



Dear Friends & Family,

Last year we wished us all a Covid-free 2021. So much for wishing.

We flew to Maui a month early, mid-December 2020, because it appeared that Maui might ban visitors with the surge in cases. We were there on December 27, just shy of Mom's 101st birthday, when Mom quietly slipped away into the great beyond while enjoying some refreshments with other members of her memory care unit. It had been an awful, sad, lonely year for Mom. She was no longer able to enjoy FaceTime calls. They were only for Jan to check on her. The funeral home was able to live-stream the beautiful service for us and others who chose to attend. Two local families braved covid to see her off in person. Much of the year was spent doing probate. We held a celebration of life in Wyoming this past summer.

We were still in Maui when vaccinations became available, but only for locals. Alan closely monitored availability in AZ and signed us up for the day after we arrived home. We are now bolstered by a booster for our return to Maui.

We drove to Utah to attend granddaughter Sadie's high school graduation in June. It was well done, and it was great to finally see the family again.

In July, we drove to Las Vegas to meet up with Alan's new half-niece, Johanna, from Tampa. She invited us to come meet her husband and twin sons, all black belts, who were competing in the National Tae Kwon Do competition. Cindy and Gordon also joined us. What a fun time we all had! We plan to see them again in Florida in a couple of weeks. After that, a cruise out of Miami to the southern Caribbean, followed by two months in Hawaii, as we have been doing. As of this writing, we may need some good luck if this is all to happen as planned.

Alan turned 75 in October. Cindy, Gordon and four grandchildren (aged 18 - 25) joined us for a long weekend at Yellowstone National Park. We were able to stay at the Old Faithful Inn. Everything was perfect, including the gorgeous weather. It was really special to be able to share one of our favorite places with 6 people who had never experienced the park before. Loads of animals, but no moose, foxes, or wolves. Guess we will have to return another time!

Once again, Jan was a team leader in the Verde Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's fund raising event this year. She was the top fundraiser. Thank you to all of you who contributed and participated.

Alan's long-awaited new Ducati finally arrived in late June. He drove to the dealer's in Phoenix in 112 degree heat and rode the new bike home at 117 degrees. A day later, he rode it to his Angel Investment meeting in Lake Tahoe. He's so thrilled with this bike that the other two were quickly shown the door. It's now 5 months old, with 7000 miles. One trip with Jan to the Grand Canyon, and one solo trip into the Mojave. Alaska next year is a real possibility. In the meantime, tennis has been good.

The Texas Lettering Arts Council was the host for the 2021 International Calligraphy Conference. They had no idea that covid would prevent an in-person conference when they agreed to host a few years ago. Instead of canceling, they rallied the necessary talent and did all the classes, demos, lectures, and socials on Zoom. What a huge undertaking, and what a good job they did! It was a wonderful, engaging week.

Jan had a booth in two boutiques this year, Walkin' on Main in Cottonwood and Sedona Art Blast. It seems that everyone brings their dog to Walkin' on Main. Lots of fun meeting customers, lookers, other artists, and petting all those dogs. Kind of Seventh Heaven for Jan.

We wish you a Covid-free 2022!

*Jan & Alan*