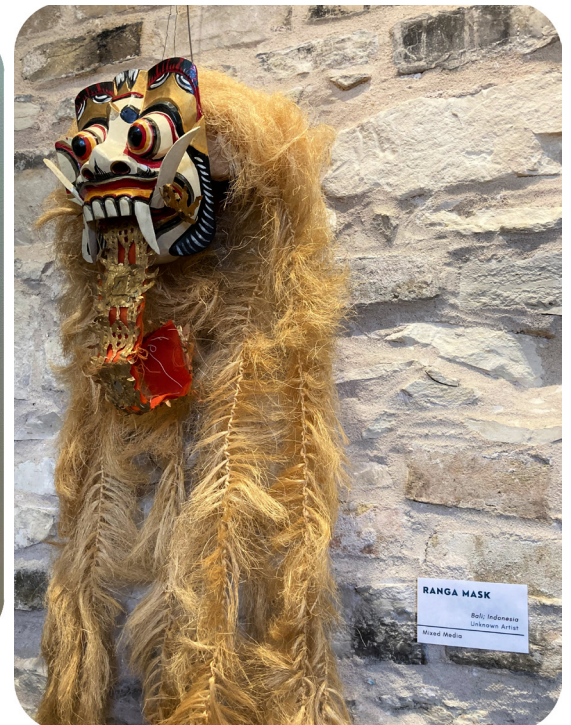


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AUSTIN FRIENDS OF FOLK ART

Greetings Friends, close your eyes and imagine cooler weather heading our way. This month may still be hot but hopefully September will bring cooler weather. The heat did not keep friends from visiting the Old Bakery and Emporium to view the Global Connections art exhibit from our permanent collection. Once again, I say kudos to Carlos Brondo for curating such a great exhibit. I also must again express our appreciation to Hermelinda Zamora, the director of the Old Bakery Program, for being so helpful and a great host. I am still receiving comments from people who have stopped by and enjoyed the varied and interesting collection. Yes, it's success makes us smile!





Over and over again, I have invited you to join me in writing articles for the newsletter, with very little response. Well, it seems that Carol Hayman is one person who responds sometimes with an article and some photos and I am so grateful. She tells me that my article on Mary Gregory glass made her think of a small collection of Torquay motto ware from her mother.

Torquay Motto Ware by Carol Hayman

My mother was from Torquay Devon, England and I have a small collection of Torquay motto ware, pieces of pottery made from the local red clay, covered with white slip and inscribed with a motto, sometimes in the local Devon dialect. Torquay was and still is a tourist town on the south coast of England, a place to go for the refreshing sea air and beaches. The pottery was designed as items tourists could purchase for souvenirs and often depicted violets, seagulls, or sailboats. These belonged to my mother and grandmother. Dartmouth is the town at the mouth of the river Dart, where my Grandmother was from. Her maiden name was Emily Sophia Dart.



"Be to others kind and true. As you'd have others be to you."



Inkwells of all sorts were popular souvenirs before ballpoint pens or even fountain pens were invented. They sat on a desk holding liquid ink and you would dip a feather or steel pen into the ink to write. School desks would have a hole for a ceramic inkwell that was filled daily by the ink monitor who went around the classroom pouring ink into each one from a large metal pitcher. This was when I went to school there in the 1960s. I have loved inkwells ever since then.



"Jus send a line to let us know how you am going on."



Dartmouth Tea Set, Mottos: *elp yerzel tu sugar* (help yourself to sugar). *Du'ee ave a cup a Tay* (do have a cup of tea)

Carol, what wonderful keepsakes! Thank you for sharing and letting us know about motto ware!

Salttillo, Coahuila, Mexico

Salttillo was Austin's first Sister City, more than 50 years ago. In the 1980s, when Ron Mullen was our Mayor, I made my first trip to Salttillo during the month of July, when they celebrate the founding of the city. Since then, with a few exceptions it has become an annual trip for me with a delegation from Austin. In many of our trips, we have been accompanied by our current Mayor.



Alicia and me in Jose Antonio's studio in Salttillo

After all these years, it has become like a trip to visit family. I am blessed to have my friend Alicia Perez Hodge willing to travel with me, so I can still make the trip. We stay at the home of Rosy and Jose Antonio Garcia Guerra, who is an artist and sculptor. Being in their home is like being in a museum surrounded by his art. I wanted to share a few photos from our beautiful Sister City.



Market Square in Saltillo



Statue you see in distance in photo to the left

Until Next Month

Next month, I hope to have a short message from the President, Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza, reporting on future plans and an update on board activities. Have a wonderful rest of the month.

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