

Festival Greetings!

1979 was a series of Happenings. After publishing Ancient Californians, I outgrew being a one-woman Cottage Industry. Jackie Nichols joined the Great Basin Foundation as the Vice President; Sue Schroeder took over business management and P.R. -- and we became a small business. Eileen Grinder is our sharp-sharp bookkeeper while Elaine Robson and Kathy Brown keep our advisory and CRM report coming out. (We also are venturing into pops, science fiction and are the only team I know who can bracket elaborate shamanistic scenarios with radio-carbon dates.)

Yesterday we completed a low-altitude photo mission, in which a tethered balloon served as vehicle for twin cameras taking stereo pairs of pictures of five transects at Little Lake. The weather was gorgeous, the yellow balloon a brilliant sight, Native American, California Wildlife Commission, State Historical Preservation officials, Los Angeles sportsmen and the LA Times Science editor were our guests and workers. Cliff Taylor was the camera balloon honcho with lovely Louise on the transit. Gloves were shredded on the tether lines, shins were skinned on the rocks, rattlesnakes ran for their lives and a fine time was had by all.

The swimming pool and Jacuzzi have been repainted a dark blue abstract with bright blue center - and the next move will be to install improved Solar collectors and (perhaps) experiment with wind generation power.

In August and September I journeyed to Canada to give a slide talk at the Americanists, then flew to Tokyo. The seven hour flight was an impassioned conversation with George MacDonald on Shamanism wherein I became the Shaman's Apprentice. From Tokyo to Khabarovsk, and another slide talk at the 14th Pacific Congress; to Irkutsk and Biakal with George, Woody and my wonderful Japanese roommate. A sojourn of feasting in a Soviet wildlife preserve (caviar three times a day). Then a dreamy tour of Japan's Inland Sea and home to an uproar of jet-lag, report writing, giving reports etc. We have two exciting, new and empathic geologists working with us. Jackie and Sue are unbelievably hardworking and effective. Wish us success in our venture with

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Pax and love,

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*Best, fastest,
craziest and best
year of my
life!*

