

... from Carol

Merry Christmas 2024! I haven't written since Spring 2023, so this letter is overdue.

In July 2023 I purchased my new tiny condo (named SeaGlass), a short walk from Julia, Antonio and Alex. (Alex now prefers to be called Lucy, from her middle name Lucia.) My time now gets divided between SeaGlass and Pebble (with Ray). The condo address is:

Carol JVF Burns
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We wanted to keep Pebble (the home in Sahuarita) intact, so SeaGlass was furnished from scratch. Got the log bunkbed, rolltop desk and glass-door bookshelf I've always wanted. Added character with grasscloth/bamboo wall/door coverings, handmade wall décor, wool rugs, more. Renovations and furnishing took about a year (which is why there was no 2023 letter). SeaGlass is peaceful, quiet, cozy, convenient, and affordable. Amazon delivers to my porch and Walmart puts food in my refrigerator. It's everything that I was hoping for ☺

Lucy and I created a miniature fairy village, complete with tiny homes, landscaping, battery-powered Brio train, cascading rock waterfall fountain, twinkly lights, and a handmade waterfall quilt that connects the two village levels. Lucy also wanted a 'pet' at Granny's new home, so we got a crested gecko named Sally in a bioactive terrarium. SeaGlass isn't only my dream, it's also a little kid's dream.

After starting 3 years ago, I finally finished updating all my math lessons (400+) to a mobile-first responsive design. This was a huge amount of work. Now, people can stand with their phones in a supermarket line and learn math from me (tee hee). You can Google 'math cat Burns' or visit my homepage:

<https://www.onemathematicalcat.org>

Ray and I have been overdosing on round-dancing (social dance, with cues). We went to a Round Dance weekend in Oregon for our 13th wedding anniversary, and have been practicing starting at pre-7AM about four mornings a week. We love to dance together ♥ Also, the mental and physical challenges help to keep the old-age deterioration at bay!

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying your lives. I'm sending hugs out into the universe for each of you—catch them!!



*Mini donuts!
May 2023*



*Julia and Alex
June 2023*



*Alex (Lucy) & Carol
June 2023*



*Crazy Tree
of my Life
(quilling)
June 2023*



Bobcat at Pebble



*Owl at Pebble
June 2023*



*Learning about rocks
with Great-Grandpa Art
June 2023*



*Microscope with Grandpa Ray
June 2023*



*My new condo
(Very end of sidewalk!)
July 2023*



*Log bunk bed
and ocean quilt
November 2024*



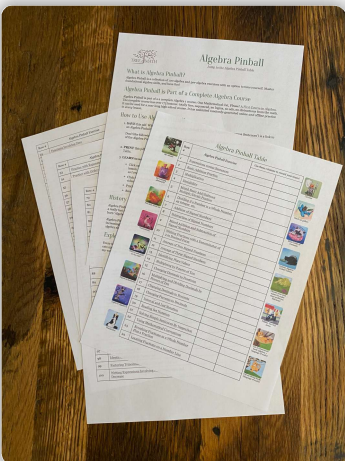
*The Burns Kids!
Marybelle, Joshua, Eris
June 2024*



*Miniature house
March 2024*



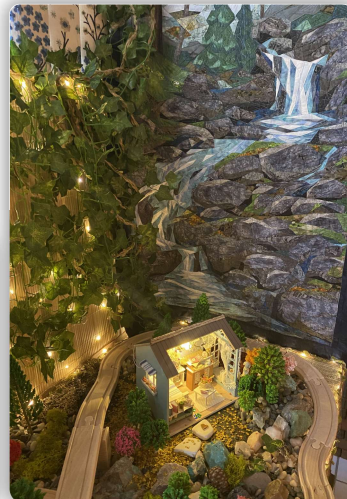
*Ballerina Lucy
October 2023
She's now in an
invitation-only
dance group!*



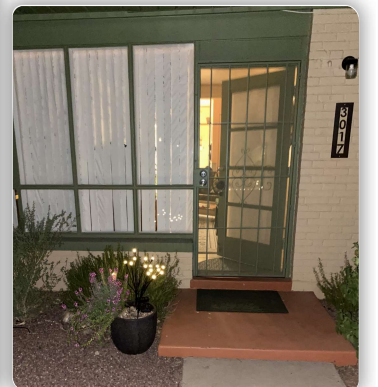
*Algebra Pinball
May 2024*



*Sally, a male crested gecko
July 2024*



*Miniature Fairy Village
June 2024*



*Front of Condo
October 2024*