

## Steve & Vi's Christmas Card

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Sorry for being so late. I really can't give an excuse you would believe. Maybe we were waiting for the Ukrainian Christmas.

It has been a quiet year after my shoulder surgery (rotator Cuff) on Dec. 22nd, 2006. It was a day procedure so I was home the same day. That was followed by six weeks in a sling to allow soft tissue healing followed by 4 months of therapy. On June 4th I had surgery to remove my bursa sac from my left elbow. I put off the surgery on my left shoulder to go fishing and enjoy some of the summer. Now I am awaiting surgery on my right thumb by a plastic surgeon on Feb 6, 2008 and I have to go to a sleep clinic in Victoria to calibrate my CPAP machine on March 6, 2008.

We visited briefly in Alberta in Early October. We saw family and friends who keep in touch with us. It sure felt cold in Edmonton and area. The weather was fine otherwise. We never seem to have enough time to visit all our friends and apologize if we did not come to see you.

The only visitors we had this year were Leonard & Grace Schroeder from Edmonton. We had a great visit and went on the ski lift to the top of Mount Washington.

Come visit and see the rest of happenings this year on our webpages.

<http://www.members.shaw.ca/Steviwaw/Oct%2007.htm>



**Neck Point Park**

Vi's turn. I have not been too productive art-wise, but busy with everyday things. We both took part in preparing preserves, chutneys, fruits and veggies. (I guess one can call that being artful!) Steve even cut himself. I'm rather involved with the Arts, still a Board member and an exhibiting artist volunteering at the Nanaimo Arts Council Gallery.

Our Christmas was quiet and enjoyable, celebrating with friends. I did not have to cook, but my turn is coming during Ukrainian Christmas. We will stay close to home on New Year's Eve, will raise our glasses toasting in the New Year and watching it all on T.V. No, we will not participate in the polar bear dip in the ocean! That's for the brave and the bears.

Here's wishing everyone a very peaceful, healthy New Year.



Vi's Painting of birch



Vi's Still life on pears



Some of our apples this year



Overlooking Mountain Washington Resort from the top of the Mountain.



Paintbrushes on the mountain



Had a good year fly fishing for Pink Salmon



We enjoyed some candied smoked fish for Christmas with our friends.



Vi's Rose



Vi with her Mom Oct/07



Steve with sister Frances and Paul Stefanik



Black Bear at the Robertson Creek Hatchery near Port Alberni



Vi Picking Raspberries on October 11



Dahlia



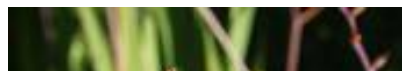
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Zucchini and pole beans



Stamp River near Port Alberni





Oct.23



Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>



Our Cricket eater in the garden



We babysat Sophie for our friends while they were building a new home.



We go for walks along logging roads and find wild



Wild Mint

flowers like these tiger lilies.