

In Memory of our sweet (albeit cantankerous!) Aunt Lois



She was a pretty good sport, poor thing!

This has been a sad year, because we lost our beloved Aunt Lois in June. Terri took really good care of her, but, Lois had fallen into dementia (which seems to run on the Bragg side) and , sadly, fell victim to old age and dementia.

Lois was a caution! When my Dad died just as I was entering college, she and Aunt Bette offered me their home and love. I'm pretty sure Lois was good hearted considering that , with her son Mikey, we made a mischievous pair!



One day Mikey and I were bored; so, Just don't take her out to lunch that is a anywhere!

dangerous condition! We came up with a dandy pas-time! We took all of Lois's canned goods in the cupboard and took the wrappers off. Now, figuring that Lois would need something to tell what was in the can, we numbered the cans and had an index. Also, I personally took a Sharpie and drew a picture of the contents. For Example, Pumpkin pie filling , I drew a pumpkin and a pie on the can. We also added the can number on the bottom of the front picture.



Three Aunts, Aunt Bette, Aunt Lois and Aunt Velma. Of the three , just Aunt Bette remains with us. We love you, Aunt Bette, so please stay with us.



Lois and Velma did NOT like their picture taken!

WOW! She was VERY upset, and we were both grounded, but she took it in stride and demanded that one of us had to be around when she was cooking, or she might consider doing a Nancy/Mikey stew!!! EEKS!



Dad took this picture of Lois.



Lois builds her own cave house!



Bette and Lois, the 2 youngest of the 9 kids, used to play together.



In Memory of our sweet Aunt Louise

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2018 Louise is survived by her children, Wayne Richard Bragg Jr. and wife, Myrna, and their children, Emily Bragg and Jessica Parker; Kristel Jean Brown and Allan Nawrot and her children, Shawn, Sage, and Dillon Brown; Teka Bragg diMajo and husband, Giuseppe, and their children, Jacob and Lucas diMajo; Tanya Hofmiester and family; John Miller and wife, Suzie, and family. She is also survived by her brothers, Bernard Ginn and Peggy and family, James Ginn and wife, Linda, and family, Clinton Ginn Jr. and wife, Ruth, and family, Andy Ginn and family, sisters, Janie Rancourt and husband, Charlie, and family, Mary Jean Philbrook and husband, Lewis, and family, Nancy Hammond and husband, Gerry, and family, and sister-in-law, Jesse Ginn, and a lot of nieces and nephews. My mother recently told me she felt she had had a very good life, a fact I debated until I looked through her address book and found the many friends she had made and decided she had the blessings of many extraordinary friends: Jean and Bud Truitt, Saing and Ray Hofmiester, Skipper and John Bertelson, Scova and Herb Jordan, William Lovelace, Betty Williams, Malcolm and Margot Beattie, Pat and Peter Curliss, Pam Sidoti, Deb Synder, and many many more. Louise was a great wife, mother, sister, and friend and set an example all her life of kindness and friendship laughter and love. She thoroughly enjoyed her garden riding her bike around the cape or in Florida by the beach reading and sewing teddy bears which many of you have.

Teka sent me the card (above-right) along with some of Louise's things. Thanks, Teka! We are going to miss these two ladies very much. Rest in peace, my beloved Aunts.

Life of Lou's Philosophy

there are days when everything is right with the world. When nothing aches in the knee or the heart. When the house is clean and the air is fragrant with tossed lilacs. When there are violets under foot. Your hair is doing what it's supposed to and you are wearing beautiful shoes! On such a day, you might be tempted to plant strawberries, to speak in another language, to hide fortunes under stones, or to make a little magic of your own. Mom's physical body no longer is with you but she left music in our hearts.



Louise May Ginn Bragg



When Darrell came home, we went down to visit with Aunt Louise.



Louise with Rick and Krissy!



Me, Mary, Chelsea, and Aunt Louise.

I took David and Sharon's kids, Mary and Chelsea, down to meet their Aunt Louise. Louise had a beautiful house in Stockton Springs...right on the Maine coast.

Aunt Louise must have had a premonition, because she wrote me a letter during her last year that tells how she became embroiled with the Braggs! I have it on my website—enter this and

hit return: <http://www.nancyswebsite.com/LouiseLetter.htm>



Younger Aunt Louise!



Louise and Wayne. They were living in a trailer out back of Mom and Dad's house in Eliot. It was great! I loved Aunt Louise and visited the trailer often!



This was a priceless picture of Louise and Doris, taken by my Dad. They dressed up like bums. They went down to a Kittery store and called Uncle Wayne's taxi cab company (he was working as a taxi driver) . They posed as 2 drunks ...when he appeared to pick them up, they put on a good act...they were MEAN drunks!...right up until the police came!!! It was an

escapade that will go down in the Bragg family tall tales! HA!

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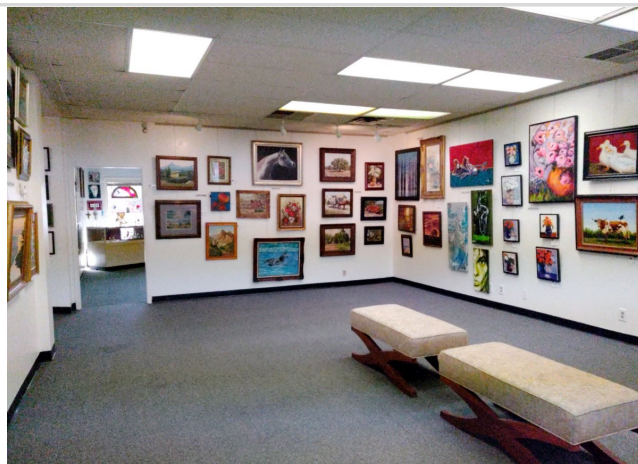
Fort Bend Art Center

There is a HUGE building in Rosenberg , Texas. It was originally a telephone company building, but was taken over by the Republican National Committee. After they left, Bill Butler (the man who owns the building) had a HUGE, empty building! The rent was \$4000 per month. A deal was made between Bill Butler and Diana Miller (current president) and Kathy and Don Golden about whether they would like to start a gallery there. He would charge them \$2000 per month and pay the utilities. He would use it as a charitable write-off. They accepted! There are a lot of rooms that they could rent as "studios". That, by itself paid Mr. Butler the rent.

The Art League of Ft Bend was a small league of maybe 60 to 70 members. That changed a LOT after artists from the area were attracted to the gallery. They now have around 250 members! The members who signed up for the gallery have to pay a fee for doing that but it isn't much for a whole year!

And thus began our beautiful art gallery in Rosenberg and it was worth it! We have a very beautiful art gallery!. Every gallery member has to

work 2 days a month, but it is well worth the time! Our thanks go to Diana, Kathy and Don for setting this in motion.



Inside—Second Gallery room. My artwork is on the wall facing the camera. The top painting is a white horse that I painted a while ago!



Entrance to the Gallery is on G Street between 3rd and 4th.

The space gives us a wonderful opportunity for artistic exposure! We thank Bill Butler for allowing us this opportunity and Diana, Kathy and Don for getting it up and running!



Bluebonnet Trip - Stop to Visit Dena

When spring hits us, we all look forward to the end of March-Beginning of April time period, because that's when the Texas bluebonnets come out. When the bluebonnets come out, the Texas hill country becomes absolutely beautiful! This year Mary Blain, Judy Beard and Myself embarked upon the 2019 Bluebonnet excursion! One of the BEST places for this is Fredericksburg, Texas.

Here are some of our beautiful pictures!

On the way there, we pass by Dena Wenmoh's Ranch.

We used to have art retreats there a LOT during the pretty months! We all missed seeing her. She was surprised to see us, but we could tell she was preparing for some show! She had lots of help and was rearranging artwork. ALSO, she had redone the interior of the Bunkhouse making it more colorful than ever (ahem...I didn't think that that was possible...but the color reaches out to you now! Here's some pictures!!



Dena was busy getting the place ready for the BIG spring show! This man was involved with stone artwork. The toadstool you see is all stone and VERY pretty!



Dena already had several paintings from her group displayed on the back fence.



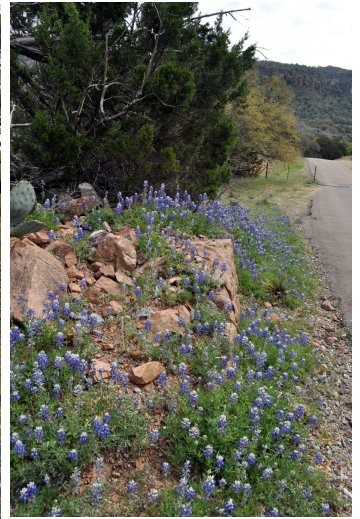
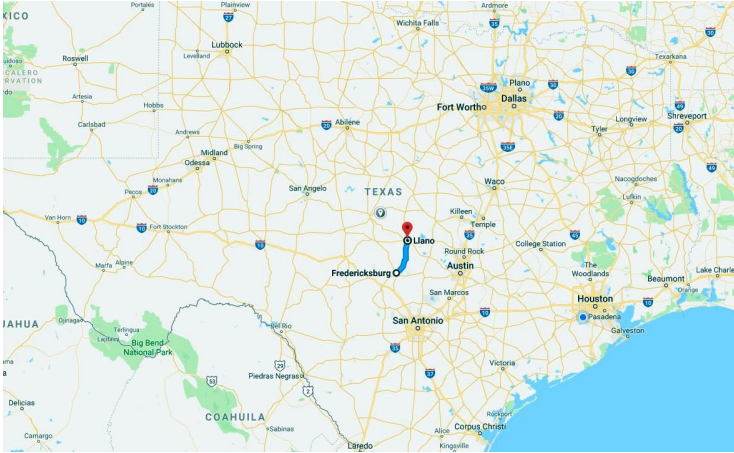
Dena had repainted all the bedrooms and put new bedspreads on the beds. It looked VERY pretty!



Another bedroom. ALL were VERY colorful and pretty!

We toured the Bunkhouse and enjoyed seeing all the changes. It was fun seeing Dena again! Then we loaded up to continue our trip to Fredericksburg! It was very fun seeing Dena again!

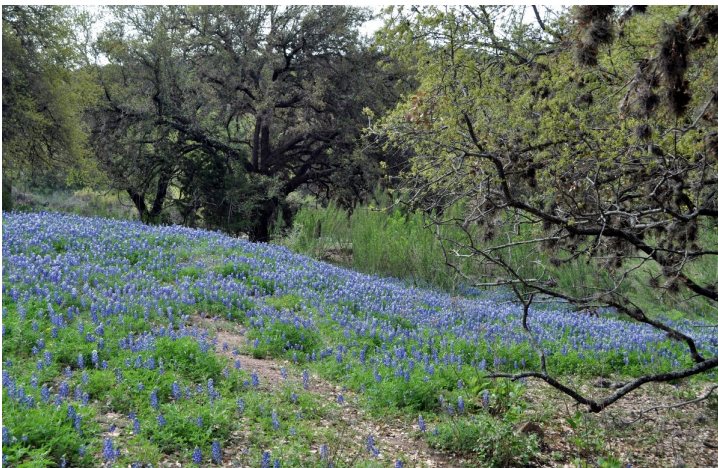
Bluebonnet Trip - Fredericksburg to Llano



A ranch entrance.

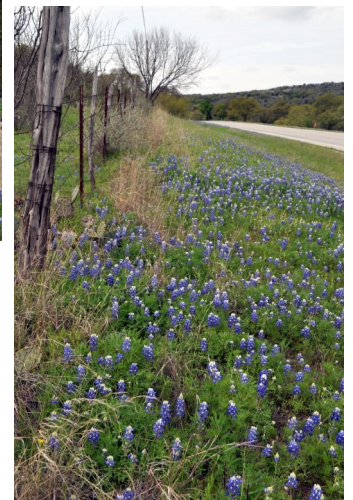


The roadside had a never-ending beauty of the bluebonnets. I've seen better years than this one, but this year was still breathtaking!



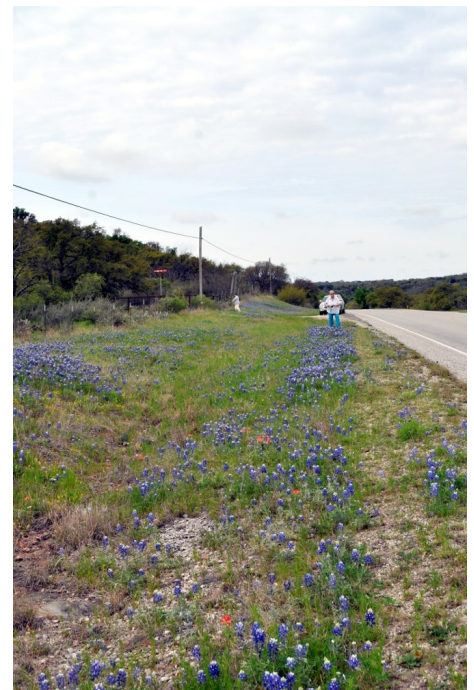
Beautiful Bluebonnets along the way from Fredericksburg to Llano.

They pretty much occur naturally. We passed scene after scene like these between Fredericksburg and Llano.





Mary and Judy taking pictures of the BEE-autiful bluebonnets!



Mary and Judy outside the Llano Museum.

We stopped at the Llano museum when we arrived in Llano. The guide told us that, in the spring, they have floods that reach up to the road on the bridge! EEKS!

The Llano Museum Guide was very knowledgeable and showed us around the museum and talked about Llano and it's history. Pretty interesting. No one fell asleep!



Bluebonnets on a hillside.



Merry Christmas!