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## Virtual Scrapbooks

If you are like me, there are many things that come into my hands that have special significance. Especially rearing my children, all of whom loved to draw and write, I acquired literally boxes and boxes of their treasures.

From the tiny scribbled notes of their first writing attempts which said "I love you" to the really detailed drawings which they did in highschool. All were treasures I could not part with.

**PROBLEM:** How to keep "keepsakes" not "junk".

- It is part of our **MISSION** to provide you with patterns of all kinds, in user friendly formats, through cyberspace: saving paper, postage, pollution, and precious time.

**SOLUTION:** "Virtual Scrapbook-keepsakes". So, part of our mission (restated above) is to help people create those keepsakes, and thus strengthen those bonds by getting back to what really matters: which is not how much you can import from a third world country in unfairly traded goods, but how much you can help your family, friends, teachers and neighbors understand the extent to which you care for them.

Our predecessors understood how to do this, they made quilts, and cross-stitch samplers, and hats and scarves and confirmation, baptismal, wedding and prom dresses all by hand, and with every bead and ruffle and sequin, gave of themselves in an artwork of love.

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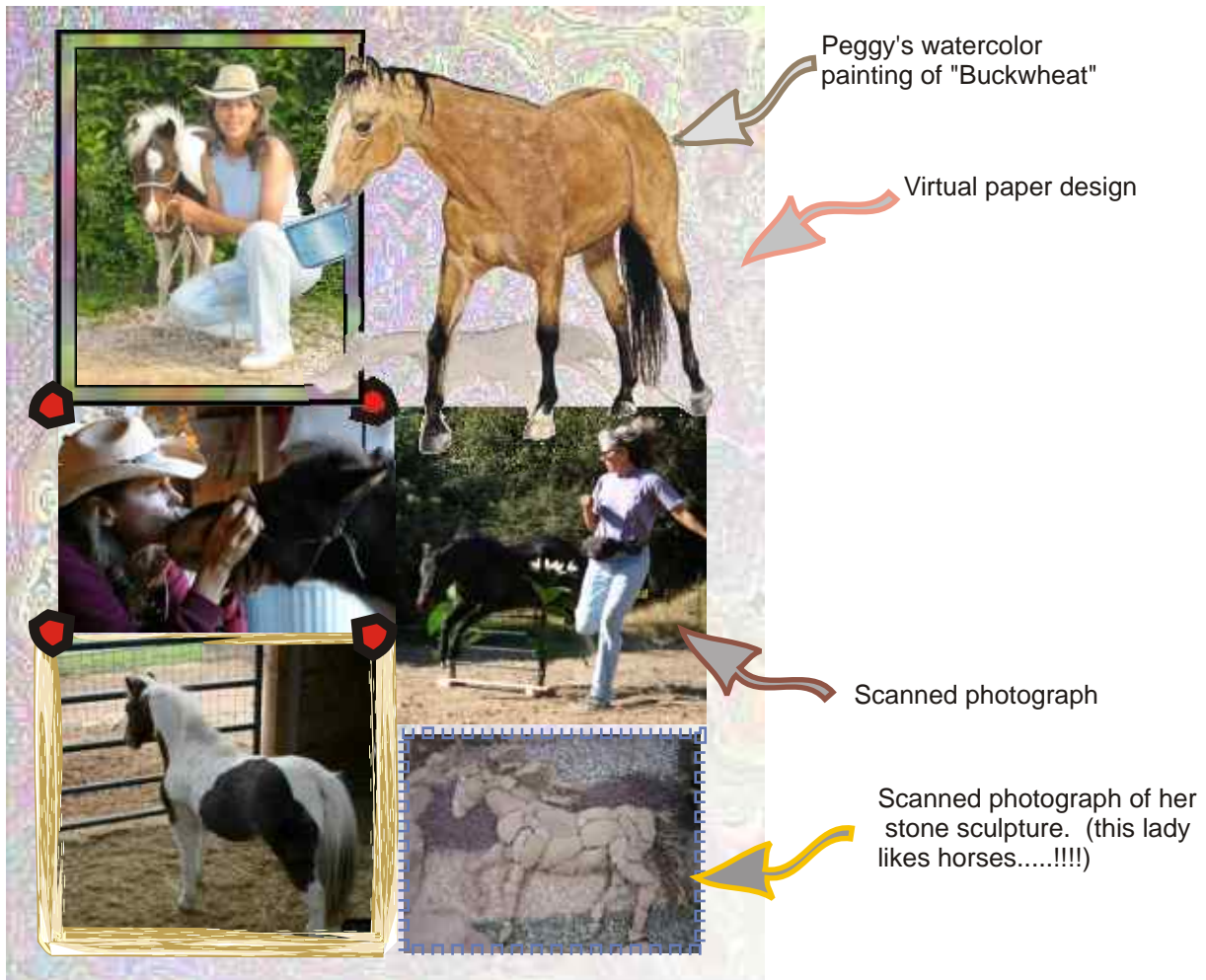
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So lets frame and hang those great pieces of kids art, and use those others to create scrapbooks which are sort of "permanent", where there is no mold (like we get plenty of in Cincinnati), no clutter, no fading of colors, and best of all.....they can be presented in a variety of digital media (CDs, Powerpoint presentations, DVDs) so that everyone can enjoy.

I hope to provide you with incentive to scan in those kids' old drawings, birthday cards and photographs, tickets to the prom and pressed roses, and send them to me as jpg and tif images and let me customize them as scrapbook pages and return them to you as a "virtual" scrapbook, either as CD or Powerpoint or DVD. Or alternatively, as I did for my mother who doesn't use computers--using the scrapbook images from the first three boxes of kids artwork, had them leather bound into a hard back books. Give these to your family, and intimate friends for viewing, keeping them updated on the fun things (and the not so fun things) that happen in your life.



This is an appropriate topic for December, as we try to find things of value, and recall Christmas letters that used to accompany Christmas cards which functioned similarly. I included just one sample scrapbook page in this newsletter to get you thinking about how different approaches can be structured. Assembling this page only took me about half an hour, and I did it for my sister (whose vocation/avocation is clicker training horses). She also watercolor paints and teaches piano~ ample reasons to chronicle events of business, teaching, and enrichment.

After I finish scanning into digital format my own kids artwork (five boxes to go) I am anxious to do the same for my stained glass photographs. I think at some point its just great to look at the things we create and say, I had a good time doing that--its not perfect, but it represents the best I could do at the time. If you are like me, and almost all stained glass panels get given away in love, its easy to lose track of what one has accomplished.

Bottom line--Scrapbooking keeps you in touch with the gifts that matter most, what we make with our hands, and keep in our hearts, and give to our loved ones, and receive in like manner. Let me help you create these memory books. Its part of our service, and we work carefully and with your tastes in mind. Have a great holiday, mm.

## New Patterns

Dozens of new patterns have been added this month, so check us out. Many of them are custom names and alphabets, created as special gifts for the holidays. Thanks to Sue Gausby ([funstuffcrafts@hotmail.uk.co](mailto:funstuffcrafts@hotmail.uk.co)) who has been my best customer ordering custom names and images.

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# Pattern for December

