



## Christmas 2018

Since the last issue of Sue's News & Views, there has not been a lot to report thus I decided to wait until after Christmas to publish this edition. It is not that I haven't been busy. I have been inundated with drawing, doing as much as I did back in September in readiness for my art exhibit at the local library. That exhibit resulted in commissions to do nine drawings! I then received an additional commission through my online Etsy shop. Add to that, completing the promise of a drawing I gifted my sister-in-law LAST Christmas. Both her drawing (yes, sometimes I do work in color) and my favorite recently commissioned drawing are shown at right.



Christmas was especially fun this year. First off Chris surprised us by playing Santa Claus. (Or should I say Chris Kringle?) He was up in the middle of the night to hang stockings for Robert, Kathy, himself, and me. He's missed not having stockings since we stopped doing them years ago. He fastened pre-made wooden letters onto wooden hangers he built then filled the stockings with wonderful and fun goodies. THEN he built the most amazing gift for Robert. Robert is really into working puzzles and is always sorting pieces into box lids from board games. Chris came up with a reconfigurable jigsaw puzzle surface, which locks together with magnets and has removable trays for sorting puzzle pieces. It is set up to expand the size of a card table to work 2000 and 3000 piece puzzles! Chris created all of this without plans—building as he went. Christmas is always more fun with kids, no matter their age!



Briana, Rylan, Sierra, & Aubrey



Pumpkins from our garden repurposed for Christmas.



From the 1960s

## Linda

After a long battle with cancer, my sister, Linda, at age 70, passed away on December 18, 2018. After she lost her husband and moved from Astoria to Bellingham several years ago, my two sisters, Donna and Bonnie, and my Mom were so generous in the support they gave her before and during her illness. Linda always followed her own star, was a very creative soul, and had a great deal of imagination. She was an artist, a gypsy, and very giving. I always enjoyed spending time with her. I am going to miss our visits a great deal.



Playing Pictionary. Game playing is a Christmas tradition in the family.