

January 2, 2005

Hi, Carol & Ivan -

Dear Family and Friends Everywhere:

And a Happy New Year to you all! We're late with our greetings this year, but I'm sure you will understand as you read on...

Ben's health has been failing rather rapidly over the past year and on December 12, he was transported to the Hilton Head Hospital because of severe pain in his legs and thighs. That, along with his dementia which has turned into full-blown Alzheimer's, are the reasons he is now a resident of LifeCare of Hilton Head Nursing Home.

I have cared for him at home as long as I could, but his frequent falls (his legs are very weak) led me to realize I couldn't give him the professional care he needed. He is in good, kind hands at LifeCare and I have been visiting him twice a day at mealtimes so I can help feed him. Of course, the fact that his vision is so very poor...the corneal transplant didn't work...just exacerbates his condition. Please keep him in your prayers.

As his illness progressed during the year, he kept remembering what he had been (he loved his family and his years at Northwestern) and was so frustrated over what he was becoming. I have kept reminding him what a worthwhile life he had lived and how many people's lives he had touched. His eyes will light up for a moment when I mention your names. I have read all your Christmas greetings to him and he and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering us.

Mark and Claudia have both been down for visits with their Dad and we talk on the phone daily. His six grandchildren all talked with him on Christmas Day and I could tell he loved that. Ben's speech is very garbled these days and he knows what he wants to say, but just can't get it out so that it is understandable most of the time.

Didn't mean for this to be a "downer" for you, but did want you to know the reason you didn't receive a greeting from us this year. We loved each and every one of your cards and messages. Please keep us on your list.

Much love to you all...

Jeanne and Ben

Hope 2005 treats you two kindly -



peace and Love,
Margaret
(with Tina)

I look forward to the new
novel, remembering my
Astronomy class at Drake
University where Dr. more-
house, President and dis-
coverer of his Comet, told
us that when Halley's
comet appeared, crowds
of people surrounded
his house asking for
assurance that the world
was not about to end!
Nor is it today - even
if Bush did get elected!
So - plant your garden,
write those great words,
and Carol, join your
GLASS friends who love
you dearly. And have
more special vacations
in 2005.

Much Love,
Margaret

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Dear Carol and Ivan -

Much to my surprise, and perhaps yours, I have gone beyond the unlikely age of 90 and realistically speculate on my mortality. But since the how, when, and where of life's finality is uncertain, Tina and I are here again with our Holiday greetings. The house, trees, shrubs and yard - and I myself - all proclaim the ravages of having spent 60 years here together. Sweet memories, like cream, rise to the top and are a comfort as I remember all of those who helped create them. Tina, unaware of five of her predecessors buried in the garden, leaps from my lap to chase a squirrel, as they once did. Life is still good, but more difficult, for what was once a simple task is often a daunting challenge. But I still enjoy being with my friends and appreciate their helpful acts and concern for my well-being. I preserve my connection with Shoreline College by working with the Women's Center on a scholarship that will express my many years of commitment to women's higher education and to the important place served by the community college. As always, I hope for another Spring. But now - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

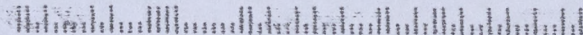
more than at Christmas time
we really need our friends!
Thank you for visits, cards,
wonderful garden vege-
tables, happy memories...

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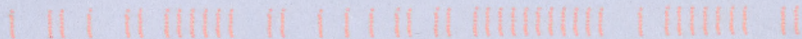


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Feb. 15, 2005

Dear Mr. Doig,

Just a brief note
to let you know how
very much I have
enjoyed your Montana
books.

Dancing at the Rascal
Fair was my introduction
to Montana of old and
the wonderful poetry of
your writing. Then came
English Creek and Ride
with Me, Mariah Montana
which I thoroughly
enjoyed. Many times I
brought out the Atlas

Montana map & to find
the story's location. And
The Sea Runners - what a
story!

I have just finished
(amid many tears) this
House of Sky. What a
truly wonderful book
honoring Charlie and
Lady!

Thank you for sharing
your Montana. My copies
are not for loan! But
your name will be
shared with friends.

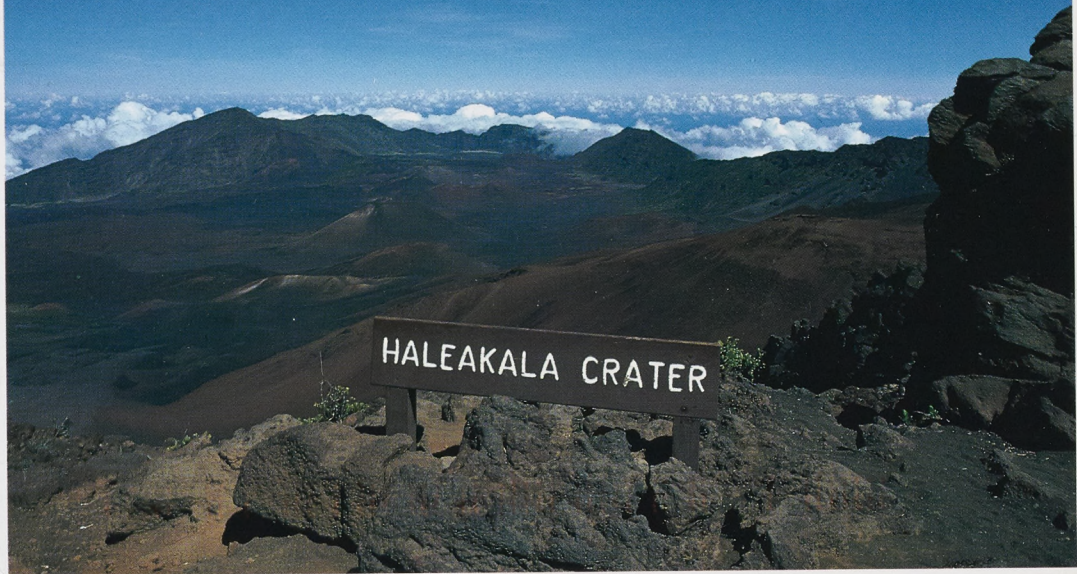
Fondly,

June Chichizola
(raised on a 10 acre apricot
ranch in Mountain View CA.)



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HALEAKALA CRATER



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Ivan and Carol -

This is what Haleakala looks
like at the summit - or so we
were told. It was cloud covered
when we got there and only
offered tantalizing glimpses of
the crater.

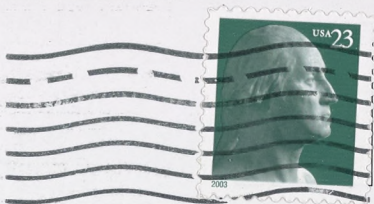
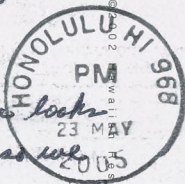
Have enjoyed the beaches and
the volcano park here and on
the Big Island.

Will be in Seattle in Aug. Will
send details.

Best wishes -

Betty & Pete Broughton

Haleakala Crater or House of the Sun is a National Park
established in 1961. The demigod Maui was said to have
lassoed the sun here so that Hina, his mother, could dry
her tapa cloth. Photo: Ric Noyle



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Friday, May 27

Val-Kill

Eleanor Roosevelt's Bedroom

Val-Kill industries manufactured reproductions of early american furniture from 1927-1936, including the bed, bureau, and tables shown in this room. Val-Kill became a residence for Mrs. Roosevelt in 1937. Photographs of family members and friends decorate the walls.

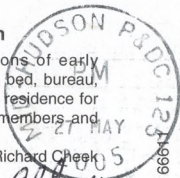
Photography by Richard Cheek

Hi Ivan + Carol - All my life I've wanted to come here - it's so lovely and so Eleanor! Birds are singing everywhere on the beautiful grounds. Sunny and low 70s. We are now headed for FDR's, Vanderbilts + the Rockefellers! - the whole bunch! See you soon,

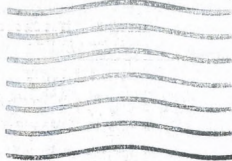
Love

Jan

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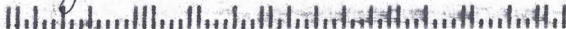


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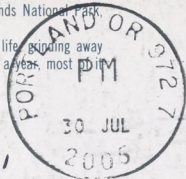
(Thought of our conversations about Utah)

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Lower Falls—Indian Creek Canyon Needles District, Canyonlands National Park, Utah.

After a storm in the Needles District, Indian Creek roars to life, spilling away at canyon walls. The area receives only nine inches of rainfall a year, most of it in the form of violent thunderstorms.

PHOTOGRAPHER—STEVE MULLIGAN © 1990



Dear Carol and Ivan,

What a wonderful time we had, talking, eating and enjoying your amazing home! Thanks so much for the opportunity to reconnect and relax. And we're delighted things are falling into place on the book front. Be sure to give us a chance to treat you, too. Let us know. Your friends Kathy and Craig.

P.S. We'll be in touch soon about the car. (Pick-up + payment!)

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Dear Carol & Ivan,

Good to hear your news. Sounds like Ivan is making good progress on the new book. I'm looking forward to the release.

My brother Ron is now in Salt Lake and they are enjoying the areas you mentioned. The land is very beautiful. I hope we can organize our work time to join Ron & Marilyn, his wife, for hiking next summer.

Our summer plans will revolve around the schedule for our legislature. We

The schedule for our Legislature. We have a D controlled Senate (first time in years) and a less, but still R controlled House. The session will be problematic - too much demand and too little revenue and numerous vows of no new taxes. We at least have a Governor - such as he is.

Season's Greetings

We are doing our best to get over the election, but I worried about the country and that the Democratic Party will back away from issues I hold dear. I keep breathing deeply and running. Here is to a better 2005. Madeline & Allan



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Moon Bridge in Snow

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