

# Blanchette

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### December

This is always an interesting month of the year. It is a month with pluses and minuses, however. We know that winter is soon upon us, and those of us in the northeast will confront the next few months with apprehension (or anticipation if cold and snow foretells outdoor winter activities like skiing, skating, snowmobiling or ice fishing that we enjoy...) Of course some individuals see it as a great time to "get out of town" and take a vacation to warmer climate in the south, and/or to take a cruise away from the cold. Not being one of that subset of people who bend winter weather to their needs for sport or pleasure, I move indoors unless my snowblower needs to be run! Karen and I are not fond of this time of year, but accept it as the precursor of Spring!

There are some positive aspects of the month as some birthdays and social events with friends and family make up for the dreary weather that comes with the snow and ice. Hearty soups and winter meals feed the soul and body as the cold moves into the house. An electric blanket for my wife and three-cat nights are comforting solutions to the drafts in our 223 year old house, but taxes also come due this month as well as our biggest annual bills, and the stress of Christmas shopping becomes a struggle for me. I am never prepared for it! (Naturally, Karen always has her plans for the season under control!)

Most noticeable to me is the degree of distraction that this month's activities cause me in my studio. Focusing becomes more difficult and I find myself less able to think through problems with my work. December in the studio is always my most inefficient month so I don't really expect as much of myself as usual. My work slows down and I try to relax into the Christmas Spirit more... even trying to find some "creative" solutions to the gift giving aspect of the season.

So, rather than try to suggest that there was a lot accomplished in the studio this month, I am simply sending you a Season's Greeting for now and the New Year. No Politics, No Commercials, no Robo-Calls, just a sincere wish from us to you! \*



... 4 Calling Birds, 3 French Hens, 2 Turtle Doves, and  
a Partridge in a Pear Tree.

**NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL CHRISTMAS DINNER!**



Season's Greetings from our  
Family to yours!

Mira, Max, Mika,  
Bruce and Karen Blanchette

\* This may be a repeat to some of you who's name appears on more than one of my contact lists, but to all others on my studio mailing list our family sends their Holiday Greetings regardless of what you celebrate at this time of the year!