

MESSAGE FROM ERIC

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The Christmas Letter

It's been another productive year for the Wiegardt family: One new grandchild added, one coming later this month, and yet another scheduled to arrive by spring!

In other news, Eric has been invited to judge at the American Watercolor Society International Exhibition in New York City in January. It is a real honor, as this one is the "really big show."

Ann has been busy putting together an exciting lineup of destination plein air workshops for 2023: We are going to Hawaii, Port Townsend, and Switzerland. There will be two workshops in Long Beach, and Eric will be teaching for several watercolor society groups around the country.

We are thankful for the continued success of our Zoom classes, which have been going strong for two and a half years now. Mentoring classes meet each Saturday morning, and once a month we do an online paint along. What started out of necessity during the first year of the pandemic has become a mainstay of our business. Teaching from home frees us a little bit from all the traveling, allowing us to focus on other interests--did we mention all these grandchildren?

After decades of watercolor painting and much exploration, trying numerous styles and interpretations, I believe I have settled into a subject matter and style that is comfortable--and some say unique--to me. We are so grateful for the special friends, collectors, and employees this business has brought us over the years. It is a wonderful way to make a living.

Blessings to all of you this Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Eric and Ann



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