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2025 Seasons Greetings from Suzanne and Rod:

No political message this year either, unless one considers the refusal to add "Trump and" to the above salutation overtly political.

At the end of 2025 our health remains generally good, but with an increasing acceptance we can't do all the things at 79 we could at 21. Bicycles have remained in the garage this year, slowly deflating and guarding the access to the crawl space under Suzanne's office. We continue to walk the nearby rail trail and old airport runway for exercise, but no extended cross country hikes.

Aging brings increased mental and physical challenges. Suzanne has continued her interest in gardening, but with less interest in remembering where she planted what. Rod's contribution is more limited to hauling packages of seed from mailbox to kitchen table for unpacking.

Suzanne continues her beading, including teaching classes at the local bead store. Rod watches the activity from his recliner, occasionally attempting to contribute to the conversation, but sometimes hearing "Just talking to the beads, don't worry about it". As long as he can't detect repeated "My Precious" in the audio, he remains unconcerned about the level of commitment.

Suzanne's other artistic pursuit in 2025 is increased activity involving canvas, brushes and paint tubes. Rod finds this activity less conducive to conversation, as it involves him getting up out of his recliner and trekking across the house and up the stairs to the loft portion of her office, while avoiding tripping over the many completed paintings leaning against walls and cabinets. The walls are already filled, so if you see something you like, let us know.



A trip to Washington, DC in June for the NAWBO 50th Anniversary Conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel gave Suzanne an opportunity to connect with friends and Rod an opportunity to visit a new set of restaurants. NAWBO presented Suzanne with the Susan Hagar Legacy Award. The highlight of the trip for Rod was visits to the Smithsonian National Zoological Park. Suzanne even managed a visit with Rod between scheduled NAWBO events. No visits this time to the other downtown DC zoo (yes, another political comment).

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As the national conference was an insufficient dose of NAWBO for the year, Suzanne managed another road trip in August to a local chapter in Ohio, technically to support a friend there who was getting an award. Rod suspects the true motivation was spousal avoidance, but enjoyed the quiet time on Harbor Road, if only for a few days.





September saw us on a flight to Seattle, scheduled for a round trip cruise up the Alaska coast. We planned a few days before and after the cruise in the Seattle area, both to see the sights and visit with Kevin in Shoreline, WA. The pre-cruise days went well, doing the tourist stuff in downtown Seattle, but we both picked up a souvenir (Covid) at the end of the cruise, limiting our post-cruise activities to a single lunch outdoors with Kevin to avoid sharing our "souvenir" with him.

No status report would be complete without mention of the current state of local computing resources. Rod's 2016 vintage W10 works quite well booting Ubuntu for 100% of the tasks required of it, now that Turbotax for 2025 will no longer run under W10, so no need yet for new hardware after the upgrade putting Ubuntu 24.04 onto a SSD. 2025 taxes will be done on Suzanne's newer W11 desktop, eliminating the last reason to boot Rod's desktop into Windows - progress!

May your 2026 be happy and healthy.

Suzanne and Rod

web pages:

Rod's personal home page at www.rodpease.com

Suzanne's home page at www.suzannepease.com

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

Suzanne's graphic design home page at www.ampersandgraphics.com

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