

News Letter for Feb.06

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1. Greetings Everyone! We are now comfortably nestled into 2006 with the usual creative craziness that comes into the life of an artist family man. Yes I am still very happily married so ladies please hold back all those thoughtfully suggestive e-mails . Just before Christmas we were invited to venture into the Fashion industry, something I had dabbled in years ago but now it is more of an aggressive venture spearheaded by my wife Sue and our very ambitious Fashion Specialist Tereza Babayan. Tereza worked with Haida fashion woman Dorothy Grant, for over 4 years and brings much experience and creative teamwork ideas into this exciting new field.

I have been working mostly in the jewelry department so far this year, with a few wood projects plus my animation movie ventures, which will become a much more overwhelming part of my career in month of March. The Spiritbear Movie will be moving ahead full bore and will consist of my writing input for the script, creative character development and product development and marketing. The 3-d animated film is slated for release at the theatres in April of 2008.It will be a spectacular family film as mentioned in my last Newsletter. Please help our endangered species!

- 2 . If you missed my first Fashion show in Duncan it was fantastic. You can see most of the outfits on my new website gallery, please check it out. I have been invited to enter some of my outfits in the 06 Olympic Fashion Venue at the B.C. Pavillion in Torino Italy. Hopefully we will see them on T.V. or in the tabloids. Also in next month I will be showing at the Toronto Fashion week mid month and at the Vancouver Fashion Week at the end of March. In April I will be doing a fashion show at the Brant Festival in Parksville/Qualicum Beach. In may I will be unveiling my Spirit Bear sculpture in Vancouver for Spirit Bears in the City. My bear is sponsored by the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre and will be a tribute to Simon Jackson, the leader of the SB Youth Coalition .(listed on the LINKS of my website).

3. Always remember to have your diamonds and other claw set gems checked regularly and clean dirty jewelry in Mr.Clean with a fine tooth brush for nasty stuff. Don`t let any jeweler over polish you engraved treasures, this will cause the fine details to wear off and scratches can be made deeper by the powerful polishing machines used in the workshops. Let your jewelry age naturally and be careful with it.Any questions you have please contact me, I am always willing to assist you and tell it like it is.Wear it well.
4. As a family man and husband I have many distractions that sometimes interfere with my productivity and creativity. I have learned a lot about teamwork and time management from coaching sports teams to cooking on a fish boat, dealing with many challenges from people who are family, friends or business associates. With six kids and 3 businesses, 3 pets and organizations that want your time and

donations , is it any wonder that my relationship with my wife and kids can get abit stressed out? Here are some of my solutions to keeping everyone happy or happyish(my new word).

- a. First practice breathing exercises, deep and long , you need oxygen.
- b. Write things down or like I do now I keep appointments, kids schedules and dates listed on every calendar and on my cell phone alarm system, it reminds me twice when I have something to do or somewhere to go.
- c. Realize that there is a solution for every problem. Don` t let a small issue turn big. Solve it before it grows, and don` t be afraid of asking for help, DELEGATE.
- d. My relationships with my wife and kids can be challenged by priorities. Work should never be more important, but it should be known that the work need to be done and committed to. Especially difficult if you have a home based biz. When the work days over then be sure to be as committed to your family as you are to your work, but with more passion from the heart. Take a walk together and always exchange massages, stay in touch.

Thanks for reading and I welcome your insights and questions.

Be healthy at all costs, you are worth it and so is everyone that Loves you and that you Love.

Creatively and compassionately ,Bill