



Happy Holidays!!!

2001 seemed a little mellower for us, I think we are settling into a harmonious groove. Springtime was spent getting the garden planted –what an amazing harvest we had, it's safe to speculate that we are both gifted with green thumbs! We also planted a 200 ft. long rose hedge, ask Mary about digging *that* trench (“...Honey, I ordered a few rose bushes on the internet...”) then we shoveled almost 10 tons of river rock along our north property line *and* put in a fruit tree orchard! Whew! Can you say free suntan & gym membership? We will *h-i-r-e* a landscaper for Phase 2 of the property next spring. Picture this: waterfall/pond (lots of rock & digging!), nature trail, patio/deck area with a fire pit, meditation garden, maple grove – are you getting the idea??? We are so excited!!

The summer brought about some much-needed time to explore our beautiful state of Colorado! Our adventure began with a river rafting trip on my birthday weekend, what a cleansing way to begin a new cycle - it was a blast! Speaking of cycles, I got an incredible full suspension mountain bike (JAMIS Dakar Comp) for my birthday! We spent some quality time biking, camping, hiking, cave exploring and enjoying the beautiful weather.

We sold Owlie (our beloved '89 Plymouth Voyager) in June... it's okay...she went to a really good home and Mary was ready... although, special ordering our fully loaded 2002 Nissan SuperCharged Xterra made it a little easier, right Dear?? Meet 'Lucky' our newest member of the family!! We actually had to wait till October to pick her up, (such a grueling task – you know how patient we both are!) We got the first Solar Yellow one in Colorado, (our poor car dealer, can you imagine? “Is it here yet? Is it here yet?”) our custom license plates say it all: LKYGRZ

On the career scene, Mary accepted a promotion in July – meet Cytomation's new Regulatory Compliance Manager!! Yep, that's right! For all of you who thought Mary had her fill of ISO 9000 at Applied Biosystems, *think again!* This time she is chartered to build the department from the ground up... let's just say she already knows more about the FDA than she ever wanted to! Her company is still growing like crazy. They'll be expanding into new markets next year that will encompass bone marrow transplant, Cancer & AIDS research, gender selection and stem cell sorting, just to mention a few. It always feels good to be involved with projects that work toward the greater good! ☺

Me on the other hand, I'm still thriving in the computer world! My job at Hewlett-Packard is always changing, (gotta love the “Re-Org Shuffle” after more than 3 years as a contract employee, I accepted a permanent position and promotion this summer! It has been a rather bumpy but exhilarating adventure. My focus hasn't changed all that much over the past couple of years - I'm still managing and developing web-based projects, in hot pursuit of my CIS degree and sprinkling as much creativity as I can along the way!

So LIFE is very good here for us!! We hope this Holiday Season finds you happy, healthy, harmonious and elated in your *perfectly created* paradise. All the best from our neck of the woods to yours.

*With much love,*

*Kandy Mary Jelly Jam*