

THE GROVE'S

Family News Update



Warm greetings at the end of 2023!

Life has developed regular rhythms with occasional variations.

The biggest event is when the family comes together for a week in the summer. As always, we had much more yummy food than could be eaten. Of course, just being all together in the big rental house was the real treat.

At Deception Pass State Park after our all-family away time. A short concert in the park too!



The big surprise was Alan getting appendicitis. Lindsey took him early morning into the hospital and he was back with us in the afternoon, appropriately taking it easy.

Melanie and I were also near Deception Pass Park during our annual anniversary get-away. We built a fire in one of the CCC picnic shelters and read books. (Note her little dog snuggling on her shoulder.) It was one of those memorable simple pleasures!



In August we went zip lining. Melanie doesn't like heights, but she overcame that and laughed enthusiastically as she went across. Definitely a lot of fun!

In April we visited Alan & Lindsey at their new place near Chicago. We visited the "bean" downtown, and did a Segway tour. However, the most enjoyable part was being with them at their home.



Bethany graduated from fire academy; she is now working in Auburn. She says it is like gaining a large family of brothers. We kept their dog Hudson during her busy academy time and he was enjoyable.



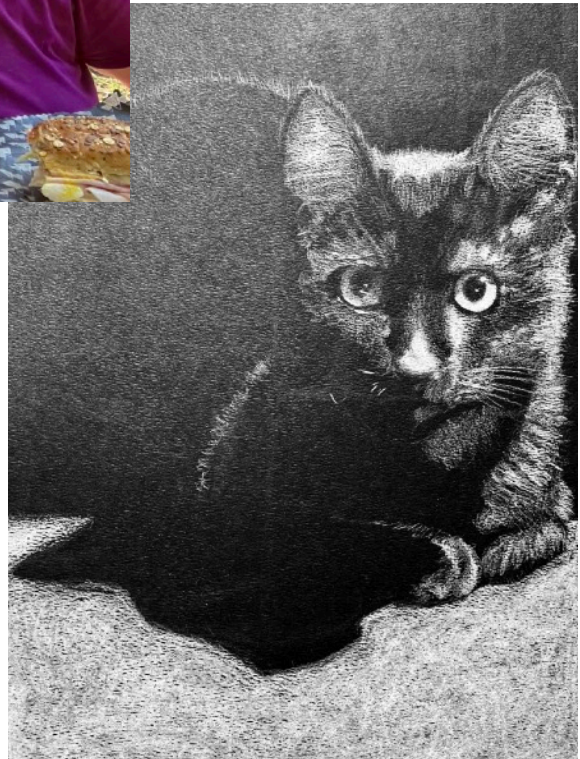
Melanie regularly picked Camden up after school. It gave Cami space to get her homework done and gave Melanie more time with Camden.

It seems this year that Melanie had a larger share of not feeling well and that limited what she could do. However, I think we are finding solutions and so I am optimistic.

Weekly we still have dinner with Austin & Janae. Of course I am still playing cello, writing, kayaking, biking and walking. And Melanie is still knitting and learning weaving. Life is good.

May 2024 be an encouraging year for you!

Larry & Melanie



Camden's artistic abilities are taking after Austin's.



Sheridan likes riding on just one shoulder.
