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Merry Christmas from Linda and Grant

Linda made a quilt for Tory out of a collection of painted fabric art squares. The squares were made by a class that Tory had taught when she was in Ojai and were put aside all these years. We went up to Medford to hand deliver the quilt and have a short visit.

Kevin and his family including his in-laws, talked us into going for a cruise, very much out of our normal "box". We all went to Alaska on a Princess cruise. The cruise was absolutely great! The air travel getting to and coming home was not so great. The weather was like summer at home.

We hadn't had our trailer out to any parks for a long time so we took the week before the Thanksgiving week to go to Death Valley. We did some things that we haven't done in the past. Four wheel drive trails! There were three trails we had never attempted before. You can go almost a whole day out on these trails and not see another soul. Very peaceful and interesting. Ghost towns and abandoned mines galore!

We joined the local senior center this year – what? We're seniors? Vintage House turns out to be a great resource.



On the road with the Scamp

Linda signed up for a hula dance class and had a ball. The teacher is a retired newscaster who is Hawaiian. We used to watch her on the Oakland station – channel 2. Betty Ann Bruno is a great lady in person – very entertaining and easy to get to know. Her husband was her camera man before they both retired.

Some of the dancers decided that they would like to learn some Hawaiian songs in Hawaiian. We joined them as "the band". Betty Ann and Linda play ukulele and Grant plays guitar.

Vintage House has theater outings from time to time and we took advantage of two of them. We saw Wicked and South Pacific in San Francisco. They charter a bus and everything is taken care of. No parking hassles and the shows were memorable.

Our kitchen cabinets were looking like they are forty years old. What? They are forty years old! We have begun to give them a facelift. Striping off the old finish to lighten them up and adding a decorative trim around the doors, a big improvement. The lumber for the

trims came from an ash tree that Charlie cut down at work. He has a chainsaw lumber mill so he turned it into rough lumber planks and

Grant cut it all to size on the table saw, then planed it smooth and cut to fit. Lots of gluing and finishing.

Grant and Linda made some items that will be sold at the Dunbar School Pixie Corner Christmas Fair. Linda made some stuffed fabric balls and Grant made small wine cork trivets/coasters. Kevin's wife, Audra is in charge of the Fair.

Grant is designing a special size ukulele for Linda to fit her small hands.

All the grandkids play soccer this year. Pat and Julie's two for the first time. They all loved it

Classifieds

SAWDUST! By the pound, by the bucket, by the teaspoon. Use it to brush your teeth, clean your carpets, fill holes in your driveway. Come on you can find a use for it – right? - right? I know you can!

Travel photos are viewable at

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