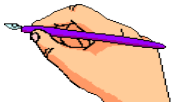


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## Holiday Party by Steve Reardon

It took place on the wintery day of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The day was cold and icy, but not too much snow on the ground though, so travel wasn't affected too much. The party was held, as it is every year, at the Steamboat Landing just down a few miles off of Main Street in Canandaigua. The mood of the party was very cheerful and jovial. The joyous activities were brightened when Santa (our very own Tom Shepard) and Mrs. Clause (played by the notoriously amusing Jenn Gruschow) paid us a visit. In addition both Tom and Jenn were accompanied by Beth Boehnke playing the fairy-like Christmas elf. Equipped with gifts, provided by our one and only generously kind Marge Donhauser, happiness and glee were present there for one and all to share in. We had a decadent dinner that consisted of a fine selection of mouth-watering, sumptuous delights. After a relatively short period of time following dinner, the John Clary award ceremony was scheduled to take place. There were a multitude of candidates that were nominated for the great award, however; the winner this past year was, Jeff Fritz. The party was typified by a marvelous time of dancing, and enjoyment was had by all. A special thanks to the Advisory Committee for coordinating the party.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus

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## The Gong Show By Debbie Shaver



# The Gong Show



On January 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a “Gong Show” here at Happiness House. Tim played the part of Chuck Barris, and we all had a wonderful time. There were 13 different contestants, 3 judges, and a time keeper. There were a few gongs! Chris G. was the “Unknown Comic”. Johnny was the famous “Gene, Gene the Dancing Machine” and David was the top-notch winner! There were quite a lot of people who came in second and third. Wow! We all had a blast!

## Casey Asks



### Birthdays

March  
2-Mike G  
5-Ruth J  
9-Craig S  
24-Rick B



April  
10-Paula H  
18-Tod B  
28-Melissa P



### If you could go to any country in the world, where would you go and why?

Among the countries chosen were; Ireland, England, Holland, Canada, Italy, Grenada, Switzerland, Luxembourg, France, India, Australia, & Antarctica. Our most popular response was Africa with 4 votes. Africa however, is a continent consisting of 53 countries! A few people chose Hawaii, which is a state in the USA. Many people were interested in a particular country because of their family lineage. Others were in search of nice scenery, good food, relaxing atmosphere and interesting culture. Thank you for participating in this special edition of “Casey.....Asks.” Don’t forget to write me with any questions you have about life, love, relationships, food, gardening, etc.

## A Snowless Christmas By Connie Ward our Florida

2009 was a banner year because my husband and I took the plunge and sold our home of 23 years with country acreage, and left friends and family for a *new home* in Titusville, Florida. Needless to say, a major life change! This Christmas was the first in almost 60 Christmases that there was no snow. I had no doubts about a snowless Christmas in the tropics, but I am here to tell you that the Christmas spirit is alive, well, and living in Florida. Not only did the ladies’ group in our retirement community do a food drive, we were able to make a significant contribution to several local food banks. The ladies’ group does a great deal of good for the community. We made a large contribution to *Toys for Tots* and helped out a number of needy families along the way.

Even with warmth and snow, most people go all out with their decorations. Inflatable snowmen and Santa’s abound. Lights and poinsettias add to the festivities. Here in Florida, poinsettias can be planted in the ground after the holidays and they will grow and bloom year after year. I have learned that you have to keep them pruned back or they will grow too high and become unmanageable. My son has one at his home that towers over the 6-foot privacy fence.

I, somehow, expected that I would miss the cold and snow at holiday time. I can honestly say that the cold and snow never crossed my mind this year. We had a marvelous holiday that we were able to spend with family and friends. It was wonderful to have my boys close at hand at holiday time. I always missed them at holiday time. After a marvelous first Christmas without snow, I am looking forward to many more.

# Kaci's Newsletter Puzzle



## Puzzle Word List

### Art Studio Word Find

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Liner  
Paint  
Paper  
Palette  
Pencil  
Picture  
Proximity  
Repetition  
Sculpture  
Shape  
Size  
Studio  
Watercolor

## What's Going on Around Here by Debbie Shaver

Hello there Everybody,

I am all excited about what goes on around here, this year. I am here to tell everyone about different things that either already occurred or there are about to happen. First of all, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. Here goes nothing! On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Brian drove Bill C., Sue L. and myself to Thomas Kinkade's Gallery, in Phelps, New York. I was delighted by all the different scenery that Thomas had in his gallery. All of his pieces "light up" as soon as I looked at the many different types of houses, cabins, cottages and main streetlights I saw. So I thought it would be nice to do a little research on Kinkade's work.

Thomas Kinkade was born January 18, 1958 in Sacramento, California and grew up in a small village of Placeville, California. After graduation in 1976, Thomas went to the University of California, Berkeley and the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. In 1982, he married his childhood sweetheart Nanette and they brought up four daughters. He is well known as a "Painter of Light". He uses glowing highlights and saturated pastel colors. His paintings contain various Christian themes and many pictures have a specific chapter-and-verse with certain Bible passages. Thomas also hides the letter "N" in his paintings as a tribute to his wife who passed away. He also did a semi-autobiographical movie called the "Christmas Cottage" that you just got to see.

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# January and February



Rick B.

## Photo of the Month



Carl B.



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