



Our Girls

Brooklyn is now nine months old. Yes, already! She is now only about two pounds less than Dakota. And she is being allowed many more privileges because of her good behavior. With dog shows cut back this time of year, I haven't been working conformation with her as much but she is attending a second set of good manners classes. After this class, she will take a sampler class in early March to learn freestyle (dog dancing) and nose work. Dakota is now taking freestyle private lessons every other week.

Looking back, looking forward: The Gray PEAR Affair Family Reunion

The Gray PEAR Affair will be in Bothell, Washington on July 29, 2017 and will be hosted by Darcy and Julie Swavely. Because they are both motorcycle riders, as are other reunion attendees, this year's theme will be "Pears-R-Rollin'."

Last year's hosts were Linda and Richard Wolcott. As a special thank you for hosting, I made a drawing of Linda and their two children, James and Lisa. If you have hosted one of our family reunions in the past and would like a drawing done, [send me](#) a high quality photo! My goal this year is to up my drawing so I welcome drawing opportunities. To that end, I now have a facebook page dedicated to my drawings called www.facebook.com/susieimages/.



Christmastime

For the holidays, Tim and Kathy hosted Christmas at their house and we hosted a second holiday gathering at our house for a visit from Nephew Dave, wife Stacey, and girls Ashley, and Arya. They stopped in Napa on their way home to Lake Oswego. We were pleased Gary, Fely, and Briana could also join us for this second get together and also for the opportunity to get a photo of all the kids together!

Chris had a special gift for Dave & Stacey, a collection of 78 records for their Victrola inherited from grandparents Albert and Jean. Chris went all out with his woodworking & vinyl design skills to build a beautiful box to hold the huge collection of 78s he found all at one garage sale.

Snow Time!

On New Year's Day, Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra headed to the mountains for five days of skiing, snowboarding and playing in the snow; so much snow fell, there were days they had to stay off the slopes. The kids enjoyed sledding around their cabin instead. The image of the trees in this diorama I created for fun in Photoshop is the view outside their cabin after an overnight snowstorm.

