "new" Program Chairperson to begin their duties. I will assist and meet with the new person to make their job a smooth transition. Again, thank you for your support over the past 12 years (Vice President, President and Program Chairperson).

The program for the January 2, 2007 is presentations by our 2006 Mini Grant winners, Sandra Jean Coldren, Ann Steen, Linda Bieler and Wilfriede Axsmith. Come out to hear how they used their Mini Grant to further their education.

Ray Oxenford, Program Chairperson

Seasons Greetings