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2021 Seasons Greetings from Suzanne and Rod:

We know it's 2022 now, just trying to find a few positive things to say about 2021 has taken a bit longer than usual for these missives. The first thought was just to put a big "MEH!" on the 2021 report and leave it at that. Then we thought an explanation might be required: "If you can't say something good about ..." was something we were taught many years ago. A compromise was reached.

Nobody needs to hear more about the year lost due to the pandemic. We also lost family and friends. Suzanne's brother Don died unexpectedly just before Christmas, capping the year. Enough on the negative.

On the positive side, we are vaccinated and boosted. With that and a more constrained lifestyle, we have so far managed to avoid catching any of the covid variants. The garden was even better than the 2020 pandemic garden, keeping Suzanne as close to sane as she'll ever be, even if the main product was food for the soul, not the waistline.



Travel in 2021 was minimal. With increasing optimism we managed to justify a short trip to Washington DC for Suzanne's single in-person NAWBO meeting of the year. DC was just opening up again, but Rod opted to visit the Spy Museum instead of even attempting to get a slot for any of the Smithsonian Museums. Rod found beautiful weather for a walk around the tidal basin and a quick look at many of the monuments. Rod has no idea what the weather was like inside the meeting rooms.





Big plans for a fall trip south to New Orleans for the annual NAWBO Conference were disrupted by the delta surge. Suzanne compensated by taking a solo road trip to backwoods Tennessee to visit with a batch of NAWBO friends. Although gathering from several states, they took precautions and survived the experience. Rod was instructed that the term "pod" wasn't quite accurate for the group, but when he offered the alternative "coven" that was met with even less approval

Suzanne continues to express her artistic talents, continuing beading, exploring pour painting, and lately going into wire wrapping. Rod finds it much more entertaining when talking to friends to explain that she has taken up rapping in her old age. She has been teaching several classes on beading at the local bead store, in between sessions opining on how the owner of the store should run his business.



Rod is limiting his artistic expression to meal preparation. So far, that has been helpful in preventing "pandemic pounds". He does miss visiting BBQ joints as on past road trips, but not enough to do the work of BBQ at home. Sloth is his main accomplishment for 2021. He has even managed to avoid the work of replacing an aging CPU fan on his desktop PC by just flicking the blades manually at boot time. When challenged, he claims sympathy with all creatures slowly falling apart with age. Support for keeping his sanity comes from Kindle Unlimited.

We wish you a healthy and sane 2022.

Suzanne and Rod

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Suzanne's web store at <https://suzanne-pease.square.site/>

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