



Jo and Sheila

Thank You Jo!

**For your excellent TEAA Presidency
For your beautiful art
For your attention to detail
For your quotes for pet lovers
~and most of all~
For your kindness and compassion**



Willapa Bay
Jo Pomeroy Crockett

From the President. . .

This is my last column as TEAA President. The past four years have been delightful, stimulating, and memorable. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone. Together, I think we have accomplished a great deal. My heartfelt thanks to everyone.

President-Elect Sheila Parsons is highly competent and ready to take over the reins. The other officers, Bernie Thomas, Lou Kister, Beverly Peck, Susan Bish, and Albert Wood will help guide TEAA on to bigger and better things.

The December potluck and holiday gift exchange was filled with delicious food and wonderful "artful" gifts. The general meeting was short and included the installation of the 2009 officers. Everyone was encouraged to make suggestions for the exhibit themes and for special activities/speakers at the general meetings. Based on the suggestions, the Board developed the 2009 and Jan./Feb. 2010 exhibit themes.

This year has been filled with events. Some of our very dear friends have gone on to Glory and have left us with beautiful memories. We have many new members

and continuing members who are enthusiastic and energetic. We had a successful Children's Art Camp in July, a delightful Artists' Bootcamp (aka "A Taste of Art in Gearhart") in August, and a successful and well-attended Judged Exhibition also in August. The infamous birds' nest in the attic is no more and the starlings' entry ports are now sealed. The garden is more beautiful and in better shape than ever before.

In closing, I wish you a very special and safe holiday season. Best wishes for a wonderful 2009.

*** Jo Pomeroy-Crockett***

For all the pet lovers:

"Nothing is so difficult as to paint the cat's face, which as Moncrif justly observes, bears a character of 'finesse and hilarity' (Champfleury, French Writer)."

"The dog has got more fun out of man than man has got out of the dog, for man is the more laughable of the two animals (James Thurber)."