

January 2, 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

NOTE: This is an interactive newsletter. Click on any picture or link for larger images and/or more information.

What's new:

As 2020 begins, we continue to enjoy our home and all the arts and cultural events in Port Townsend. We stay active with workouts three days a week plus morning and afternoon sets of killer ping pong almost every day. As of last week, we have finally joined the 21st century by retiring our antique flip phones and buying matching iPhone 11s. We're still learning to use them, but you can now text us and we might text back if we happen to have our phones with us..

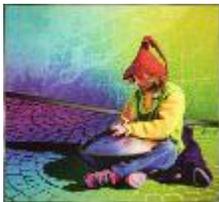


QUILTING:

Caryl made six new quilts this year and has continued to win awards at many of the major shows. Her biggest surprise of the year was People's Choice at Quilt National. She has continued designing fabric on the computer based on her own photos and Ron's. Click the pictures for the whole story of each one. In May, we attended the opening of Quilt National in Athens, Ohio, and in November we went to the big International Quilt Festival in Houston and enjoyed seeing many of our friends. We were also able to savor the whole show at a leisurely pace, since Caryl has retired from teaching.



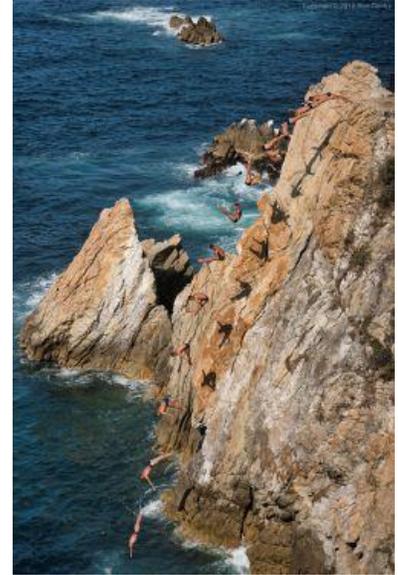
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PHOTOGRAPHY:

Ron has continued to enjoy his photography hobby during 2019 and has upgraded to a Sony a7R iv, 61 MPx camera. He has also spent many hours honing his photo-editing skills and learning the two new computers he had to buy to handle the new 85M+ file sizes. Caryl has inherited the old Sony a7R III with a mere 42 megapixels.

This is Ron's favorite photo from 2019. It's actually a composite of 12 photos of a cliff diver in Acapulco. It was accepted into a national photo competition and he had a 24" x 36" print made on aluminum. In the meantime, Caryl also designed a 53" x 68" quilt based on this image (see previous page). In December Ron sold his print, and now plans to have the same image printed 40" x 60".



[24M full resolution composite](#)

To see more of Ron's photographs, go to:
<http://www.bryerpatch.com/news/Photos.htm>

TRAVEL:

2019 was a big travel year for us and we have put together slide shows of each of our trips, with captions that tell the whole story.

South America:

In February/March, we did a three-week cruise from Santiago, Chile to Los Angeles, with stops in Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico. Click here for the whole [SLIDE SHOW](#).



Cuba:

In April we circumnavigated Cuba on an eleven-day cruise with our good friends Alden and Karin Mead, with whom we have traveled several times before. See the whole story and more pictures in our [SLIDE SHOW](#).





The Palouse:

In early June we organized a photographic expedition to the Palouse region of Southeastern Washington with Caryl's sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Rich Howell. Rich shares Ron's enthusiasm for photography. Click here for a [SLIDE SHOW](#) with captions that tells the whole story with higher resolution images.



Methow Valley:

In celebration of Ron's birthday in July, we took a trip to Sun Mountain Lodge, in the Methow Valley, near Winthrop, Washington (north central). Click here for a [SLIDE SHOW](#) with captions that tells the whole story with higher resolution images.





Asia:

In November and December, we did a three-week cruise that started in Dubai and ended in Singapore, with two cities in the UAE, four cities in India, then Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand along the way. Ron took 1600 pictures and Caryl took over 1000, so we are still sorting through them and don't have our slide show organized as yet. In the meantime, here are a few of our favorites.



Best wishes to our friends, family, and country in 2020.

Ron & Caryl