

Feliz Navidad y Buen Año Nuevo



Greetings from the Land of Enchantment

This has been an eventful year for us as we have had visits from Hans, Luce and Peter's cousin Grace and grand-nephew Maurice. Which gave us a good excuse to take time off from our usual pfutzing about the house and garden to show off our new beautiful environment to our guests. We went to Taos and Santa Fe and spent time in the mountains above Mora. We went to museums and shows. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, in Santa Fe had a wonderful show of her abstracts.

My Garden produced a lot of squash and green beans, this year. The peach trees were also very prolific. I was canning a lot of jam and juice as well as freezing peach puree for latter use.

We are building a closet in the bedroom, where the old propane furnace used to be, with built-ins to accommodate Peters clothes and books (at last!) and it should be finished by spring [hopefully by the New Year].



Hans and Peter went camping at Bandelier National Monument where they visited Tewa and Towa ruins from c.1250, climbed cliffs and hiked centuries old trails having a grand time.

In spring we both went to Iowa for a Lenihan reunion with my mother, my brothers and most of their kids. We were there for

about a week and came home on the AmTrak, which conveniently lets us off right down town Las Vegas. Sometimes Kathryn felt a little small, sitting in the rocking chair, while visiting the Amana Furniture maker's shop, in Iowa.



We saw two Operas this year at the Santa Fe Opera House: the premiere of "Life is a Dream" 40 years after it was written (it was wonderful) and an old favorite "The Tales of Hoffman".

We managed four different trips to the Taos Pueblo with various casts of characters, including a major Pow-Wow of tribes from all over and the San Geronimo (patron saint of the pueblo) fiesta and fair, at which the koshare (black and white striped clowns) spend all afternoon attempting to climb a 30 foot pole to get at the fruits of the harvest and throw them down to the spectators. Very interesting and a lot of fun.

Willie continues to be a major presence in our lives and it seems as if we are continuing our journey into old age in peace and contentment.

We wish you a little of the same peace and contentment for your coming new year.

with all our Love and best wishes

Kathryn

& Peter