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Member wins Award

By Pamela Lemons
Social Media Chair

Dave Grabarczyk has worked with wood for over 35 years and has been a Member of The Toledo Craftsman's Guild for nearly as long. In all that time, Dave has never received an award from any of the national art shows in which he has participated...until September 10th, that is.

On September 10th, Dave received an Honorable Mention at the Black Swamp Arts Festival in Bowling Green, Ohio.

"I'm so thrilled!" said Dave. "I've waited a long time for a "big show" ribbon, and to win so close to home...Wow!" (As The Guild's Publicity Chair, Dave has a way with words, and it's rare for him to be speechless.)



Dave specializes in creating unique jewelry, valet, and multi-purpose boxes made of solid hardwoods such as oak, ash, cherry, or walnut. Each piece of wood has unique properties in its grain, color, weight, and appearance. Dave carefully selects the wood for each box to highlight these unique qualities. He also uses a variety of exotic woods such as mahogany, lacewood, padauk, and blood wood to enhance the appearance of his boxes as the exotic woods usually possess colors and characteristics that are not found in domestic hardwoods. Because Dave often cuts his boxes freehand using a band saw, he rarely makes two boxes exactly the same.

Congratulations, Dave! The Guild is proud of you!



Holiday Traditions Around the World

Christmas as we know it today is a Victorian invention of the 1860s. Probably the most celebrated holiday in the world,

our modern Christmas is a product of hundreds of years of both secular and religious traditions from around the globe. Enjoy

reading of the various Christmas traditions and holiday celebrations from around the world.



Christmas in Canada

By Shelly Copland
Member

Canada has a lot of different cultural backgrounds within its borders. Because of this, there are lots of different Christmas traditions in Canada. Many of the traditions and celebrations come from French, English, Irish, Scottish, German, and native/first nation influences.

The Eastern Canadian province of Nova Scotia is known all over the world for its fir and pine Christmas trees, so most families in Canada have a fir or pine Christmas tree. One Canadian tradition is to send the biggest, best fir tree (grown in Nova Scotia) to Boston, USA, because of the city's assistance given during the disaster, known worldwide as the Halifax Explosion. This tradition has carried on for many years. Bostonians always love and appreciate the Nova Scotian Christmas tree. They place this tree in the city and then light it during a ceremony to begin the Christmas season.

Mumming is a tradition which mainly takes place in the province

of Newfoundland, more commonly in small towns and villages rather than large towns and cities. It's also sometimes called "Jannying." People dress up in costumes and knock on someone's door and say in a disguised voice, "Are there any Mummings in the night?" or "Any mummings 'loud in?" meaning "Are mummings allowed in the house?" Then they sing and dance and have Christmas cake and a cup of something nice before moving on to the next house. In some places, if the host does not guess who the Mummings are, the host must join the Mummings in their merry-making. Going Mumming is a fun Christmas season activity for adults.

On the south shore of Nova Scotia, over Christmas, there's the tradition of Belsnickeling where people dress up in funny Santa costumes and go from house to house until the home owners guess who you were. It was especially popular in West and East Green Harbour. The Belsnicklers often brought musical instruments and sang. They were served Christmas cake or cookies. This tradition was brought to Nova Scotia by the 1751

Germans immigrants who settled Lunenburg and South shore.

In northern Canada, some people plan a Taffy Pull. This is held in honor of Saint Catherine, the patron saint of single women. This party provides an opportunity for single women to meet eligible single men!

The Santa Claus Parade in Toronto is one of the oldest and largest Santa parades in the world! It started in 1913 when Santa was pulled through the streets of Toronto. Children along the route followed Santa and marched along with him. It's been taking place for over 100 years and now is a huge event with over 25 animated floats and 2000 people taking part! It's broadcast on TV around the world.

"Sinck Tuck" is a festival started by the Inuit that is celebrated in some provinces of Canada. This celebration consists of dancing and gift exchanging.

Labrador City in Newfoundland holds a Christmas Light-up Contest each year. People dress the outside of their houses up with lights and often have big ice sculptures in their front gardens!

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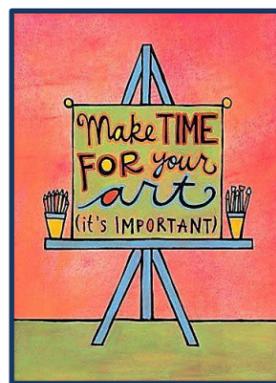


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Christmas in Canada

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They have no trouble finding enough snow or ice, because Labrador City has about 12-14 feet of snow every year!

Many families of French descent have a huge feast or party on Christmas Eve called a "Réveillon" that lasts well into the early hours of Christmas morning after taking part in Christmas Eve Mass. When people are at Midnight Mass, they hope that "Père Noel" (Santa) will visit their house and leave gifts for children under the tree. The traditional Christmas meal for people in Quebec, is a stew called "ragoût aux pattes de cochons" which is made from pigs feet! However, many people now have a "Tortière," a meat pie made from venison (or pork or beef)

And then there is BOXING DAY! The day after Christmas, December 26, Boxing Day is a holiday in the United Kingdom, Canada and many other countries

that were once part of the British Empire. The origin of this holiday's name is not clear. In feudal times in the United Kingdom, the lord of the manor would 'pay' people who worked on his land in the past year with boxed practical goods, such as agricultural tools, food, and cloth. These were often distributed on the day after Christmas Day. More recently, employers traditionally gave their servants a gift of money or food in a small box on the day after Christmas Day. Some people in Canada still give gifts to people who provide them with services.

Other stories relate to servants being allowed to take a portion of the food left over from the Christmas celebrations in a box to their families and the distribution of alms from the church collection boxes to poor parishioners. These traditions evolved into the Christmas baskets that some employers distribute to their employees during the holiday season at the end of the year.

I didn't know I had OCD until I watched my kids hang ornaments on the tree wherever they wanted.

Chanukah, a Jewish Celebration

By Ann Young
Jury Chair

Chanukah, also known as Festival of Lights, happens to coincide with the Christian holiday, Christmas. Chanukah remembers the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem around 160 B.C., and celebrates the successful revolt of the Jewish people to regain their religious freedoms and Temples from the oppressive Greek rulers.

According to tradition, during the rededication, there was very little oil left that had not been defiled by the Greeks. Oil was needed for the menorah in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil

to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah. An eight-day festival was declared to commemorate this miracle of the oil.

Today the tradition is to light one of the eight candles of the menorah with the ninth candle, called the shamus, each night saying a grateful blessing for this miracle.

Gift giving is not a traditional part of the holiday except for giving small amounts of money called gelt. Other traditions include eating latkes, a yummy potato pancake, and playing with a dreidel, a legal gambling game played in ancient times.



Handy Apps

By Pamela Rohrbacher
Secretary

Recently, I read an article that stated that there are over 1,000,000 applications, also known as apps, available for use on tablets and cell phones. Judging from my experience, about half of those seem to be games. But, there are also so many apps that I find helpful or useful on a daily basis. Here are some that you might find handy.

Are you a weather junkie? Well, download either the 'Transparent Weather Clock' or 'Weather' by Macropinch. Both of these apps have basic info presented, with more in depth weather when you scroll through the pages.

'Unit Converter' has just about any conversion table you could ever need. Volume, time, angle, data transfer, voltage, sound, speed, and more! You can even convert your blood sugar!

Attention crafters! 'Quilting and Sewing on The Go' is a great app for yardage conversions, needle guides, and even has video quilting tips.

'Quilting Calculators' is a similar app that I find very useful.

If you are a science fan, there are several periodic element tables available. The one made by The Royal Society of Chemistry has all of the info you will ever need, and it is easy to use.

If you like fun science or history facts, try 'Historical Calendar,' 'Curiosity,' or 'HSW'.

There is even a great app called 'Night Sky' that actually shows a live view of the sky as it appears above you. It even moves with you! I love using this app outside at night.

Speaking of the sky, the entire 'Messier Catalog' is available as an app.

A few basic apps that you might not want to miss are: 'Merriam-Webster Dictionary,' 'QR Code Reader,' 'Compass,' 'Currency FX,' and 'United States Constitution.'

Apps can be fun, informative, helpful, or all three. Browse the app store on your phone or tablet for more.

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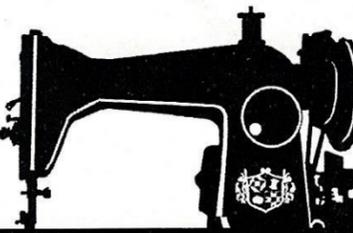
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Christmas in Lebanon

By Traci Lender
Trustee

In Lebanon, Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the year. Over time, the Lebanese people adopted more western traditions such as Christmas trees and Father Christmas ("Baba Noel"), the nativity, gift giving, and Christmas light decorations.

The Nativity has a special celebration where 14 days before Christmas, sprouted beans and seeds are planted to surround the Nativity scene.

On Christmas Eve, families gather around the table that is decorated with dishes showcasing Lebanon's rich history and cultural influences. Dishes include kebbeh pie served with warm yogurt (a symbol of snow), turkey, chicken, nutty rice, hummus, tabbouleh, beets, and more. Dessert includes meghli which is rice flour, anise, and caraway pudding. It is made in celebration of newborns and in celebration of Jesus' birth.

Families gather Christmas morning, have brunch or lunch, and go to church.

Christmas evening calls for another family gathering in the back yard. A bonfire is lit and everyone dresses in flamboyant colorful clothing and dances the Dabkek around the flames.



P.S. Originals

Welcome to P.S. Originals designed by Pat Stevens. The Grin Collection has evolved over the past 27 years with pumpkins, leaves, ghosts, owls, snowmen, trees, snowflakes and the list goes on. My favorite pieces combine rich fabrics and textures with unique buttons and accessories to adorn your walls and doors. I hope this year you find that special piece to warm your heart and surprise your friends and family.

The best part of creating art is being able to share it. So please check our new fall schedule and come see us in Tiffin, Findlay or Sylvania. For a reminder and Sneak Peek before each show join my email list at www.psoriginals.com. Have a great year and happy holidays. God Bless, Pat Stevens

NEW 2016 FALL SCHEDULE

Sept 24	• Allen Eiry Tri-Holiday Craft Show	• Tiffin, OH
Oct 1-2	• Christmas in October Craft Show	• Findlay, OH
Nov 12	• Y-Wives Holiday Extravaganza	• Tiffin, OH
Dec 11	• TCG "Winter Festival of Crafts"	• Sylvania, OH

PANTONE® Fashion Color Report Fall 2016: A Unity of Strength, Confidence and Complexity

Compiled by Sharon Anderson, President, and Pamela Lemons, Social Media Chair

An equal desire for tranquility and a need for strength and optimism, from both the designer and the wearer, have inspired a Fall 2016 color palette that captures strength and dependability while being uplifting, complex and sophisticated. Inspired by the top colors from the fall 2016 runway report, this collection of 10 Cotton Swatches gives you the season's trending colors at a glance.

RIVERSIDE: Earmarking the importance of Blue in the palette, the new blue shade of PANTONE 17-4028 **Riverside** undeniably takes precedence in the fall collections.

- Cool and calming, strong and stable
- Displays a subtle vibrancy and sophistication
- Borders on exciting, yet
- Maintains a sense of constancy

AIRY BLUE: Pantone 14-4122 **Airy Blue's** lofty nature evokes feelings of lightness and freedom.

- Designers seeking weightlessness in a world heavy with conflict
- Blue tones appear in nearly half of the designs

- Airy Blue nods to Serenity
- Pair Airy Blue with Lush Meadow, Taupe or Dusty Cedar for fresh approach

SHARKSKIN: There's an edge to PANTONE 17-3914 **Sharkskin**, and yet it manages to remain neutral.

- Pair-able with almost any fall color, bright or muted
- A color that the rest of the palette can literally and theoretically rest on
- Showcases practicality through a dependable but contemporary lens

AURORA RED: In contrast to the stable backbone of the Fall 2016 palette, PANTONE 18-1550 **Aurora Red** adds a welcome punch.

- A bold Red that is warm, sensual and immediately pleasing to the eye
- Gets the metaphorical blood of the palette pumping
- Exciting and dynamic, breeds unmistakable confidence

WARM TAUPE: PANTONE 16-1318 **Warm Taupe** is a hearty, pleasing and approachable neutral that pairs well with each of the top 10 shades of the Fall 2016 season.

- Suggests reassurance and stability

- Trusted, organic and grounded
- Departs slightly from the foundations of the Fall 2016 palette

DUSTY CEDAR: Like Airy Blue, PANTONE 18-1630 **Dusty Cedar** gives a nod to the PANTONE Color of the Year 2016, Rose Quartz.

- A fall and winter version of the Pinks we're used to seeing in spring
- Dustier rose-toned Pink shade with some complexity
- Exudes warmth and welcome

LUSH MEADOW: PANTONE 18-5845 **Lush Meadow** brings to mind fresh botanicals and foliage.

- Rich and elegant, vibrant and sophisticated
- This shade displays a brightness, panache and depth of color that elevates it from more natural greens
- Elevates the overall elegance woven through this season's collections

SPICY MUSTARD: Bounces elegantly off other colors in the palette, PANTONE 14-0952 **Spicy Mustard** is an exotic addition.

- Adds another splash of uplifting vibrancy
- A spicier, zestier Yellow than previous seasons

- Unexpected and unusual
- Comes through in both the abstract and geometric accents that designers employed

POTTER'S CLAY: PANTONE 18-1340 **Potter's Clay** has an added degree of sophistication and layering.

- Elements of russet Orange in its undertones, gives a grounded feeling that's anything but flat
- Neutral earth tone; expected for fall and winter palette
- A shade with real substance; a strong foundation

BODACIOUS: PANTONE 17-3240 **Bodacious** speaks to the gender fluidity we continue to see.

- Lends itself to vibrant color combinations
- Unexpected in fall
- Versatile; can be used with Pinks and Reds
- Bright, rich Purple, with hints of a more sophisticated Pink
- Turns fashion accents into fashion statements

(The Toledo Craftsman's Guild thanks www.PANTONE.com for this information.)







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Sweet Sally and Grumpy Gus



Dear Sally and Gus,

My sister-in-law is driving us crazy. She invites herself to go along with us everywhere, every time. Movies, plays, parties, even grocery shopping! She often has the nerve to complain if we do something she would not be interested in! We are trying to be understanding, as she is recently divorced. But, she has friends and a great job so there is no reason for this. What can we do?

Signed,
Exasperated

From Sweet Sally:

Dear Exasperated,

It is so nice of you to have not uninvited her. This is a trying time for her. What you could do is get her involved in a charity or volunteer program and help her find a new hobby or interest. I am sure it will all work out.

From Grumpy Gus:

Dear Ex,

You aren't trying hard enough. Bore her to death! Bingo! 4 p.m. senior dinner specials! Fred Astair movies! She'll get the hint.



Dear Sally and Gus,

I have a friend who is the stereotype "starving artist." He expects me, and everyone else, to provide for him until he makes it big. He drops by at mealtime almost every night. He sleeps on my couch 3-4 nights per week. He is constantly begging rides to various hangouts without offering gas money. He is a good artist but does nothing to promote his work. What can I do?

Signed,
Held Hostage by Someone
Else's Dream

From Sweet Sally:

Dear Held,

Oh, this is a problem. What you need to do is help him promote himself! Contact galleries where locals can display their art. Help him find a publicist. Assist him in finding a job teaching art until he is on his feet again. I am sure it will all work out.

From Grumpy Gus:

Dear Held,

Throw the bum out! It ain't your responsibility to finance someone else's life choices! Drop him off at the YMCA. Good riddance! (But first, ya better swipe one of his paintings "just in case" he makes it big.)



Dear Sally and Gus,

My neighbor is an Anglophile. And BOY, what a snob. He will only drink English ales. He only drives British made cars. He takes all of his vacations in London. If this were not bad enough, he flies the British flag! This Friday is Independence Day, and he has no plans to fly an AMERICAN flag. I could understand this if he were from England, but for cripes sake, his name is Kowalski and he's from Detroit! What can I do?

Signed,
The 4th of July is Sacred

From Sweet Sally:

Dear 4th,

Oh, this is such a dilemma. I suggest...

Uh Sally?

Yes Gus?

Do you mind if I handle this one?

Uh, no, dear, go right ahead.

From Grumpy Gus:

Dear 4th,

You are right. That flag has GOT to go! A British flag flown on our most sacred holiday! I don't THINK so! This Thursday, meet me at the corner of Lindhurst and Beacon. Be there at 11 p.m. sharp. Wear dark clothing. You bring a flashlight and I will bring a REAL flag. After we take care of business, I'll buy you a couple of Pabst's at Ed's Bar over on Galena.



Dear Sally and Gus,

My cousin is a copycat. Whatever we get, she has to have. We got a new swimming pool. So, she got one. We bought a new van. So, she bought a new van. We have a new puppy. Now, SHE has a new puppy. This is driving us crazy.

Signed,
She needs a Life

From Sweet Sally:

Dear She Needs,

It sounds to me as if she is starved for attention and friendship. Become a close friend to her. Spend time helping her shop for what is appropriate for HER family and lifestyle. I am sure it will all work out OK.

From Grumpy Gus:

Dear She Needs,

It's Tacky Time! You need to redecorate. Pink plastic flamingos in your garden! Lawn gnomes wearing sombreros placed next to your porch! Hideous sweaters on your dog! (Sorry, Rex!) Believe me, her copying days are over.



Dear Sally and Gus,

On July 3rd, someone stole my Union Jack and replaced it with an American flag! What is going on in this world? Who would do such a thing? The police were no help. They wouldn't even dust for prints. How can I find out who did this and get my beloved flag back?

Signed,
Not Really English
But Pretentious Anyway

From Sweet Sally:

Dear Not Really,

First, let me say how sorry I am for this. No one should steal from you. Wait...Did you say this happened last night?...Uh, Gus?

Yes, Sally?

Do you know anything about....

Umm, Sally, I will take this one.

From Grumpy Gus:

Dear Not Really,

Gee, yea, so sorry to hear about the theft. It was probably some sort of, uh...prank! Yea! A prank! That's it! You know kids these days! And to think that you will never see that flag again. Well, what's done is done.

Hey, one more thing, you don't have security cameras or anything, do ya?



Sally and Gus have been married for 48½ years and believe their experiences offer a unique take on life's complexities. Their responses to our readers' questions are meant to make you shake your head and laugh. They consider it a bonus if you snicker and snort. If you have a question or a problem and would like Sally and Gus's resolution, contact them at ToledoCraftsmansGuild@yahoo.com.

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— Frank Sinatra



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Seen Around Town

Sharon Dunoski, Member and Past President of The Toledo Craftsman's Guild, dressed to the nines for the [Ellen Jackson Ovarian Cancer Walk](#) held at The Eleanor Dana Cancer Center at University of Toledo Medical Center on September 17, 2016.

The walk was held to honor the women who are currently fighting ovarian cancer and to pay tribute to those who are no longer with us.

To learn more about ovarian cancer, its silent symptoms, and treatment, visit www.ovarianconnection.org.



Mele Kalikimaka means “Merry Christmas”

By Pamela Lemons

Social Media Chair and Kama’aina

Before the arrival of Christianity, the forerunner to the Christmas traditions of Hawaii was the four-month New Year celebration of rest and feast to honor the earth called Makahiki. The festival lasted around four months and during the celebration, all wars and conflicts were forbidden. The celebration was dedicated to peace and goodwill, and the earth was honored for providing plenty to eat. Hawaiians spent the time feasting, dancing, singing, playing sports, and just generally having a lot of fun. Work was cut short during this time.

The Protestant missionaries from New England formally introduced Christmas to Hawaii around 1820. However, the first informal Christmas celebration occurred in 1786, when Captain George Dixon, docked aboard the Queen Charlotte in Waimea Bay on Kauai, commanded his crew to prepare a Christmas dinner that included roasted pig, pie, and grog mixed with coconut milk. The English navigator then led his men in toasts to their families and friends back home. In 1856, Alexander Liholiho (King Kamehameha IV) declared December 25 to be his kingdom’s national day of Thanksgiving. Two years later, Santa Claus made his first appearance in Hawaii, arriving at Washington Place (now the governor’s residence) to deliver gifts for the children.

When the missionaries and other Westerners first brought the custom of Christmas to the islands the Hawaiians had difficulty pronouncing “Merry Christmas.” They came up with a phonetic translation that rolled off their tongues more easily: Mele Kalikimaka.

After Hawaiians embraced Christianity, it was only natural that they adapted some of the traditions of Makahiki to the celebration of Christmas. As years passed, many other cultures arriving in Hawaii have added some of their own twists. The different cultures and ethnic groups that have settled in the islands celebrate the Christmas traditions of Hawaii in their own unique ways, which may be religious or plainly secular. Many of the Christmas traditions in Hawaii come from the customs brought to the islands by the missionaries of the 19th century. Hawaiian traditions consist of a mix of Hawaiian, Mainland, Japanese and Chinese customs.

Hawaiians are full of Christmas spirit! They’ve added their own special traditions to the holiday to make every year special. The



biggest Christmas celebration is “Honolulu City Lights,” a favorite holiday spectacle put on by the City and County of Honolulu. Held at Honolulu Hale (City Hall), “Honolulu City Lights” features a 50-foot Norfolk pine Christmas tree, additional elaborate Christmas tree and wreath exhibits, giant Yuletide displays, and live entertainment.

Because Hawaii’s tropical climate is unsuitable for growing evergreen trees, Hawaiians line up on the docks early in December to wait for different kinds of fir trees to be unloaded from the ships’ refrigerated containers. When Hawaiian families can’t get a real fir tree for their homes, they will decorate almost anything and call it a Christmas tree! Everywhere you go, you will see palm trees strung with bright lights, or outdoor plants hung with shiny ornaments. Christmas wreaths are made from the poinsettia plant. The sleighs and reindeer usually seen on the Mainland are substituted with outrigger canoes and dolphins.

Even Santa gets in on the celebration! Instead of a hot red velvet suit with furry trim, Santa – Kanakaloka in Hawaiian – wears shorts and an aloha shirt (much more practical for the tropical climate). He also makes a more island-appropriate entrance. Since Hawaii only gets snow on top of the highest mountains (which are actually volcanoes) on the Big



Island and Maui, Santa’s sleigh isn’t much use and his reindeer – leinekia in Hawaiian – get to rest while Santa makes deliveries in the Islands. Santa arrives on the island in a bright red outrigger canoe (a magic one, of course) which

carries him across the wide sea and right up onto the beach. Menehune (mythical playful Hawaiian potbellied dwarves) have been known to paddle the canoe, but sometimes dolphins pull it across the ocean’s waves. So you might want to sing a new Christmas song: “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Dolphin.”

Because it’s warm in Hawaii year-round, most Hawaiian homes don’t have fireplaces, so children hang their stockings anywhere Mom will let them. Santa always manages to find them and leave kanake (candy). And of course, he always leaves you makanas (presents).

Christmas luau is the traditional dinner feast in Hawaii. Hawaiians enjoy such island delicacies as imu (whole pig roasted in an underground oven), poi (pounded taro root), sushi, coconut pudding, lumpia, tamales, poke (bits of very fresh fish or shellfish marinated in soy sauce, sesame oil, a little rice vinegar, and spices), chicken long rice (Hawaiian-style chicken noodle soup), lomilomi salmon (fresh tomato and salmon salad), opihi (a type of freshwater snail), haupia (a traditional coconut milk-based dessert similar to a blancmange), and manapua (a barbecue pork-filled bun whose name translates delightfully as “delicious pork thing”).

After dinner, surfing or swimming often takes place

After Christmas, Hawaiians celebrate the New Year (Hau’oli Makahiki Hou) much like the rest of the world, but they also add their own touches. Fireworks are used perhaps more than you might expect, and near everywhere you go to hear kids giggling and adults “ooing and ahing” over their self-made explosions. Traditionally a practice brought over by Chinese immigrants in the 19th century to scare off evil spirits, now the fireworks are used for spectacle and enjoyment.

Another staple of New Year celebrations around the world is food, and lots of it. Here again, Hawaii is the same yet different due to its diverse culture. Portuguese bean soup, Filipino pork adobo, and Japanese mochi all make it onto the plates at various restaurants and homes across the islands.

Good luck, too, is often wished upon friends and loved ones. In Hawaii, you’ll see it presented in little bamboo and pine boughs tied together like a flower arrangement and left on the doorsteps of the well-wished. If you go on quick drive through the streets on January 1st you’ll spot them like the daily newspaper.



Pronunciation and Definitions:
Mele Kalikimaka (may-lay kah-lee-key-mah-kah) = Merry Christmas
Kama’aina (ka-ma-a-ee-na) = island native or Hawaiian born
Hau’oli Makahiki Hou (how-oh-lee mah-kah-hee-key ho) = Happy New Year
Makahiki (mah-kah-hee-key) = traditional island festival predating Christmas
Kamehameha (Kah-may-hah-may-hah) = one of the Kings of Hawaii
Kanakaloka (Kah-NAH-kah-lo-kah) = Santa Claus
Leinekia (lay-ee-neh-KEE-ah) = reindeer
Menehune (men-eh-hoon-eh) = mythical playful Hawaiian potbellied dwarves
Kanake (kah-NAH-key) = candy
Makanas (mah-KAH-nahs) = gifts or presents
Manapua (mah-nah-POO-ah) = sweet, tender steamed rolls filled with pork or chicken
Poke (POH-keh) = very fresh fish or shellfish marinated in soy sauce, sesame oil, rice vinegar, and spices
Poi (poy) = pounded taro root, a Hawaiian food staple

Christmas Traditions in America

By **Debi Methvin**
Membership Chair

Christmas is a holiday that is packed with rich traditions and history. Every year more than 400 million people around the world celebrate the holiday we know as Christmas. “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays”? For some, this can be a sensitive question. Most Americans choose “Merry Christmas” while around 12% of the people choose “Happy Holidays”.

The original meaning of Christmas is a special church service, or mass, to celebrate the birth of Christ. The story of the Nativity and the events surrounding the birth are important religious celebrations of Christmas. These customs have influenced how Christmas day is celebrated today in the United States.

Even though the holiday is celebrated around the world by many diverse people groups and in various ways, there are some traditions that are uniquely

American. For instance, in America we tend to watch movies and special programs around the Christmas holiday time. Some favorites include “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “The Christmas Story,” “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” and “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.”

People celebrate Christmas Day in many ways. In the days or even weeks before Christmas Day,

many people decorate their homes and gardens with lights, Christmas trees, and much more. It is common to organize a special meal, often consisting of turkey or ham and a lot of other festive foods, for family and friends, often exchanging gifts with them. Children, in particular, often receive many gifts from their parents and other relatives and the mythical figure Santa Claus.

A decorated fir tree is usually

one of the first signs that the Christmas holiday has arrived. These evergreen trees may be natural or artificial and are decorated with all types of baubles, lights, tinsel, garland, and ornaments to suit each family’s or organization’s taste.

The association of gift giving with Christmas goes back to the original Christmas when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child. The gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh were given to the baby Jesus for his security and in good will. Today, those who celebrate Christmas carry on the tradition of giving to others for the joy of giving.

A wide range of people and objects represent Christmas. These include baby Jesus, the Nativity, and the Three Kings, but also Santa Claus, reindeer, and elves. Common objects at this time of the year are pine trees, holly, decorations, fairy lights, candles, and presents. Christmas Day is now truly a mix of religious celebration and commercial interests.



A German Christmas

By **Sharon Anderson**
President

A big part of the Christmas celebrations in Germany is Advent. Several different types of Advent calendars are used in German homes. Besides the traditional Advent calendars used in many countries, there are ones made out of a wreath of fir tree branches with 24 decorated boxes or bags hanging from it. Each box or bag contains a little present. Another type is called a “Advent Kranz” and is a ring of fir branches with four candles. This is like the Advent candles that are sometimes used in churches. One candle is lit at the beginning of each week during Advent.

Christmas Trees are very important in Germany. They were first used in Germany during the Middle Ages. If there are young children in the house, the trees are usually secretly decorated by the mother of the family. The Christmas tree was traditionally brought into the house on Christmas Eve. In some parts of Germany, during the evening the family would read the Bible and sing Christmas songs such as “O Tannenbaum,” “Ihr Kinderlein

Kommet,” and “Stille Nacht” (“Silent Night”).

Sometimes wooden frames, covered with colored plastic sheets and with electric candles inside, are put in windows to make the house look pretty from the outside.

Christmas Eve is the main day when Germans exchange presents with their families.

In German Happy/Merry Christmas is “Frohe Weihnachten.”

Christmas Day is called “Erste Feiertag” (first celebration) and December 26th is known as “Zweite Feiertag” (second celebration) and also “Zweiter Weihnachtsfeiertag” which translates as Boxing Day (although it doesn’t literally mean that!).

The German Pickle

By **Sharon Anderson**
President

Hiding a pickle-shaped ornament in the Christmas tree is a tradition commonly believed by Americans to come from Germany and is referred to as a Weihnachtsgurke, but this is probably an untrue legend. In fact, the tradition is completely unknown in Germany. It has been suggested that the origin of the Christmas pickle may have been developed for marketing purposes in the 1890s to coincide with the importation of glass Christmas tree decorations from Germany. Woolworths was the first company to import these types of decorations into the United States in 1890, and glass blown

decorative vegetables were imported from France from 1892 onwards.

Despite the evidence showing that the tradition did not originate in Germany, the concept of Christmas pickles has since been



imported from the United States, and they are now on sale in the country traditionally associated with it. One suggested origin has been that the tradition came from Camp Sumter during the American Civil War. The Bavarian-born Private John C. Lower had enlisted in the 103rd Pennsylvania Infantry but was captured in April 1864 and taken to the prison camp. As the story is told, on Christmas Eve, he begged a guard for a pickle when starving. The guard provided the pickle which Lower later credited for saving his life. After returning to his family, he began a tradition of hiding a pickle on their Christmas tree each year.

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Christmas in Spain

By Sharon Anderson
President

Most people in Spain go to Midnight Mass or “La Misa Del Gallo” (The Mass of the Rooster). It is called this because a rooster is supposed to have crowed the night that Jesus was born.

Most families eat their main Christmas meal on Christmas Eve before the church service. The traditional Spanish Christmas dinner is “Pavo Trufado de Navidad” which is turkey stuffed with truffles (the mushrooms, not the chocolate ones!). In Galicia (a region in northwest Spain, surrounded by water), the most popular meal for Christmas Eve and for Christmas Day is seafood. This can be all kinds of different seafood, from shellfish and mollusks to lobster and small edible crabs.

After the midnight church service, people walk through the streets carrying torches, playing guitars, and beating on tambourines and drums. One Spanish saying is “Esta noche es Noche-Buena, Y no Es noche de dormer” which means “Tonight is the good night and it is not meant for sleeping!”

December 28th is “Día de los santos inocentes” or “Day of the Innocent Saints” and is very much like April Fools’ Day in the United Kingdom and USA. People try to trick each other into believing silly

stories and jokes. Newspapers and TV stations also run silly stories. If you trick someone, you can call them “inocente, inocente” which means “innocent, innocent.” December 28th is also when people all over the world remember the babies that were killed on the orders of King Herod when he was trying to kill the baby Jesus.

New Year's Eve is called “Nochevieja” or “The Old Night” in Spain, and one special tradition is to eat 12 grapes with the 12 strokes of the clock at midnight! Each grape represents a month of the coming year, so if you eat the twelve grapes, you are said to be lucky in the new year.

Children have some presents on Christmas Day, but most are opened at Epiphany. Some children believe that the three Kings bring presents to them at Epiphany. They write letters to the Kings on Boxing Day, December 26th, asking for toys and presents. On Epiphany Eve (January 5th) they leave shoes on windowsills or balconies or under the Christmas tree to be filled with presents. Gifts are often left by children for the Kings: a glass of Cognac for each King, a satsuma (a citrus fruit), and some walnuts. Sometimes a bucket of water is left for the camels that bring the Kings! If the children have been bad, the Kings might leave pieces of coal made out of sugar in the presents!



La Befana: The Witch of Christmas

The legend of La Befana began thousands of years ago and remains to this day a tradition practiced by Italian children and their families. As the story goes, one day, the three Magi left their country bearing special gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh for the newborn Jesus Christ. They were guided by a star across many countries. At every village that they passed, people ran to meet them and accompany them in their journey.

But there was one old woman who did not join the Magi. She



claimed to be too busy with her housework and promised to join them later when she had time. The next day, she realized her mistake and frantically ran after the Magi with gifts for the child, still clutching her broom. But it was too late – the Magi were long gone.

Ever since then, the old woman has been known as “La Befana” or simply “Befana.” On the eve of January 6th, Befana flies from house to house on her old broomstick and delivers all the gifts she didn’t give to the Holy Child to good girls and boys.

In fact, Befana’s name is the Greek word “epifania” or “epiphany,” and is significant because the religious feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th. This Christian celebration, in remembrance of the Magi’s visit to Jesus, can include purifying rites and benedictions with water. Water prepared on the eve of the Epiphany (the night that Befana

flies the skies) is said to have sacred properties that can ward off evil spirits and is used in critical moments of a family’s life. Celebration of the Epiphany can be traced as far back as the 13th century and is one of the most popular Italian feasts.

In the time when our grandparents were children, Befana was tremendously popular and was awaited with a mixture of joy and anxiety. Children hung hand-knitted stockings on the fireplace and wrote long letters to her expressing their wishes. Often they were disappointed as their families had little money to spend on gifts; however, sometimes they found little hand-sewn dolls and puppets in their stocking. If they had been bad, their stockings were filled with onions, garlic, and coal. Although there were no traditional dishes to celebrate this day, people would gather together and eat chestnuts, nuts, and fruit pancakes.

Children of today know Befana as an old woman who flies a broom and wears a black shawl over a dress dirty with soot from the chimneys she climbs down to deliver her gifts. For the good children she brings sweets, toys, and books. And, as in the past, she brings onions, garlic, and coal for the bad children. In modern-day Italy some shops sell carbone or black rock candy that actually looks like pieces of coal.

Many people believe in La Befana’s existence, while others believe it is a fanciful story created for children. But Befana’s question of existence is irrelevant. Either way she still fulfills her function, which is to reaffirm the bond between family and ancestors through an exchange of gifts. (Our thanks to <http://www.ottawaitalians.com/> for this information!)

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◆ ◆ ◆ **RECIPE BOX** ◆ ◆ ◆

For this edition of *The Journal*, we asked our Members for their go-to recipes for the holidays. Here are the recipes they gave us!

STRAWBERRY COFFEE CAKE

Submitted by Pamela Rohrbacher
Secretary

1 8oz brick cream cheese, softened
¾ c. granulated white sugar
½ c. butter/margarine
1 t. vanilla
¼ c. milk
2 eggs, beaten
2 c. flour
½ t. baking soda
1 t. baking powder
¼ t. salt
1 jar strawberry preserves (12-16oz)
1 T. lemon juice
¼ c. brown sugar
½ c. chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350F.

Grease and flour a 9x13 pan.

Beat the cream cheese, white sugar, and butter until fluffy. Add vanilla, milk, and eggs. Combine well. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Slowly add the dry mix to the wet mix, mixing well each time. Spread half of the mixture into your prepared pan. Combine the jam and lemon. Spread jam mixture evenly over the batter. Now, dot the remaining batter at random over the jam layer. Sprinkle the brown sugar and nuts over the top. Bake at 350F for 40 minutes until browned. Cool some before slicing. This will serve about 12.

Replacing the toilet paper will not cause brain damage.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE

Submitted by Debi Methvin
Membership Chair
(passed on from my old friend Chris H.)

Any chocolate cake mix
2 large containers of cool whip
5-6 boxes of European-style mousse mix
3-4 bags of Heath milk chocolate toffee bits

Bake and cool the cake (don't over bake). Cut into small pieces, about 2" square.

Make the mousse while the cake is cooling. Add ½ c. more milk for creamier mousse.

Layer in a large clear bowl: cake, mousse, cool whip, heath pieces. Repeat layers 2-3 times. You may need 2 bowls.

I promise you will love this!

PIEROGIE

Submitted by Corrine Czyzewski
Member

DOUGH:

2¼ c. flour
Pinch of salt
2 eggs
2 T. Crisco shortening
½ c. milk

Mix thoroughly.

FILLING:

1 large cottage cheese (large curd)
1 large diced onion
Pinch of salt and pepper
1 egg

Mix thoroughly.

Roll out dough. Use a large cookie cutter to make 4inch circles. Fill and crimp edges with a fork to seal edges well. After filling, drop the pierogi in boiling water. When they come to the top, remove them from the water. Fry in butter. Eat immediately or freeze in sealed container to eat later.

SPICE TEA MIX

Submitted by Pamela Lemons
Social Media Chair

¾ c. instant tea
2 c. Tang
½ c. instant lemonade mix
1 to 1½ c. sugar
1½ t. cinnamon
1 t. ground cloves
¼ t. salt

Mix it all together. Serve 2-3 spoonfuls to a cup of hot water.

Also good iced but make it ahead of time and refrigerate so sugar has time to dissolve.

BEAN DIP

Submitted by Pamela Lemons
Social Media Chair

DRESSING:

½ c. oil
½ c. cider vinegar
¾ c. sugar (or less to taste)
Combine in small saucepan. Bring to a boil for 90 seconds. Cool.

1 c. white corn
1 c. chopped celery
1 c. chopped onion
1 14oz can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
1 14oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
4oz chopped jalapeños (2 large)
Mix with cooled dressing. Chill 6-8 hours. Serve with corn chips.

VEGGIES IN CHEESE SAUCE

Submitted by Debi Methvin
Membership Chair

1 large bag of frozen California blend vegetables
1 c. margarine
8 T. flour
7 mashed chicken bouillon cubes
1 1/3 c. milk
1 1/3 c. water
8oz grated mild cheddar cheese (or more if you like cheese)
2 c. Pepperidge Farm herb seasoned stuffing
6 T. margarine

Preheat oven to 350F.

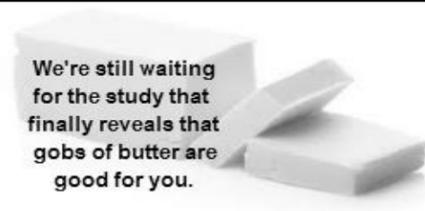
Partially cook and drain the vegetables.

In a saucepan, melt 1 c. margarine. Add flour and bouillon cubes (should be semi-thick). Add milk and water, if not thick enough, add 1-2 T. flour.

Pour sauce over the drained veggies. (I do mine in the sauce pan so the serving dish doesn't get messy.) Add the grated cheese and stir until melted. Transfer to the serving dish.

Melt the 6 T. margarine, add the crunched up stuffing, and stir until coated. Spread over the veggies. (Don't mix it in.)

Bake uncovered at 350F for 30 minutes. Enjoy! Yum!

**SPICY CEREAL CRUNCH**

Submitted by Pamela Lemons
Social Media Chair

3 c. Rice Chex
3 c. Wheat Chex
3 c. Corn Chex
1½ c. chopped nuts
¼ c. white syrup
1 1/3 c. brown sugar
½ t. salt
¼ t. cinnamon
½ c. margarine/butter

In large greased bowl, combine Chex cereals and nuts; set aside. In medium saucepan, combine syrup, sugar, salt, cinnamon, and margarine/butter. Bring to a full rolling boil. Cook for 3 minutes longer. Pour over cereal mixture and stir until completely coated. Spread on parchment and let cool. Break into pieces. Store in tightly covered container.

PUMPKIN ROLL WITH CREAM CHEESE FILLING

Submitted by Dave Grabarczyk
Publicity Chair

CAKE:

¼ c. (or more) powdered sugar (to sprinkle on towel)
¾ c. all-purpose flour
½ t. baking powder
½ t. baking soda
½ t. ground cinnamon
½ t. ground cloves
¼ t. salt
3 large eggs
1 c. granulated sugar
2/3 c. pure pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
1 c. walnuts, chopped (optional)

FILLING:

1 8oz pkg. cream cheese, room temperature
1 c. powdered sugar, sifted
6 T. butter or margarine, softened
1 t. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 375F. Grease 15"x10" jelly-roll pan; line with waxed paper. Grease and flour paper. Sprinkle a thin, cotton kitchen towel with powdered sugar.

FOR CAKE:

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and salt in small bowl. Beat eggs and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until thick. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in flour mixture. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Sprinkle with nuts if desired.

Bake for 13-15 minutes or until top of cake springs back when touched. (If using a dark-colored pan, begin checking for doneness at 11 minutes.) Immediately loosen and turn cake onto prepared towel. Carefully peel off waxed paper. Roll up cake and towel together, starting with narrow side. Cool on wire rack.

FOR FILLING:

Beat cream cheese, 1 c. powdered sugar, butter, and vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until smooth. Carefully unroll cake. Spread cream cheese mixture over cake. Reroll cake. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving, if desired.

TIP: Be sure to put enough powdered sugar on the towel when rolling up the cake so it will not stick to the towel.

TIP OF THE DAY
Never hide chocolate down your underpants.

Kwanzaa

By Pamela Rohrbacher
Secretary

Many African Americans celebrate Kwanzaa. What is this holiday? What does it mean?

Kwanzaa was founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga from December 25, 1966, to January 1, 1967, and has grown in popularity annually. But, what does this celebration mean? There are 7 principles of Kwanzaa, with each day honoring a different one.

Day 1 is Umoja, which means "unity". This stresses the importance of family and unity. "We" is the key word.

Day 2 is Kujichagulia, which means "self-determination." This day emphasizes making decisions that are in the best interests of our family and community.

Day 3 is Ujima, which is "working together." On this day, followers think about collective work and responsibility, and our role in community, society, and the world.

Day 4 is Ujamaa, which means "supporting each other." This day identifies the collective economic strength and common needs achieved through mutual support.

Day 5 is Nia which means "purpose." Celebrants set personal goals the help strengthen the community.

Day 6 is Kuumba, which means "creativity." This day highlights making use of creative energy to build better communities.

Day 7 is Imani, meaning "faith, especially in ones' self." Honoring traditions and striving for self-worth is the focus of the day.

Buon Natale

(That's Italian for "Merry Christmas")

By Ann Young
Jury Chair

Growing up with Italian grandparents was magical at Christmas time, rushing to Grandma's house to see her windows all steamed up, smelling the fish and bread cooking, seeing the replica of Bethlehem handmade by my Grandfather. One of the mysteries surrounding Christmas Eve has to do with dinner, "Feast of the Fishes."

I honestly never knew this tradition until a few years ago so I searched the meaning behind it. Much of the meaning has been lost but I did find this: Christmas Eve is considered a vigil that is observed with meatless meals. Depending

on the region of Italy you are from, the tradition handed down could be seven to thirteen different fish dishes served. Seven fish dishes symbolize the seven sacraments or the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Nine fish dishes represent the Holy Trinity times three. Thirteen dishes represent Jesus and his twelve apostles.

It has been many years since we sat down to Grandma's table for Christmas Eve dinner but we still eat the traditional spaghetti made with octopus, smelt, baccala, and fried bread.



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Fun Facts about an Irish Christmas

By Pamela Rohrbacher
Secretary

Every culture that celebrates Christmas has their own way of doing so. The Irish have a long history as devout Catholics, and so have many Christmas traditions worthy of mention. Here are some interesting facts about an Irish Christmas. Much of this information was provided by Susan Byron and was taken from her website.

The traditional cakes/puddings are made in September or early October as to allow the whiskey laden treat time to cure, or develop, its flavor to the fullest.

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This was also the traditional day for those who lived in the rural areas to "come to town" for their Christmas shopping.

Christmas trees, which were not usually set up until a day or two before Christmas, were most often spruce, with holly bushes preferred in some counties.

A candle in the window signified that Mary and Joseph were welcome in this home.

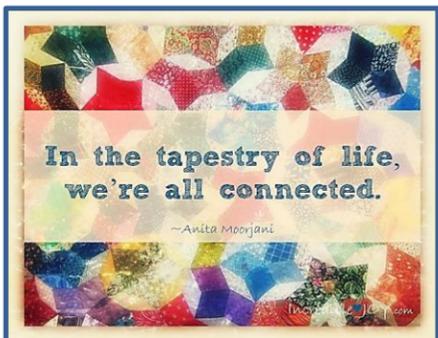
Midnight Mass for adults was often preceded, and succeeded, by a trip to the local pub. The whiskey, ham, and mincemeat pies would be "sampled" heavily.

The traditional Christmas dinner was served at lunchtime with the entire family in attendance. Brussels sprouts, hard to come by, were available this time of year and often served along with the hams, gravy, other vegetables, and the myriad of desserts.

The British tradition of "Boxing Day" is celebrated as St. Stephen's Day in Ireland.

New Year's Eve was usually celebrated with a formal dance and a live band. It was not as big of a deal for the pubs/drinking as it has become in more recent years.

January 6th, The Feast of the Epiphany, is considered the end of the Christmas season. All of the decorations would be taken down. In the western part of the country, this day was a "Women's Holiday." On this date, the men did all of the housework and prepared a special meal for all of the women of the house.



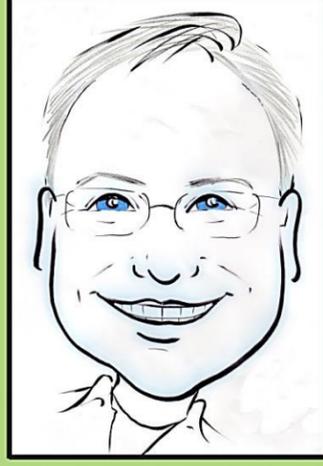
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