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HODGES MOVE FROM OLDE STAGE TO NEW STAGE

An attempt to make life simpler by moving from their home of 40 years in the foothills outside Boulder to a condo in town was fraught with complications but filled with new freedom. "Why did you move from a home you love so much?" asked curious friends. "Better to do it while we are still able," was the reply. The urge to down-size was about two things: less driving and effort and more letting go of "stuff." Little did the Hodges know what lay ahead.

The house went on the market in March with two buyers early on. After inspections and broken contracts, it was clear that remediation was necessary. What was meant to take three weeks of son John, head of Mountain Country Plumbing and Heating, and crew laying tile at the foundation, turned into three months of catastrophe. Ditching toward the road led to compromising the leach field which led to replacing the septic system which led to re-landscaping the entire

front and back of the property. Thousands of dollars later, the house is in better

shape than when it was purchased in 1967, thanks to John's persistence. By the end of August, the national panic about the collapsing housing market had frightened away potential buyers--33 showings in the spring shrank to 4 in the fall and no offers.

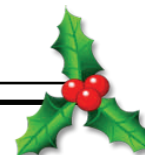


When the weather's frightful, being inside is so delightful.

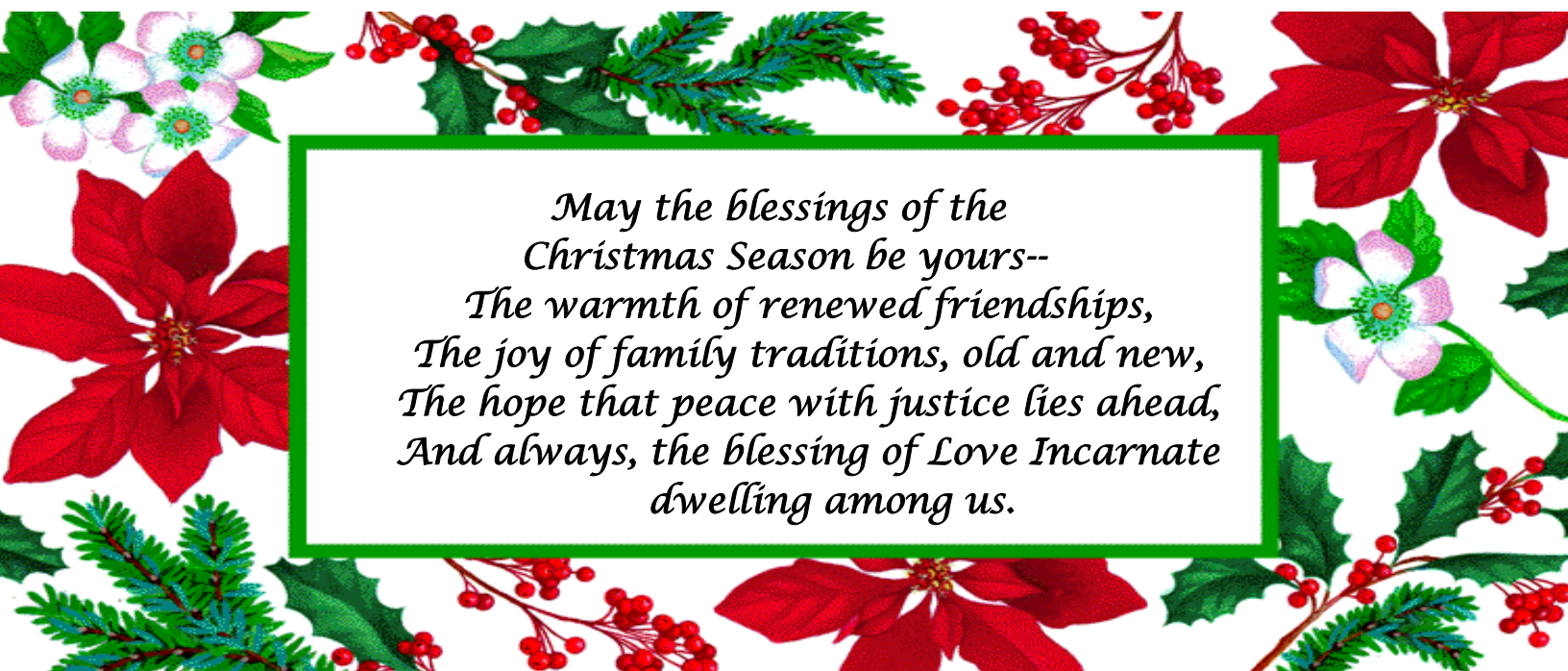


In the meantime, thinking they had sold their home, Jean and Jack began plans to remodel the condo they bought which was built in 1981. Spanish-style tile roof and stucco on the outside, Villa Del Prado has thirty-one units built around courtyards. Choosing an end unit with no neighbors above or below, the Hodges enjoy seventeen hundred square feet of space which allows for adequate storage and all necessary living space on one level with a loft as combination second bedroom, office and den. An indoor swimming pool, party room, exercise room, underground parking on the premises and a five minute walk to the medical center, public library and shopping center have made living convenient. A new kitchen, carpet replaced with wood floors or tile, have made their home easy living. They can still fit twelve people around the dining room table and house guests are always

welcome. The timing may have been poor, but the choice for a new life style feels right.



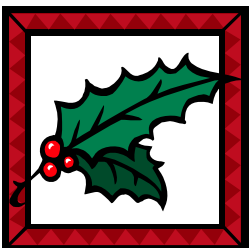
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*May the blessings of the
Christmas Season be yours--
The warmth of renewed friendships,
The joy of family traditions, old and new,
The hope that peace with justice lies ahead,
And always, the blessing of Love Incarnate
dwelling among us.*

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For a fuller account of the Hodges Family in 2007, go to our website:
www.HodgePodgeGazette.com to read about Jack and Jean's adventures on a
Russian River tour from Moscow to St. Petersburg; their continuing PFLAG activism;
Cousins Kris and Jonna's trip to Washington D.C. with Uncle Ben and Uncle Wayne;
Katie's trip to San Diego, and many more color photos.