

# Andre Norton's Diaries

## 92<sup>nd</sup> year

*The following is a transcript of Andre Norton's final diary covering her 92<sup>nd</sup> year; dating from April 05, 2004 until February 13, 2005. The original was in Andre's hand and has been transcribed by fans of Andre's. A notice was posted on Facebook for people who wanted to help. Each fan was e-mailed a section to do and then the parts were put together and proofed. Some words were illegible and have been left as a blank space. We made no attempt to alter or hide anything. While this is a personal account of Andre's daily thoughts at the end of each day, it serves no other purpose than to assist in knowing the lady.*

April 5, 2004

Up at usual time. Again could not hurry and so was late getting to work but did four letters. Unfortunately also had another hemorrhage, reported to doctor later and she wanted me to go directly to hospital – but I said no. X-ray on feet shows swollen toe fractured in two places and spur on the heel bone of other foot where it hurts so much. Shelia brought her son and his girlfriend to work on the yard and she did vacuuming and cleaned the house. Visiting nurse came in the morning – just took life signs which she said were all good. After a late lunch I went to autographing personal library – got another shelf done but a lot more to go. Three letters but nothing else with mail. Hubbard cheque and one from Jack ought to come. Made out last of changes for will – I want that done and soon as I never know from one day to another what may happen.

April 6, 2004

Got up at usual time. Had movement – no blood – perhaps it is over – do hope so. Worked at mail and got four letters done. Should be able to do more but seem to be writing longer letters. Had to look up publishing order for the W.W. books. Man doing book on writing wants that. Sent Mark N the Abbey genealogical history, plus copy of new omnibus and picture. Beth Givens called – wanted to come over but put her off until next week. Rose giving forth vibes of her displeasure – I discovered later that she had read my will notes, too bad that almost everything I do or don't do is disturbing to her. Shelia came at noon with her granddaughter – worked on yard – trimming bushes. Sue came later – had had a difficult time this morning with red tape over work on house. She will get lawyer to come as soon as possible – took my notes. I did the last shelf of books in first case to be autographed.

April 7, 2004

Up at usual time. Feel very weak. I suppose due to Monday's blood loss – am trying to eat more. Rose very unhappy with me but I cannot make any breakthrough with anything I say. Can only coast along, wrote two letters. Had coffee and then back and wrote two more. Sue came at noon. I do feel a little better in spirit. Lawyer came at near four and Rose and Sue went out on errands. Went over new notes with him and he had several good suggestions about diaries and one about portrait. Tried to get SFWA by phone – answer service only. Gave Mr. Scott two of the new titles and will give him fantasy picture he picked out. Started to rain later – is supposed to turn cold again over the weekend – Easter should be bright and sunny as it is today. Got call from CPA – tax is nearly done. Long letter from Marty who was to be operated on today – do hope all is as well as can be.

The missing month was due to fall and broken leg.

May 10, 2004

It happened again! On April 8<sup>th</sup> I fell on way from doctor's and broke left leg. Since then life has been very different. They are pushing fast to finish the building of the wing at Sue's. Was brought back home five days after fall as had to leave hospital by their rules and feared going to nursing home. Was very lucky that friends gathered around to take care of me here at home – Sue in charge. She has also carried out legal things and pays bills. Had a bad and painful time with bowels but seem to have passed that – new glasses made so I could read in bed. Can stand only with a great deal of assistance – use wheelchair. Visiting nurse twice a week – TB worker three times. Mark heard and came at night to treat legs and hands by massage – one finger very painful – his treatment has helped a lot. He is now here helping fix up house for sale – walls patched and painted – floors fixed. Most of furniture in storage for sale. Dave signed contracts for Robin doing Quag sequel. My personal book collection sold to Victor, along with diaries. Pictures gone and a few more book sales. Dr. from north and family there in library yesterday selecting more books. Have very little strength any more. Can only be very thankful I have been granted such wonderful help – but why? That remains the ever important question. May it be answered for me soon?

May 12, 2004

The odd feeling of being cut off from any former life continues. Sue admits it is a way of letting go. I do try to get up if the nurse help comes but can do practically nothing on my own. The house is alive with painting and usual repairs which have to be done before the auction. Visiting nurses come twice a week & therapist sometimes three. Sue has been buried in getting finances smooth – IRS & stocks – accounts closed and opened. The new wing only needs painting. Rose keeps up with the mail. I do not even read it any more – There seems to be no reason for it any – too \_\_\_\_\_. Shelia is here some most days – Sue busy with house and business. Mark will come in again tomorrow to spend weekend and put down new flooring. Auctioneer here yesterday and was complimentary of work done – believes we can get more for it than first expected. Shelia and I packed most of books I want to take with me – can finish that tomorrow. My own collection of books has gone with diaries to Victor – trophies and some PR, \_\_\_\_ and portrait and other picture have gone to museum in Texas which plans exhibits they will work with Victor. \_\_\_\_ and wife, two children here for final library sweep this week. May it soon be over – all finished.

May 13, 2004

Life becomes less and less easy to handle. Some of \_\_\_\_ old not mean quite believable shows again – I must accept that very few people seem to believe or repeat truth very far. This house haven stripped, walls and floors – to be repainted, plastic tile, plaster patched and papered. My room the only one waiting to be done. Had therapy, does not seem to aid my returning to my feet very fast. They will be through next week. Therapist told me today I would have to somehow get to surgeon's office next to prove I was getting well. Show I can dress, ride in a car, and \_\_\_\_ knowing about strange \_\_\_\_ I can see no way accomplish a simple visit. I passed word of this on to Sue who sees this is impossible and she will see about it. Mark was over here 11 hours today, caulked walls at edge of walk and parking drive.

New tiling was sized on floor but did not get it done. Got the fillings for the kitchen. Were able to get apple motif in trimming. Remain weak – dizzy when I first get up. Big cheque for the Quag Keep book came. New hon – 1<sup>st</sup> hero become silly and shallow, set in \_\_\_\_\_ country. Very bad as more and more is made clearer \_\_\_\_ concerning \_\_\_\_ the handling of prison – Each day brings more and more news.

May 16, 2004

House fast being dismantled. Mark took down invalid ramp outside – all three – today, cleaned gutters, and started painting upstairs. Got outside pressure washed yesterday. Most things we will keep have gone into storage. Rose worked today on listing pictures for sale at the auction. Sue came cool - guess she is angry because I did not welcome Anne back. But rumors and gossip had been started again. Do NOT want visitors any more. Many minor troubles of several kinds. Signed Quag Keep advance money but bank made trouble accepting cheque because of Patriot Act. Affairs in nation at large in a most state due to the lies and grabs for power made for present government. Do not know what and will be – but not good that's for certain.

May 17, 2004

Awoke later and Shelia came in first. Read paper which was full of unpleasant stories as usual. Then special nurse came to change catheter in which turned out to be very painful. About an hour after she left therapy nurse came while was eating late lunch. Stood up on 3<sup>rd</sup> try and managed to get into chair. They gave me a ride to see what has been done to house – very different. Mark finished the last of painting – Rose is upstairs. Very light supper as had heavy \_\_\_ and late lunch. Men should come by end of week to relay floors – then all here is done. Mark left this afternoon as he has to go to work for week as well as attend three days of classes for his yearly certificate – will not be back for three days. Just hope no more trouble.

May 20, 2004

Am not being \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ I did three days eye \_\_\_ it's an eyestrain (exact rain race) \_\_\_ very \_\_\_ way each they try and \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ \_\_\_ pressing. Sue think I should be able but returns or necessary so. The very hard labor with walking satt \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ spoken of change.

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May 21, 2004

It just keeps on and on. New infection gives a new kind of discomfort. Nurse gave bath today and worked hands. Had the recent discouragement in morning. This house is now completely ready for the auction. It has been new floored – painted – one bathroom papered small repairs. All but me have worked very hard. One of the museums have sent for donations. Two more people came for books. Sue's sister-in-law here today. Cards & letters still coming. Wing almost finished, next week may see move. Dropped Internet. Cannot plan ahead any more.

May 22, 2004

Long and quiet day. Sue's sister-in-law came in from one to eight. Still in high eighties but for some reason the room remains cool. Rose reported man with handicapped son dropped in to see house. The special ad leaf was in the morning paper. Am still under attack from bowels, am beginning to feel that I shall never be over it which will mean a very curtailed life but maybe once I am moved I can find something to do. Now I am certainly useless.

May 23, 2004

Quiet day here. Sue out working on yard at her place. Rose, Shelia and I here along. Cannot seem to know coming bowel movement which makes it very difficult. Slept away most of the morning. Mark came from the courses he has been taking. Worked on feet and finger which is start again. They started some final painting but do not think we can move this week – dread that a great deal. They are now giving out ads for the auction and we have inquiries. Just hope we can make money enough. Feel so tired and unhappy.

May 24, 2004

Will have to push as I can. I do not get along very well. Still am troubled a great deal by bowels. Sue and Mark working here today doing odds and ends of painting. House here finished today. Mark home. Therapy nurse came. I got up for toilet but had to try to stand three time and had even harder time getting to bed afterwards – much worse than last week yet I am supposed to get to Sue's place by end of week. Am certainly nothing to be proud over. People from SF Museum came for their shipment. Nearly everything gone but things in my room here. Feel more and more that I no longer belong.

May 25, 2004

A very busy day. Shelia came after ten and Sue came later but had to go out again on a number errands same with Rose for her travel preparations. Therapist came again and I kept to what I decided. Got up on commode in a better style after 15 min. Did not work as I had hoped but was up -- passed through made up room – house looks very good. After therapist let nurses came got one bathing. Fear bowels are beginning to cause even more and more trouble. Sue has spoken to J. Cumming about WW story. I am not counting on any sale would if it did go through. Shelia and I \_\_\_ that all dresses and material stored in my \_\_\_. Sue knows of an old \_\_\_ church where senior ladies need clothes. Have two fat large bags to go tomorrow.

May 26, 2004

School's at last over. Becky E. called – hopes to come up late in the summer. Nurse came and signed me up for another morning. I must now return to clean up breeches as much as I can. Leg has been much stiffer past few days. I MUST learn to bring all strength I can to forcing myself to stand. I may be over in the new place someday next. Shelia and I cleaned through the two clothes closets yesterday. Filled more bags of dresses to donate. Know that I have lost a lot of weight so maybe most won't fit anymore.

May 27, 2004

Another discouraging day. Slept late. Was eating a delayed breakfast when therapist arrived. Got up for commode and sat there a while and got back to bed. Left leg very hard to move. Do not anticipate ever getting really well again. They propose moving me next week. But to me nothing is any good now. Sue reports rooms ready at her place. Nurse did not come to wash hair today. Can only keep going on as I have been all along.

May 29, 2004

Today most of my furniture was taken out to Sue's. I am supposed to go tomorrow but no one else has explained how I am going to do it. Have been getting up each day for a short time but cannot see any improvement. I still feel that none of this is connected with the real me I have lived with so many years. As if I did die during one of my recent trials and since then have been only a sort of half devoured on-- looked for whom nothing really means anything real. Just have to accept things as they happen.

May 30, 2004

Well with very little I got delivered to what will be my last home. \_\_\_ much too large and could not use \_\_\_ thing \_\_\_ much too small. Felt very depressed. I \_\_\_ as \_\_\_ mock and fear that. House is \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ in House. Beautiful pictures I left wrought ending my \_\_\_ time

so \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ herself from \_\_\_ along. She \_\_\_ and cooler the part \_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_. Always sees \_\_\_\_\_ eve \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_. May \_\_\_\_\_ prone. The easier for \_\_\_ on her trip. Susanna came to visit more often. A social life is hard to DORSE. Do your \_\_\_!

Memorial Day, May 31, 2004

First day we had home. Very bad electric storm in middle of the night but all calm in the morning. I got up at time when Sue came in. Also put on skirt and blouse. After breakfast went in with all jewelry boxes and re-sorted most as well as put it in Korean chest Mark made over. Sheila was able to really get it well in place. Have one box to go. We ate lunch in kitchen. Therapist came while we were eating. Had a lot of trouble getting back to bed. Mark came to say goodbye. Larry has returned for weekend but does not stay. I am glad Rose has someone with her but there seems no way I can reach her now.

June 1, 2004

Day started out well. Sue helped me through struggle of getting up and dressed in part. Ate breakfast in kitchen. Was late by then and therapist came while I was eating. Afterward was to do exercise but by time I was through the commode struggle I went back to bed was worn out. Sue went off to see about arranging for dealer to bring people to see house, five different came during the afternoon. I slept all afternoon. Discovered later my sense of taste and the mags I had wanted to be saved seem to have been lost.

June 2, 2004

Got up when Sue came in at 9.30 this morning. Dressed - my dresses now to large. Hasi needs Jeary's attention so much but cannot get to him yet. Ate breakfast at table and went through one box of papers. Jack B called - needed information on 'Magic' books as TOR is interested. Luckily I had just unpacked blue book so was able to read what I had off to him. Mark dropped in on his way to get fudge and left his copy of Quag Keep. So as soon as I get rollo-deck again I can get in touch with Jean about that. Susanne made trek into vet's and got RT who has infection and vet warns a weak heart now. He went into closet and Skeeter came and would not let him out. Ollie came home and got Skeeter and RT sat on my bed and let me pet him awhile. Sue & Skeeter drove over to Nashville to pick up Estelle. They did not get back until after seven as her train/plane was two hours late. Mark called - got rollo-deck and will send e-mail the three addresses I need the most. Laura N\_\_\_ called - know that they all need the cheques.

June 3, 2004

Things still in a muddle. I discover I apparently have lost not only the pile of saved magazines but also the book I packed from library to keep. Got up at nine-thirty and dressed. Takes time and a lot of effort. Ate breakfast with Estelle. Nurse came for bath but it was nearly eleven by then so said she would come earlier tomorrow. Sheila and Susanne here also. I went back to bed after two when nurse came to take catheter out. At least I am past that point though it is hard to even stand with walker. Rose is in difficulty about her cat and I do not know what can be done. Selena will attack anyone who tries to touch her. In fact Rose seem to be beset by problems - her unhappy temperament is her enemy. One cannot discuss matters with her. She has to leave the house when it is auctioned - which will occur on Saturday but seems to have made no effort to find a place for the short time before she leaves. Sorted through boxes of short stories and found a number of originals I did not know I had. RT does not eat much - fear he may be near the end. He seems to have made up his mind that my closet is his home.

June 4, 2004

They bought back last things from the house, still lack magazines I had saved and my book from library but those are gone for good. Did get \_\_\_ and large dictionary. Tomorrow comes the auction and then all will be over for good. Got up and dressed and ate breakfast. I woke but they thought I was sleeping and did not come. Sue, Sheila and Mark went into old place for last inspection. Rose had not yet moved though she knew this was coming for six months. I am worried about her but do not know what to do. Had planned to stay up all day but suddenly was assaulted by cramps and \_\_\_ want to vomit. Struck out of nowhere and for no reason, \_\_\_ had had bath and hair washed but only Estelle and Naomi here and was disturbed. Finally got to bed, by that time however I felt well again and have \_\_\_ of time but did not eat any lunch. Rose has found a home for Selena and it seems that she seemed at ease with new protector - I hope it will work. Called Jean R about book and started reading it tonight. Don't remember it now except for general plot.

June 6, 2004

Got up and dressed - with Sue's aid - had breakfast and then went to work on the big collection of catalogues - getting addresses and phone numbers so I can change home with them and still get the catalogues. So I wish I had not lost the last ones I wanted to bring. Had lunch and supper both up and did not try to get to bed until after seven. Had trouble as had been sitting too long and knees had stiffened. Sue had to come and pull me up as Sheila and Estelle could not. But using the depends is a great help. Will remember next time that I will try moving and not just sitting. Sue went to a garden sale and got some bushes they planted this afternoon. The sale turned out to be all that we had hoped for - house brought \$170,000. Other things several thousand more. Was bought by professor with wife and little girl who will have Rose's little studio as a playhouse. Rose still had not left at end of auction. Do not know what she is going to do. But she will accept no suggestions, I worry about this but there is nothing I can do.

June 7, 2004

Trouble about house sale. Man who got it at auction has second thoughts. But he has signed contract. Another party waiting who wants it - real estate people will handle it. But Rose is still angry and refusing to get in touch with me here. I am sorry it has to end like this. Got up earlier this morning but had trouble getting straight on feet. Knew today I must not sit so long. Therapy girl came and I was able to stand with just the walker for a count of 30. Worked on catalogues but still have a few back. Tried to call Frenkle but he had to call back. Said Threes Hands will be out next February. Will be good if I live to see it. Slight rain in afternoon. Went to bed again at two. I'm reading Quag. Cannot remember any of it. Like reading new work by someone else. Discover man at auction told people we were witches and practiced magic in house. Sue ordered him off but still seem to have lingered on. Discovered that my memories of accident were all wrong. I actually fell in my bedroom at home and had not left house at all. They gave me shot for pain and I seemed to have dreamed up a lot which never happened.

June 8, 2004

Was able to get things started fairly well tonight. Wrote up the new addresses are 50 change in address cards will finish. Those I \_\_\_ of each \_\_\_\_\_. Then can start on Quag Keep. Just see what happens. But need lap board computer before I can do any better. Getting in and out of bed may I \_\_\_ get \_\_\_ at \_\_\_ water. See can find way of getting around Estelle \_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_ just accepts with. Will tried to keep me working more.

June 9, 2004

Woke early this morning and Estelle was up as she was leaving, she helped me and I was up and dressed and got to work on the change of addresses cards early. \_\_\_ of writing \_\_\_ turned up but did not stay long. Later exercise nurse came. Now matter of using walker and wheel chair together far

easier. Did all personal addresses and two catalogue ones – will concentrate on those tomorrow. I still miss my books and mags I had saved. Sue picked up Estelle to take her to plane just before noon – took Rose with them Rose suppose to come tomorrow to say good bye. Will see if she does. Note from Jan who has been in the hospital with severe heart attack – will try to talk to tomorrow.

June 10, 2004

Nurse came early this morning to bath and wash hair. Got up and dressed and then had breakfast. Went to work – wrote change of address cards for the catalogues and two magazines. Wrote letter to Jan and sent a cheque. They have ordered a laptop computer for me. Need that before I do any extensive writing. Thought Rose might come today but she did not. Has not ever said goodbyes. Sat up until five which was too long and had trouble getting back to bed – knees do not work well. Must do better tomorrow. Will tackle some letters tomorrow perhaps. Maybe in two weeks I can get hair done.

June 11, 2004

Up dressed and to kitchen to eat. Left knee and foot very stiff and painful – much harder to move – stayed up too long yesterday – so did not do that today – went back to bed in early afternoon. Answered two letters and wrote another change of address card. Went through another part of Hamilton text. Had to go through jewelry to find special jade necklace which had been put in wrong box. Sue went to take Rose to get money for trip. Naomi & Sheila were here and agent for house dropped in late afternoon.

June 12, 2004

Did not get up until quite late. But as was eating breakfast Susanne came - brought two lead mags with some new tools. Ann C called. Story about hands – called Rose – did not want to talk but I was able to say good bye to her and wish her a good trip. Wrote letter to Ms Major about sending 101 scrap books to new military museum. Ollie sick again – could not go to work. Naomi here also. Susanne showed Naomi how to make crystal necklace. Will do letters and start Jean Rabe's notes tomorrow. Tried to move legs but left foot & knee hurt. Called Klone who will send me list of nearby by cons where we could sell jewelry.

June 13, 2004

Trouble with left knee so I had a hard time getting up in the morning and back into bed in evening. This do to arthritis and not the broken leg. Did not get anything done as I had thought to do. Did not get up until late. Sheila came over at 12 and brought Rose but she did not seem to want to talk. Left about two & she went to Nashville later and will leave tomorrow for New Zealand. New work desk was put together by Ollie. The laptop should come tomorrow. Got SFBC club catalogue so some change of address got through. Must do more tomorrow – work on Rabe material.

June 14, 2004

Sue and Shelia took Rene to Nashville and saw her off on her trip. I do hope she has a good trip and can somehow find the way of life that will make her happy. No paper this morning so called them and they will send today's with tomorrow. Tried to order earrings to match puca shell necklace but both were sold out. Made out SFBC order. Ollie came home in the middle of day with painful back. I stayed up - Woman was here - until after five when she came back and I went to bed. The lap-top was supposed to come today but it did not. Wrote two letters but should have done more.

June 15, 2004

Had nurse bath this morning. Later than ----. Must get help for arthritic knee as it is harder and harder to get up. Wrote one letter. Sue found some more things to be autographed. Did get new paper today. Ordered some shoes which are light in weight. Lap-top came and Ollie showed me how to get it running. Just hope I can get it running tomorrow. Rose must be in New Zealand tonight. Do hope she will enjoy it. Must arrange to get to surgeon next week and maybe to hair dresser. Hope knees will feel better.

June 16, 2004

Slept quite late so breakfast and lunch were one meal. Tried to use lap-top but could not seem to get it right. Did thank you card writing. Then went to work autographing book covers for museum. Got those done. Then crowd of Ollie's family on their way to Florida arrived for cook out. Met some of them and talked for awhile. The picnic lasted a little after five and came to bed. Shelia did not feel well today. I must get up earlier tomorrow. Can write more then. Also got omnibus with short story I cannot remember writing. Must get something done about hair – looks terrible.

June 17, 2004

Bad night did not sleep any at all and feet hurt - also felt odd and wondered if I were close to dying. Nurse came but did not have bath or hair washed - had difficulty getting up as feet hurt so. Ollie had to go to hospital for tests as his back was so painful. I tried to use lap-top. Sue took me through so I got one sentence done on letter - then got stuck and could not go on - this upset Rose. Am to see doctor next week and also go to get hair done. Got to see doctor L. instead of surgeon. Got magazine and a number of letters but only did one answer by hand. Mark is supposed to drop in later this evening. I must try to get up earlier in the mornings.

June 18, 2004

Up earlier this morning - Ollie is in the hospital for tests for bad spinal pain. And Shelia is still ill. Feet do not hurt so bad. Tried to use lap-top but could not get in or out. Shelia stopped on the way and bought us all breakfast. I worked on letter writing and got a number done but hand shake a lot. \_\_\_ writing is shaky. First part of med(\*) order delivered. Sue ordered another lap-top - am to get it Monday. Long letter from Mary who has had a bad time with \_\_\_ \_\_\_. Had very hard time getting in and out of bed.

June 19, 2004

Wish I could get more done. Maybe with new computer Lee suggested I will be able to do better. Worked on letters up until about three. Shelia still ill, bad reaction to new medication \_\_\_ still in constant pain from back. Ollie still having a great deal of pain myself getting up and down. Regret a lot the boxes of books given by mistake to McDades. I have accepted that I may never get around again except in a wheelchair. Would be great to really do the beads but shall not count on it. Mark dropped in a little while ago but did not stay as they thought I was asleep. Sue got to birthday dinner with son and Amanda who are talking of being married.

June 20 - 2004

Wrote letter to Sandy and paid some bills. Then went to work on Quag notes. Shelia did not come - has still bad reaction to medication. Knees are getting worse all the time. Am afraid that it means no real walking again. Sue washed all my dresses today. They fit better since I have lost weight. Find more of books I wanted to keep missing all the time. Too bad I did not go out to library when the McDades came last time and pointed out the boxes to be saved.

June 21, 2004

Slept later this morning. Both knees painful now. Therapist came - agreed that arthritis may keep me from walking. Wrote three letters and two notes. Estelle called. Wanted to ask about books. Tried to call Susanne - no answer. I feel very useless. Did not hear anything about computer. Find more of books I wanted saved gone. If I had been more careful it would have been better. Do hope I can get out this week. Tore one of my old dresses today trying to get it off.

June 22, 2004

Nurse did not turn up this morning so Sue washed my hair this morning as will make my first attempt to go out tomorrow and get hair done. Managed to get a fair bit of notes done. However I did not get any work done on Quag. Shelia was not here for long so Sue is getting another girl and dividing week. I cannot escape idea that Sue has really taken on something which may be too hard for her. I am trying to get done all I can do. Wonder how much longer I have to stay.

June 23, 2004

First time I have ventured out since they brought me here and it went much better than I feared it might. Sue has not asked her son's fiancée to share time with Shelia. Jack called and wanted information history on sales of the Magic series. Copied out series of notes from blue book. Must look out contracts, etc. Friday went to Jerry's and I get hair colored and set - looks much better. Drove by home when came home. Getting in and out of car difficult. Easier to get out than in. Am to go to doctor tomorrow.

June 24, 2004

Awoke from bad dream this morning - second time I had a similar one. Two therapists came early before we took off for doctors. Getting out and in to car difficult but can do it. Rose called Sue in middle of night - apparently she is giving some unhappy reports about 1 of people in New Zealand Now. Got to hospital. Told doctor difficulties are all with knee and perhaps is being true I will not walk again. Did not stay long. Went to bank and for house money on way home. Mark packed Beast Master picture which he will send to Frenkle tomorrow. I got book club order.

June 25 - 2004

Up a little earlier today. Nurse Boss came wanting report on nurse. After she left I went to work. I sent Frenkle the Navaho photo Mark made for me. He can no longer say jacket pictures are correct. Paid some bills. Then got busy on pulling publishing histories of Magic and Star Ka'at series. Hard to find them in boxes. Need more to copy dates etc for each book. Was ready to start on that when man came with new computer However did not have printer - installed all but that. Went back to shop for that and did not return - hope he comes tomorrow.

June 26, 2004

Got up at 10 - takes a long time and left knee difficult. Took work into kitchen. Copied notes for Magic books. Sue was able to sell Mothers old stock for over 17,000 dollars which was astonishing and Jack sent over 5000 from TOR. Sue will see about IRS adjustments. Wrote five letters. Maybe some time will come to end of unanswered mail. Nurse brought son to do yard. She stayed while Sue and Ollie went to store. Hard time going to bed - knee and back very painful. Computer man did not bring printer.

June 27, 2004

Took letters to answer to kitchen to answer. Pen slips and make a messy page. Worked on until nearly three and did seven letters - still have a huge pile left. Do hope can get computer running soon. Left leg - especially knee hurts. Always feel I am going to fall. Many letters of trouble to answer. Do hope that Rose will have a good time and finally get what she wants out of life.

June 28, 2004

Up at usual late time. Therapist came while I was eating breakfast. Did some exercises in chair this morning. She says we shall concentrate on that from now on. I had written a letter when man came with computer material and showed me how to get in and out of it. After he left Sue said she will buy the printer and left to do that. With Shelia's help I wrote a letter - it is far easier to handle bit I just felt so very tired I did not do anything else. Just sat for awhile and came to bed early.

June 29, 2004

Not doing so well - knees worse and had very hard time getting to feet and to bed. I wrote four letters on computer but made a mistake that ruled out two of them. This all leads to frustration and disappointment. I must do better than this. Found another stock and Sue will see about getting that sold now if she can. Supposed to go to Jerry's tomorrow - depends on how I can get in and out of car. Must do notes for final will in the morning. Mark came in later and worked on my knees. Hope it will help.

June 30, 2004

Got up a little earlier. Left after 12 for Jerry's. Very hard getting in and out of the car but made it. Stopped for a couple of errands - did not try to get out of car and got home a little after three. Ollie had gotten the printer fixed on the computer and printed out the two copies I had managed to write. Noticed first was wrong so Sue fixed that. Called Susanne but she could not make it over - will come tomorrow morning will have to up earlier.

July 1, 2004

Awoke early but had to wait over an hour until Shelia and Sue came. Susanne came late. Best hope magazines on beads will come tomorrow and we can make out some lists. Therapist came with another who is to take Robins place for awhile. They showed me some neat things to help with wheel chair. Afterwards got two letters to go. Unfortunately mistakes in them. Sue went to cleaning on the house. Collected the cheque for the house and for things sold from the house - all bills now paid but will go ahead with the bead ideas. Must do notes for the last will. Ollie's back bad again and Sue very sick last night. Rose has gone on to London.

July 2 - 2004

Up earlier this morning. Shelia did not come today rather Sue's daughter-in-law to be. Sue went off to bank and to do some shopping. Money all in order now. I did notes for new and last will. Then typed those to be sent to lawyer. Got e-mail from banker. Worked some more on Hamilton list. Susanne called - could not come today but may come tomorrow. Will be able to get more letters done. Got into computer all right today but could not get out. Amanda had to do it for me. Must get to Quag this week end. tried to talk to Jack but he was not there.

July 3 - 2004

Amanda, Sue's daughter-in-law to be, came to help this morning. I renewed subscriptions to two magazines and wrote one letter - then looked through some mags and went on with the Hamilton list. Still haven't finished with it. Susanne was to come about the beads but called to say she was ill. Sue and Ollie went shopping late and did not get back until nearly seven. I went to bed then. Mark came in later and worked on legs and feet. He brought with him a big box he had found in his house - books of reviews and publicity about my work. Box came from Sasha with ----- material and ----- books in it.

July 4, 2004

Paid bill this morning and then wrote a letter to Sasha but had trouble with computer again and had to depend on Shelia again to get out. Later did send letter to McDades. Do wish I had the letters sold by mistake. Gathering of friends and relatives here with picnic fare. Mark stayed last night and will stay tonight Knees wobble and hurt a lot - he worked on them this afternoon. Have felt tired do wish I had more energy. Finished the Hamilton Catalogue. This one was a fat one.

July 5, 2004

Got up later this morning. After breakfast Shelia and I went through the pile of unread mail again and threw out mainly cards. Called Jack about the Pike letter and told him to let it go. He had no hope of selling it, it seems. Did a letter to Marj. Still having trouble getting in and out of the computer. After lunch I started in on orders. One for Hamilton - Had ordered more than I thought. Made up the Dover order. Looked through the National Geographic and Smithsonian's. Also had no mail today.

July 6, 2004

Could not get to sleep last night but slept later this morning. Nurse came and gave me bath. I wrote two letters - a third one was wiped out of machine. Therapist came and got me doing exercises to manage the chair. After lunch finished a third letter. I still have trouble getting out - do not know why I cannot manage to remember the procedure better. Sent in Hamilton order. Have two more orders to go. Another pile of letters came. Fall catalogs are beginning to arrive. Sue fixed my old gowns to be used in bed.

July 7, 2004

Got up later - accomplished very little. It looked like heavy rain when we took off for hairdressers at noon but in spite of clouds it did not rain. Was a little easier to get in and out of car which is certainly to the good. My hearing seems to be getting worse. Intended to do letters when I came home but did not - felt very dull most of the day. Jerry heard from Rose - said she is in Paris now - wonder what is taking her all around. At last the CPA seems to be ending up the taxes. Will be very glad when everything is at last settled. Cannot spend anything more for me. No letters today.

July 8, 2004

Got up later this morning. They had been waiting this morning for the nurse to come and her car broke down. Was in the middle of breakfast when the therapist came and we did therapy with the wheelchair. After she left I wrote introduction for the Quag book but did not care for results so will redo it tomorrow. For some reason felt tired when through. Sue had gone out shopping. So Sheila was here and helped me lie down. But not go to bed - did not sleep - just rested. I was without much energy. Got three letters and some catalogues. Got call from Rose who is in England. Going to Ireland today.

July 9, 2004

Called Jean Rabe this morning and asked about introduction - found that it would be easier to do than I feared. Did not do any letters but three pages character of background and material. Will start the other half tomorrow. Mr. Orere called - wants to come and see me tomorrow also. Sue having people to read for tonight. Jean Rabe says one of the Omnibus publishers would like to chat one on Arthur for him. But without the library the research would be beyond me now. I will however, look at it again.

July 10, 2004

This has been a long day and not too much to show for it. Started the introduction today and finally got two pages done. Lot of rewriting. Mr. Orere came when I was in the middle and somehow I could not force myself to continue with it. Read some parts of books. Do wish I had more energy. Sherman is visiting Lyn in New Zealand and they called and both talked. Lyn sold two books - am glad for her. Sherman says Jack says they are considering the short story collection. Mark came and worked on legs and arms tonight. I feel so sorry for Rose - the trouble seems to be still alive.

July 11, 2004

Nurse came early this morning to bathe me - she is supposed to do this twice a week. I worked on the Forward and did it all - though I will probably rewrite it again tomorrow as am not satisfied with it. Felt very tired when I was done and ate late lunch and laid down until six. Sue and Ollie had gone out. Shelia got me ready for bed. Have not heard from Susanne all week - no jewelry making I think but think I shall start on cards and boxes soon. Do not think I made a note of it earlier but the announcement from Matthew's wife -2<sup>nd</sup> child - a girl - in three years - keeping up with family tradition.

July 12, 2004

Wrote two letters this morning. The therapist came. It's arranged now for me to go to Dr. on Wednesday for release after operation. I feel more and more tired these days. Paid a number of small bills. But lay down - not going to bed formally for a while. Susanne came with some jewelry. \_\_\_ will be here tomorrow and we will start on hobby things. Three of her young artists and writers came for a few moments. Got some more letters - never seem to get them cleared away.

July 13, 2004

Up earlier this morning as Susanne came with a lot of beads. Discovered my hobby box holder is gone - thrown out but most of stuff still there. But one table too small - must get a second. Did my necklace but it took longer as wire for stringing pulled out twice. Did not write any letters. Susanne left at two. I ate lunch and then lay down as had the drained feeling again. Have a hard day tomorrow - hair dresser and new doctor for checkup of break. Two baby kittens hiding under storage house in back. We are feeding them. Hopefully they will let us be friends.

July 14, 2004

Very bad storm in the night. A tree was blown over on car of Sue's son. A new and hard worry for her. While Shelia's son had his rent raised - both are blows for them. Got up late as they were late in coming to get me up. Went to hair dresser's and then went back to hospital where they took x-rays. Hip is healed but knee is bad - bone resting on bone and nothing can be done for it. Just hope I can go before I am bedfast. Jack called - TOR made offer for Vengeance. Not very much but suppose I should be glad that they offer anything. Wish I could still mail but I am past it now. I still do not have final

report from taxes.

July 15, 2004

Tried to get some things done which I just over-looked. Sent off the material to Jean R. Phone number went to Mark Norton. Birthing gift to Matthew's new daughter. \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ for Sue. Bracelet for Shelia, Birthday for nurse Tania today - gave her one of the necklaces we made. Jack B. will push jewelry when we market them. Also he is asking more for magic books. This afternoon got out of box of pictures and started cutting again. Saw black kitten out in yard beside chest. Wish we could make friends with them.

July 16, 2004

Susanne came this morning. We went through two bead catalogues and marked items we would like to get. Worked on two necklaces. She had company and had to leave at two. After I had lunch I cut out more pictures. Forwarded sheet of Victorian ones. Anna C called. RT is not well. Sleeps much of the time. Keep watching in yard for kittens but have not seen them, so hope they are all right. Paid some bills and sent in Dover order. One letter today. Must start tomorrow answering them again - still have a drawer full.

July 17, 2004

Not a very good day as to results. Got up late as I always do these days. Then really intended to get going on the mail. Did one letter - having the \_\_\_ trouble getting in and out. Got first letter ready to go. Then did the whole of a longer letter written only to have it disappear when I hit the wrong key. Stopped then for lunch but was not ready to go again. Instead went to cutting and mounting until after four. No mail there. I expected the Hamilton books. Sue's new bed came tonight. Do hope it helps her sleep better. Little black kitty showed up for supper. We don't see the other one hope it's all right.

July 18, 2004

Mark came in late last night and I did not get to sleep until after eleven. Got two letters answered this morning. Trouble with computer as usual. In the afternoon got some picture cutting done but not very much - mostly just talked with Mark. But did not get any letters yesterday and of course none today. Back aches a lot. But much harder to stand. Do hope that Hamilton order will come tomorrow. Sue got a very good sleep on new bed. Said it was best she had had for some time. I am so glad she got it. Both kittens out in yard tonight. RT bit me on chin in night, do not know why.

July 19, 2004

Slept later this morning. Was eating breakfast when Susanne came. We went to work on necklaces. Got four done with matching earrings. Am going to try to get to Hobby Lobby for supplies this week. Also must get Hobby supply catalogue. Hamilton order did not come. Got letter and supplies catalogues - one good one for our purposes. Must do some letters tomorrow. John Cummings coming east and will visit here later to \_\_\_ over Witch World. Glad to have Sue in charge of business. She knows very well how to do things.

July 20, 2004

Tried to get more done today. Did two letters. Nurse came in the morning which used some time and then the therapist. Paid some bills. Shelia's brother - in - law came to see the house. After lunch - always late lunch here, Sue went out on errands. Back ached so I rested until four. Kittens out of hiding later in evening - do wish they were not afraid of us. Sue brought two dresses and three gowns from second hand shop. All pretty. My Hamilton order came at last. Also was sent the current \_\_\_\_\_.

July 21, 2004

Long day - got up late - went to hairdresser. Used new step up to get into the car. Will always be difficult I guess. I wore new black and white dress Sue bought - actually was a fourteen. Lost a lot weight. After left Jerry's went to Hobby Lobby. Got things for beads and boxes and bags - enough to keep me busy for some time. Have something which seems to be caught inside of throat all day - cough drops - water - nothing seems to help. Stopped on way home and brought things for supper which was very good. Then straight to bed was tired. Two royalty cheques came in mail.

July 22, 2004

Last visit of both nurse and therapist today. Wrote two letters today. Jean Rabe called - had not gotten my material sent last week. Said she would call again around four if it did not come in today's mail. But she did not so hope it did come. Got two cheques I got yesterday ready to put in bank. Shelia found a lot of boxes I did not know I had. Sue is making earrings from some of the things she bought yesterday. I rested for an hour in afternoon. Throat still hurt do not know why.

July 23, 2004

Worked hard almost all day. Paid out monthly aid cheques first. Then got busy with the two bead catalogues and made out the Fire Mountain order. Am afraid I may be running too deeply but kept at it steadily until five. Got some money back from phone since I dropped that. Amanda was here and she worked with Sue on the beads Shelia brought. Able to get up better and throat does not hurt so much. Know I must be careful about money. No more ordering of clothes and the like.

July 24, 2004

Did not get much done today. Wrote two letters. Returned the cheque to Victor - explained that when he bought the personal library he bought the whole thing including any future scripts. Got out all stamp and box material and sorted it to start work. Then I rested but did not sleep. Did not get up until Sue came back after six. Amanda was here today and helped me sort the supplies. Got letter from Anna, Savid and RT the beloved cats are still ill but are improving. She search internet for help and got advice from American Indian source and both she suspects they are doing better. She was poisoned but one \_\_\_

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Was going to bed when Mark arrived It was all ready quite late and I did not sit up to talk.

(note in a different handwriting) The beginning of Andre's strokes. When she discovered this the next night she was very frightened. Mark K.

July 25, 2004

Opened the book to discover page before this was badly smudged when I put book away in a hurry last night. Late in getting up this morning as I think everyone over slept. At Sue's request I made a recording which will help if in the future my will is questioned. In afternoon cut some more box pictures while we talked but did not get anymore letters done and must concentrate on that. Drawer holding mail is full to top now. Susanne will be here tomorrow morning. Sue said there are four kittens in backyard instead of just two.

July 26, 2004

Susanne came this morning and brought all the beads. I finished up four necklaces as to selecting the beads and stringing. Susanne put on clasps and made the matching earrings. Rose called - she is in Wales now and thinks she will stay there awhile. Sue said she sounded better pleased with life. I do hope she finds it happier. Susanne left at two. I had lunch and then worked until after five going through the big yearly Fire Mountain catalogue which I had never seen before. Lots of beautiful beads. Sue will be here again tomorrow so we can work on the \_\_\_\_\_ order.

July 27, 2004

Was eating breakfast when Susanne came. I sleep heavily did not even know that Ollie had been taken to hospital at 4 because of an intensive attack of pain in his back. Susanne and I worked until almost two going through the catalogues and comparing my listing. We had three to go through. Sandi McI called. Said Mr. Flint was late to call last week and could not stop as he had intended. They may come again next month. Income tax at last paid. Last visit from Therapist today.

July 28, 2004

Am tired tonight - back aches. Susanne came in while I was eating breakfast. She had put order on the computer but would not send it until I looked it over again. Will be off at a family reunion tomorrow. Got up so late that there was no time to do anything before we left for Jerry's. After I sit any length of time my legs are very stiff and I have trouble bending knees. Jerry cut front hair some and braided back which made it look good. Came home and had lunch and then wrote two letters. Writing on computer certainly makes back ache. No mail of any importance.

July 29, 2004

Got caught up with a few things this morning. Wrote an answer to lady who took four of the cats. She wants to write stories and asked for pointers so that meant a long letter. Wrote two more letters also. Sent book to Charlitte who wanted it for a long time reader. Got a huge catalogue from another bead place - had to pay for it - lot of beautiful things \_\_\_\_\_. The animal ones I had been looking for. Shall perhaps get some of them. Shelia called in our order to Fire Mountain. E-mail from Sasha about Russian who wanted my early books - Sue sent that news on to Jack he has managed to get another thousand from TOR per volume for Magic series.

July 30, 2004

Wrote four letters but one was swallowed up in the machine so had to rewrite it, Typing these days makes my back ache. I just don't have any energy. Klom called. And Frenkle called Sue while I was resting - no promises about Hands. But hints that maybe Mark is getting in touch with powers that be - for what reason I hate to speculate. Got copy of her latest book from Elizabeth Peters and m/s copy of David Drake's new O'Leary book to read. Oriental Trading Company catalogue came but did not have much in it we can use. Rested from 2:30 to 6:00. Feel tired all the time. Haven't seen the kittens for two days. Do hope nothing has happened to them.

July 31, 2004

Up late as usual. After breakfast I went to letter writing. Did thank yous to Elizabeth Peters and David Drake for the books and after lunch did some more - four in all. Am getting more sure with machine and I am certainly glad of that. After lunch - very late - went to reading the Drake MS. Very good as usual got about half the way through I think. Sue was out shopping and getting medicine orders filled. I take it that Amanda will no longer be coming since both of their cars have now been wrecked. Rained a little this morning but clearer again later.

August 1, 2004

Worked on letters. Wrote four and had one swallowed, so only really did three. But I am doing better and can get things printed and get in and out much better, Shelia did not come today. Got an infection where she had the tooth drawn out last week. Sue busy all day with things she is doing for others - she is a wonderful person. Naomi came up this afternoon. Late lunch - then I began reading the Drake ms again - it is huge - well over 400 pages. But a book which keeps one reading. One of the kittens appeared tonight - one of the Black ones. Wish they were friendly. Susanne may be in to work tomorrow morning.

Aug 2, 2004

Got to work on letters this morning as Susanne did not show up. I am able to deal better with the computer. Have at last learned about control of printing. Got three letters done in all. Then read the Drake book for a while. Finally had to rest as back hurt. Sent in a small Hamilton order. Shelia was here today but her jaw still hurts her. It was past five when she wakened me. I did not want any real supper as I had baked crab for lunch so I went to bed for the night instead of getting up. Dean R sent me another Martin book and got another one from another writer. Sue said all four kittens came to be fed tonight - I do want to see them.

Aug 3, 2004

Started in on letters as soon as I was through breakfast. Thanked Mr. Drake and the other writer for the books and then wrote two more letters. Get along better with the computers now so it goes faster. The bead order was delivered. Shelia and I unpacked it - beads were beautiful. Susanne has been helping her older daughter to move home so has not been able to come. I made an order to Cayce Publisher but did not send it yet. Then I read the rest of the Drake book. Got two book club books in mail. Sue and I are going to help buy school clothes for the children of one of the nurses - her son has been doing the yard here. Is 14 and a very hard working boy and the family is having a hard time.

Aug 4, 2004

Got a short letter written to D. Drake about his book. Answered a letter and paid a bill. Went to hairdresser. He said perm is all gone so I will have to have a new one next week. Very hot and humid out. It has been very hot all summer. Tired when I got home - took a vitamin drink and then read two stories Sasha had sent back - can write her about it tomorrow. Then rested for a short time. No mail of any importance. All four kittens there to eat tonight - then they disappeared in a hurry. Indications of storm coming.

Aug 5, 2004

Ollie having difficulties at work but his back is better. I do wish that both of them had it easier. Shelia and I worked on the new beads his morning.

Made three necklaces - Shelia one and she did earrings for all. I will have to redo part of one as discovered I had used wrong bead in one place. Visitors suppose to come this weekend. We picked out set of jewelry to send to Sasha who is in hospital getting her shoulder operated on. Got a number of letters and the next Hamilton in the mail. Also a catalogue of Christmas cards - some very good.

Aug 6, 2004

Got at mail again this morning - two letters - one to Sasha. Also went through the two stories for the bead book and corrected those so they could be sent back with the letter. Jack called. Have sold a lot of reprint right to Russia and two to TOR - so some money will be coming in. Worked on necklace. Turned out the bead I thought was wrong was all right so did not have to unstring and then string again. Experimented with another necklace but did not finish it - will try to do that tomorrow. Shelia made earrings for set but we can't put catches on them. Will have to get Susanne to do that but have not heard from her for over a week since school started. Sue spent day out with Travis and his brother get the school clothes they needed. Sue is always on the watch for what she can do for someone who needs help. No mail today of any importance.

Aug 7, 2004

Susanne came this morning so got to work before I read paper. We looked at all the new beads. Must get more specially divided storage boxes to hold them all. I completed necklace I was working on last eve. Susanne knew better what to do to make it be better, Then I strung another I had not finished. Susanne had to leave at two. She took other big catalogue to choose from so we may be able to send that order next week. I also want to start on the gift boxes and want to turn one of the Persian orders into a key chain for Jack. Little kittens came out in daytime to eat today. After a late lunch I went through some catalogues and then worked on Hamilton orders until supper time. Last night was bad - pain in right - "\_\_\_\_" knee and leg so did not sleep well. Ollie and Sue have possible loss of job to worry over. I try to put it out of mind. If jewelry only partly successful it will help us all. Have to plan for the other side - probably Tomorrow we shall have the work table up in the living room and put the completed sets on display. These bobbles brought at lot at the home sale and he has worked on the internet part which give my book advertisement - may the night all lead to beginning interest.

Aug 8, 2004

A long and tiring day. Wrote two letters in the morning. Susanne and her daughters came at noon. Mark had the work-table chest he had made up and we fixed up the display of finished jewelry - it looked quite impressive. The Hagers came around three. They were very impressed by the jewelry. Sue provided a picnic supper. I gave Mark the money for the cabinet and also one of the necklace sets he wanted for a wedding present. The Hagers stayed until after six. He bought two necklace sets for her for a gift. They are set at \$50.00 a piece which seems a great lot to me but they know more about pricing than I do. Mark and I dismantled the display after they had gone. Was very tired and headed to bed. Saw all four of kittens out in the yard as, because of company, Sue did not get to feed them until later than usual. They are larger than I thought. Wish they would be friendly. Susanne has another catalogue of jewelry she will let me see. Is trying to get our official papers as a company.

Aug 9, 2004

Sue had the dizziness again this morning and finally agreed to go to the doctor who thinks it is sinus trouble. She is to take special medicine and then call back at the end of the week. I wrote one letter and then went to doing jewelry. Was using smaller beads on one necklace and found it harder and takes a lot longer. Ann C. called - both her parents had operations. Kept on working with beads until Sue got back at five. Did not have lunch - did not feel well. Eight of the books I ordered from Hamilton were gone - the ones I wanted the most, of course. Shelia made the earrings for each set.

Aug 10, 2004

Slept later - I will never get back to my early mornings again. I wrote a letter to Victor and then went to work on a necklace, used smaller beads and found those take longer to work with. One was done in shades of silver and I had to do parts of it over twice to get it to match. Am eager to see the two new catalogues Susanne has. She will be coming to work Saturday. Got author's copy of new edition of a Witch World omnibus. Also book from Hamilton. Got another catalogue from bulb place and want to order a couple of the lily selections. These are not the day lilies but the early ones. Ollie came in tonight and I think he is feeling better - am glad of that.

Aug 11, 2004

We are supposed to be facing a weekend of storms but so far it is only raining a little this weekend. Paid some bills and went through the Bruck bulb catalogue making choices - they have beautiful new colors for all the familiar types of flowers. Went to hairdresser's and was there longer as had a perm. Hair is very thin - just hope it will last a week from now on. Got home near four. Did order for some special Christmas cards and address labels. Went through another Hamilton but nothing there. One more to go. Klone and his friend are coming tomorrow. Really don't know why since I no longer have the library. Need to clear out desk drawer. Sue brought more bead containers and she filled some with new beads when we got home.

Aug 12, 2004

A busy day what with one thing or another. Shelia and I cleared out the desk drawers. All the letters in there is frustrating. I sent in one book order. Also sent book to man who sent me the early Merritt book. Also wrote thank you to Cara R. for one she sent. I was ready to do some more bead work but Klone & his two friends arrived. Showed them the necklaces and Mr. Gonzolas bought one though I did not push sales at all. Autographed a lot of books they brought. They left at five. A little later the nurse who used to come came and gave me a pedicure which I needed badly. The nails had not been done before my fall in April. They did not grow very long but were twisted and hard to work with. She will come weekly to do this and keep them in order.

Aug 13, 2004

A very busy day. Wrote one letter - was ready to do another when the computer got tangled again. I went to do necklaces - finished good wire thread on spools and did so could not string. Laid out another necklace. Then jarred both trays putting them away and shall have to do them over. Sandi & Phronsie McDade came - they were on their way to a big book fair in Nashville. Had some books to be autographed. Was getting ready to go to bed when lawyer and his wife came with will, Told him changes I wanted. They stayed quite a while. Heard from Rose today. She is in Edinburgh, Scotland. Want to live there with a coven in a cult house. I am concerned for her but there is nothing I can do.

Aug 14, 2004

Another long day - am very tired tonight. Susanne came also her daughter who is selling Mary Kay products. She gave Sue a make-up and then me. I had to redo one of the necklaces as the beads rolled out of order - then did another but it took longer. Then we had lunch and Sue had work to do in her own house. Susanne and I started filling the new boxes with the order which came last week. Did not get it all done but think one more try will finish it. She brought the catalogue I did not have and the mail brought the year one for Fire Mountain. Finished up the second box about five. Sue had gone shopping. Susanne's daughter came for her just a little after six. I am very tired. Got Jean R's outline for first Quag book. Must read and answer that

tomorrow.

Aug 15, 2004

Day started at 9:30 as usual. Wrote two letters – made out Book Club order. Shelia was here and worked on finishing up some necklaces which she found that had not had the clasps put on. Sue heard from Dino's mother. Klone suggested she take some of the jewelry to con next month. Can then see how attractive our work is. I made out some orders – lay down in afternoon as back hurt a lot. Was going through the big catalogue of second bead place. Their prices are higher, buy few and the cheaper ones mainly those which can be used as pendants. Can't send this in as we do not have business license as yet. Ordered two skirts and two shirts on sale to begin fall with.

Aug 16, 2004

This morning Shelia got out all the finished jewelry and I took one of the journal books I had not used. We listed it by kind – necklace sets, earrings and bracelets. The lady who sells jewelry at the cons will pick up a few samples and show them at the con next week and then we can get a reaction to our work. I made one more necklace set. Later I started going through yearly catalogues which came last Saturday but just looked – did not try to list. At 2:30 I lay down until four as back ached. Sue made more earrings and when I got up I listed those. Went through some more catalogue pages. Beginning to get ones on Christmas shopping now. After all these months finally got the fine quilt material sale again.

Aug 17, 2004

Got one thing finished today. Shelia and I got all the beads of the big order put away. Also I changed colors in some boxes. Laid out another necklace string – only to have it come apart just as I finished – will have to redo it. Mark N called – wants to come and see me next week. Also the Goodes at the end of next week. A nasty letter appeared about Sue and I on the Internet. Sue wrote an e-mail reply tonight. I do not see what pleasure it gives people to do this sort of thing. Set up some orders but did not write or send them. I do this now and consider it quite a while before I actually send them – if I do. Rested an hour this afternoon. Right leg is much worse now.

Aug 18, 2004

Did not get any work done today as hard to get hair done. It is getting thinner all the time. May have to get a wig if it is any worse. Whoever is trying to make trouble for us via the Internet is adding to the stress. Now there has been a bad report on Sue's son. It is plainly someone who knows of conditions here. Jerry finished me earlier so we stopped at Hastings book shop. Have not been there in almost a year. They have rearranged the interior and though I got some paperbacks, did not find any of the writers I was looking for. A disappointment. Shall ask Klone to look them up for me. Got home and made out the second garden order which Sue can phone in. Will not buy the clothes and wait awhile for any more beads.

Aug 19, 2004

In bed tonight by courtesy of a lift. Sue had been talking about it for some. Find if I close my eyes I can make it well. Wrote three letters this morning. After lunch I reassembled necklace which was fumbled yesterday but did only the one. Then I was shown e-mail from Ingrid's lawyer in Florida – reports, of course, a different version of affairs at the end than I remember. Discover that Mark honestly expects me to pay him \$40,000 – his mortgage on mountain house in my will – also he was indeed Ingrid's lover and believes he was entitled to half her estate. I know that I have always been blind to those I like and trust them – then something such as this happens. It is just that I (am) really stupid in such things. I must keep my mouth shut and not allow myself any comment. Becky E called. They have had no power since the hurricane went through several days ago. First time one has gone upward and up the middle of the state. B said they were lucky – no damage to house or cars.

Aug 20, 2004

In spite of all my self-promises I did not get much done today – feel lacking in energy. Got up and went to bed with help of lift and I hope this makes it easier for Sue. Shelia not here today. Went to work at letters and did three – one with the quote the YA writer wanted. Had planned to do necklaces then but felt too tired and rested instead. Sandra sent me seeds for two plants. Gave them to Ollie with her instructions. Paul Goode is to come tomorrow and woman for beads. Next week Mark N. Heard who put nasty remarks on Internet – someone I met only once who is mad at Rose. But also heard unpleasant things about Mark K. with hints about legal trouble via Ingrid. Seem I shall never have any peace because of the distress of others based on a totally wrong attitude about how much money I have.

Aug 21, 2004

Did not have a good night – pain in legs and did not sleep well. And did not accomplish anything today. The Goodes – Paul and his wife – arrived as I was finishing breakfast. It was wearing even then. They stayed until after two, Cannot take people very well any more though Paul is very much interested in the field and I heard a lot of news. Books to autograph – he's buying my early books at what seems to me very high prices. He had some foreign ones I had never seen before. Do not apparently get author's copies of all of those. Can not understand my lack of energy when I felt so much better a month ago. Suppose it is simply and honestly the passing of time. I went to bed at three – got up a little after five and went for the night at seven.

Aug 22, 2004

Another tiring day. Sue has put me back on the iron tablets – hope that will help. Finished breakfast in a hurry as the Viksons called they were coming. Got out about ten sets in various colors. They brought two strangers with them. They themselves deal in stones and fossils. She would have taken all we had ready but I said a dozen as we would have some to show here and listed what she took in the book. Shelia made two more this afternoon but I went to rest just before three and did not get up until five. Sue had gone to store and came back after six. Did not do anything today. Must get back to mail tomorrow.

Aug 23, 2004

A thunder storm starting now it has been several weeks since we had one. Wrote three letters this morning. Ate lunch – lawyers came with will. There were some more parts to be taken out – then that is ended. After lawyer and his people left I did another necklace set. But I did not feel as well as I did a little while ago. My eyes are bothering me – especially in the mornings and I have very little energy. Have heard no more from Rose – wonder if she is going to settle over there. Just wish I could get all the mail done. Three letters at a time seems the best I can do. Haven't even started on the boxes.

Aug 24,– 2004

In spite of efforts I did not get much done paid some bills and wrote two letters. Mark N called – will be here on Thursday. Made another necklace. Shelia also made one. Paid three months insurance. Must send for Halloween and handicraft things this week. Tom came at a little before five and did my feet and nails and helped Sue put me in bed. Sue's young aunt who dropped in last evening is on Cherokee Pow Wow committee. She told Sue to

have us make some sets with Indian motifs and I shall do that. Looked a little into big Fire Mountain and marked some pages - will see that another order is sent. Sue disturbed by Mark A's attitude, oh dear had that this was all over.

Aug 25, 2004

Raining hard this morning but cleared by noon. I did not get anything done. Wore one of our necklace sets into town - looked quite well but heat of dryer made it hurt neck. We came home right from Jerry's. Then I took other jewelry catalogue which had a number of materials for Indian designs and listed a possible order. Do hope I can consult with Susanne this weekend. Sue went into town to see about carpet for her son's house. Shelia was going with some of the other catalogues to see about animal pieces we want. Eyes are troubling me again. Will be going to specialists in a couple of weeks. Sue has had too much put upon her - I know she does not feel well. Nobody seems to now.

Aug 26, 2004

Got up an hour early this morning because of Mark N coming. I worked on the material Mr. Cumming wanted by e-mail - he called about it quite late last night. Did the questions for the two books he was interested in. I wrote one short letter and then Mark N. came. Very pleasant gentleman. He had a lot of pictures on the computer - all family ones - and he explained relationships and the like. We had a very late lunch - Sue had gone into town. Susanne and her daughter came in at four with cosmetics Sue and I had ordered. Susanne will be here to work Saturday - she is interested in the Powwow Idea so shall go ahead and send in one order. Sue got home after six. Brought me a watch for everyday some sales dresses. Got history books I had ordered. Eye bothers me.

Aug 27, 2004

Up at usual time and carried out procedure with new cosmetics. The eyebrow pencil is very good and I can do better brows with it. Did not get anything done as Mark N. was here soon as I finished breakfast. He spent most of the day showing me pictures of the western part of the family back three or four generations. It just was all stories - many of them first hand. As a rule, the men were far better looking than the women. He stayed until after six and I was really worn out. Got letter from Sandra - she is still having a bad time from operation. Also got a book which I did not order and must go back. Must get letter done in morning but Susanne will be here to do jewelry. Wore one of sales dresses Sue bought - very nice.

Aug 28, 2004

Got up later this morning. Think we were all tired after yesterday. Susanne came before I ate breakfast. We went through out a longer and then I decided to make some sets with possible Indian designs. Made two of those and a regular one. Susanne left at two. I made a hurried lunch and then since it was three-thirty and I was very tired I went to rest. Sue had to run some errands in town. When I awoke it was six. Drank my supper of special drink as I do now. Sue \_\_\_\_\_ back. Do hope no more company for a while. I have to get mail answered and \_\_\_\_\_ done for the \_\_\_\_\_. We have our papers now - Susanne brought them - to apply for a dealer's wholesale number which we \_\_\_\_\_ send out orders to new companies.

Aug 29, 2004

Slept late this morning, we all did so we're behind time. Shelia did not come until noon as she woke with vertigo. I paid bills and did monthly cheques but did not write any letters. Eyes bother me a lot, do hope can get something to help when I go to doctor on Friday. Shelia and I tackled the desk drawer - threw away a lot of mail - too old to answer now. Got things sorted and in the files. Naomi came - she had been on trip. Showed her the necklaces and she liked them a lot. She and her husband stayed for cookout supper - so I got to be late also. Wish I was not so tired all the time. But guess that is like arthritis - here to stay.

Aug 30, 2004

\_\_\_\_\_ a little better this morning though I got a little more done. Estella called this morning, they lost power for four days and tress but no damage to the house. Winter Park and Orlando really wiped out - big oaks along the streets gone. Must call Iris tomorrow. Afterwards I wrote a fourth letter - Jean Rube called she is starting the book and has good ideas. Shelia ordered mixed lot of beads for work. Sue got a lot from holiday sale - many of which we can use for the Indian Things. Sue got the antique Christmas things she ordered. I should have worked on beads but wanted to rest from 3:30 to five. Eyes bother me a lot and I get so tired. Have to send the Halloween orders tomorrow. Will have to make up food order soon. Copy of Bertie and May on sale on Internet at a very high price. Very hard to get it seems they did not publish many. I always suspected that was so. Will do what I can to get things ready ahead of time. Sent a lot of Flint books to Klon. Hope he can find some second hand.

Aug 31, 2004

Up late this morning. Went to letters once breakfast was over and did two rather long ones. Had intended to work on jewelry but instead with Shelia worked on the next sale order. We got two pages Frankle said he could not understand. One was so marked up I could not read it. so late in the afternoon I rewrote the questioned paragraphs in both. Hope it suits him. Rest for a couple of hours in the afternoon. Ann called and I talked to her for a while. She is having painful tooth trouble. Young to come this week and has to give a speech. Eyes bother me still - hope I can get some help for them. To Terry's tomorrow.

Sept 1, 2004

Up at usual time. But did not get anything really done - very hot out. Went to hair dressers a half hour later than usual. Much traffic. Got hair done and home at nearly three. I sorted through a package of beads Susanne bought - all odds and ends - and got out ones I thought we could use. Sue has bid on another big order of old jewelry on e-bay. She will know tonight if she gets it. She is set to try some more ambitious pieces. They went to Hobby Lobby this afternoon and got some supplies we needed. Shelia called in the Halloween-Christmas order to the Oriental Trading Company and the second bead one to Fur Mountain. Several letter - Monday is a holiday which may give me a little extra time for answering. Lots of Christmas catalogues coming in now.

Sept 2, 2004

Did not do any writing this morning instead got to work on the jewelry. Made the blue-green set Ann C. asked for - then did one of all wooden beads and a final one of bats, rats and mice. Shelia did not feel well and rested most of the morning. Second hurricane has headed for Florida. First one was bad - they say this is much worse. I must call Martha, Iris, Lena Mae and Estella the first of the week if I can reach them. The lights and power always go first. A little after three I lay down for a while. Do hope it is not rainy here tomorrow when I have to go to the eye doctor's. It is certainly true that I have difficulty in reading and seeing now. Got a small royalty cheque for Witch World today.

Sept 3, 2004

Up earlier this morning because going to the eye doctor but still had to hurry. They have new machines for testing and I had to move from one chair to another but managed it. Dr. was ruffled because I was wearing new glasses. I certainly should have had a better excuse ready. He said reading section was weakened. Have to go back also for country eyelids at night. We did not get home until almost three. I ate lunch and rested for a while. Did not get anything done in way of work. Got up at five-fifteen. Cheque mailed for necklaces the Hager's bought. Must get at mail tomorrow - am very behind. Got Halloween Xmas box from Oriental Trading. Bad storm supposed to hit Florida full on tomorrow. Advance has died down some. Said to be worse one for years. Waiting on some more bead orders.

Sept 4, 2004

Bad storm still on its way - supposed to strike Florida tomorrow. It has slowed and lost some power but is still moving. If it picks up power again it may reach clear to us as a fringe of thunderstorms. Estella called. She has an army light and several lanterns and has loaded up with canned food, water and cat food. Made beds for cats in closets and places they will feel safe. I must call Becky, Iris, Martha and Lena Mae as soon as the storm is over and the lines are clear again. Ollie worked on computer but could not get it to start every line with a capital letter. I wrote three letters. Wish I could do more. Thought maybe Susanne might come to work on jewelry but did not hear from her. I worked on the winter catalogue and went through some others. Not much in the way of mail, was hoping some of the orders would begin to come through. Left eye bad today seemed to be hazy. We got some of the tools we ordered for the yard. And the Christmas food catalogues are beginning to come.

Sept 5, 2015

Tried to get writing done this morning. Still having trouble with the too many capital letters but have found a way which may help. Got two longish letters done. After lunch went in to work on jewelry. Sue had to pick up things in town. Both Shelia and I worked on one necklace which for some reason would not work out with equal sides. Lady came to collect for Heart Auction - gave her two autographed books and two jewelry sets - also earrings and bracelets. Made three new sets. One Indian, one wild and one ordinary. Nurse came at six did my feet and then saw me to bed. Sue brought in some more bushes - planted those along with roots which yesterday. Storm still in Florida - covers whole state. They cannot tell what it will do.

Sept 6, 2004

Got some things done today but not as many as I should. This was a holiday so no mail. Wrote four letters. Computer ate half a one and I had to do it over. Finished Hamilton and made out order. Did three necklaces. Sue working in yard all day with boy who helps out. Got a lot of shrubs planted. Storm still in Florida. Very hot and humid here - I worry about Sue working so hard in heat. But she does things her way. Nurse came to pick up son and help Sue get me to bed. Left eye bothered me a lot this afternoon. RT sick this morning. Am afraid little can be done now. He spends most of the time sleeping. Will try to get him to vet's. Sue is so busy now but if he seems to be in pain will make a special effort. Killing of children in school in Russia worst terrorist attack yet.

Sept 7, 2004

Have felt blah all day and did not get much done. Wrote letter to librarian who wanted picture for exhibit and another on-half was swallowed by computer. I can still have trouble. Did not try anything with the jewelry as Shelia was not here - called this morning to say she was sick. One of the e-bay jewelry orders came. Most will have to be taken apart and rethreaded to use as pendants. I finally got watch I ordered two months ago for Shelia's birthday - one later. There was a large pack of catalogues but nothing wanted. Felt so tired I at last decided to go to bed at 4. Have to go to hair dresser's tomorrow. They are threatening bad storm - hope not.

Sept 8, 2004

Cloudy but no rain - really pleasant out as no humidity. Cats very excited in the night - snake skin on patio - they must have watch the act of nudity through the glass door. Paid Hamilton and got that order off - had three deliveries of mail - beads from South seas which were rather a disappointment, then Fire Mountain order and finally letters. Went to hair dresser. Easier to get into car now. Got color on hair so it took longer. On way home we got good take out fish food and ate when we got home. Shelia here today. She was able to get a new clasp on the black net necklace out of e-bay which came yesterday. This weekend is one of the cons - don't know if Mrs. Hicks will take necklaces to this one.

Sept 9, 2004

Did not write any letters today though I should have. We got another box old jewelry from one of Sue's e-bay buys. Went through that. A lot of earrings which can be made into pendants. I took strings of usable beads and unstrung them into work boxes. A few of them cemented so could not use but a lot of good ones. Made up a purple and silver one. Had Social Security arrange to send cheques here each month instead of the bank. Sue collected a lot of papers to straighten out reports for income tax and went to bank about that. Got two letters and Christmas cards I had ordered. These are the ones with seeds in them and will keep one of each to plant here. Irene hurricane coming in over the weekend.

Sept 10, 2004

Up a little earlier this morning. Got two letters written. Computer acting up again and it frustrates me. We got another box of jewelry from e-bay sales. Also neighbor to whom we gave things for sale at the cons reports she sold seven of the necklace sets - some earring sets and three bracelets. Other neighbor to whom we gave things for heart auction called to say they got quite a lot for them, \_\_\_\_\_ necklace sets (2), Mickey and Minnie Mouse set of dolls. So we are showing something which sells. Sue had storage house moved to other side of yard. Very hot out and yard work is exhausting. I made another necklace based on pendant of Egyptian queen - red and silver. Could not sleep last night except \_\_\_\_\_ as lost my \_\_\_\_\_ pill. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ and hope I will do better.

Sept 11, 2004

Two years after the murderous assault on this country many memorials in progress everywhere. I concentrated on answering letters this morning and got three rather long ones done. Shelia did not come today. After lunch I got out beads and restrung another necklace. Very warm out. Got some letters but other e-bay package did not come. Very warm out. Naomi came over this afternoon as Sue had to go out. Guess that Irene is not coming. Haven't heard anything about any arrival. Haven't heard anything from Susanne for two weeks now. Nothing more from Rose - wonder if she is still planning on staying on over there. Latest news of newest hurricane heading for Florida - most severe ever recorded - do hope all will be safe.

Sept 12, 2004

Got a slow start this morning. Apparently had gone to sleep in middle of reading - my book was in the middle of the floor, my reading lamp and glasses were on. Sue did not wake me - just turned off the light. I wrote two long letters this morning did not try to do any jewelry. Sue had a family cookout for her son and his prospective family in that of his to be wife. Fifteen in all. Sue about worn out tonight hope she will get a better rest. Anne

called and talked for quite a time. Irene is not coming this week as I thought but at the end of October. Mark showed just as I was getting ready for bed. He had been home to Cleveland and brought me two Cleveland papers. Left at nine-thirty so did not get much reading done.

Sept 13, 2004

Tried to get something done, but as usual did not accomplish much, wrote two letters and paid some bills and Charity requests. Shelia called early this morning that she was ill so did not come. I felt so tired I lay down to rest at three and got up after five. Got some letters and catalogues but no packages. After I got up had a punishing headache. Have come to be with that Taken a pill I hope will help. Very heavy rain storm in late afternoon. Big storm set to hit the islands today.

Sept 14, 2004

Medicine took care of the headache so was able to sleep. Up at usual time. Shelia here today. I wrote two letters. After lunch I worked on jewelry. Got two necklaces done but have to do part of one over as the beads do not match well. Then about four I laid down until five for a rest. Got another small e-bay jewelry collection. Had call from vice president of the SFWA about award for writers of YA books. Later Jean Rabe called and we talked about book. She had been out to Oregon for a book tour. Do wish I had access to lists of new books. Got the English one Lyn sends her lads. Had some new historical mysteries listed but cannot order from overseas - prices are beyond all reason. Peggy Harris called this evening.

Sept 15, 2004

got off three address changes for letters which arrived yesterday. Went to hair dressers. Stopped on way home and got crab cake take out for late lunch. Was very tired so after eating lay down for an hour woke and started taking one of the e-bay lots of jewelry apart. Worked until nearly eight left eye bothered me a lot. Ollie called us to come and see unusual sunset rose in thick ruffles of clouds against blue of sunset. Lack of energy is frustrating but there is nothing which seems to help.

Sept 16, 2004

My light was still on this morning so apparently I went to sleep while reading. Must watch better from now on. Wrote two letters this morning and then went back to sorting out and dividing the two e-bay orders. Finished with those laid out another necklace combining two from the order and then tried to correct the one I had trouble with yesterday-- strung twice and it was wrong each time. Will work on it again tomorrow. Got proof of story to read and return. Also book by Indian writer. Rained off and on all day of fringes of storm which is now in Alabama. Rested from four to six in the afternoon. Seems to give out around that time, check for ideas of necklaces at \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 17, 2004

Rained on and off but not too hard. Another - number five \_ is now bearing down on Florida. Shelia did not come today. I wrote a letter to Lyn - should have written a second but was too tired. Boxes we had expected did not come today. Did not work on jewelry either. At three went to rest, got up at five. No mail of any importance. I started going through Fire Mountain again. Sue wants to send for some jewelry materials and I want to add some more colors of ordinary beads. It has been three weeks since we heard from Susanne. May try to call her tomorrow. Sue got small, light weight sewing machine she ordered from e-bay.

Sept 18, 2004

Wrote two letters this morning. Shelia did not come today. I just never seem to get caught up very much. Got out jewelry and redid for the fourth time the green bead. One - then restrung the pink & pearl one - Am using beads from the e-bay buys now. Finally did a last one also from the e-bay material. Felt very tired at three so lay down. Sue had to do a lot of errands. They did not get back until after seven. Estelle called. All trees down but house okay. Got a quick note from Becky. Bill has been told he has cancer---she needs someone to help her---someone she can depend upon. tonight Rose's brother called---trying to locate her. She never got the inheritance she said she did. Most money she has seems taken from the house funds. She needs to appear at court here next month to settle her mother's estate. Told Sue that Rose has been treated for psychological troubles and has caused infinite trouble for everyone. She has no one who can make her go into the treatment she needs. I feel guilty since she came in to this through me but I know none of it.

Sept 19, 2004

Shelia back this morning. I wrote two letters and then Becky called. Tried to help her by explaining things as I saw them--especially to get help from auditor about things to be done about finances. I have been so lucky that Sue was and is able to help me. Tried to work on necklace but back ached so I had to give up and rest for an hour. Gets dark much quicker now--fall coming on but it is still very warm out. Started a story in my mind as I rested but it was flat and nothing but clicks. Old gift is gone--worn away. I am lucky to have had it as long as I did.

Sept 20, 2004

Have been lagging all day. Do wish I had more energy. Wrote two letters this morning. The new sling for getting out of bed arrived. Should have gone to necklaces this afternoon but instead I ached so I went to bed and rested. Awoke and got up at five. Rose called. She plans to marry a much older man for a green card and stay - seems happy, I do hope she really is. The last order of e-bay jewelry material had come. Many good pins and earrings which will make good pendants as well as necklaces to be taken apart. Hamilton order seems greatly delayed. Sue will deal with bank accounts this week. Not any cooler out but days get shorter.

Sept 22, 2004

Shelia was going to fast to come to work and had taken the one location - ran into tree. Trouble with Sue over this. Shelia lucky not hurt but did not get here and Sue may not have her again. Nothing ever runs smoothly any more. Could not get to Jerry as have to have two people to take me in and out of car. Sue washed and set my hair so at least looked human. Wrote card to Charletta. Sent monthly cheques to Jan, Lena Mae, and Renee. Paid some small charity request. Did not try to do anything with jewelry. Rested from three to six. Nurse who used to come, came & did feet. Her son selling Christmas paper so ordered some. Must start Christmas orders very soon. Am going to try notes this week in to try and clear mail. Hope it works.

Sept 23, 2004

Had a frustrating dream just before I woke up - one again about the written story-document which comes and goes and did not feel well when I got up. Decided to handle mail decisively. Made list of names & addresses of unanswered mail and wrote form letter. Sue kindly will get those done on computer. Will continue to write to everyone on my private list but will let others go. Shelia was here: Finished list at three and went to rest. Anne C sent dragons cracking out of eggs she had been keeping since my birthday and I will send her necklace. Got some more e-bay jewelry - this very good - will go back to that tomorrow. Susanne has been ill. She called - will be here on Saturday. Have Xmas orders to do - mainly f\_\_\_ have orders to send in. Hear from Jack. He has contracts for Magic books and also people interested in the Ithkar series.

Sept 24, 2004

Sue had tagged a big packet of letters - set answer to every one - last night and got those ready to mail. Wrote to Jean R. about book. Then got busy and worked on jewelry - testing three and doing a fourth for first time. Ann C called but I did not have a chance to speak to her. After lunch I finished inspecting last necklace and then lay down to rest. Shelia was then able to go to party for her granddaughter. Sue went in town - got more bead boxes and things we needed, no letters - just catalogues. Will start Christmas ordering next week. Sent back check to Estelle for repairs to her house - hurricane - no power, phone, food all ruined - just wiped out - and ANOTHER hurricane due to hit this weekend. We sent it to her bank so she can get it as soon as possible.

Sept 25, 2004

Got up earlier this morning as Susanne said she was coming. I started work by shifting through loose bead again - finally got all the size I can use separated and put away Susanne did not come until noon. Her daughter not her. Showed her those we had made and what new ones we got through e-bay. I did two necklaces - got back the catalogues she had borrowed and will now order last special ones I want. Mark N. called but we did not talk long as contractor came to see him. Susanne had lunch with me. Was so kind putting away all the bead stock. She left and it was three so I rested until 5:30. Got Hamilton order - no letters to be answered. Another hurricane to hit Florida tonight. Hearing second and third hand Rose's \_\_\_\_ are out of the last few years.

Sept 26, 2004

Dreams are growing less story-like and more as if I have failed in life. Though looking at it realistically I can't see that I have. Shelia was here so I started work on Christmas brought in all the catalogues I had been saving and went through them again. Found several things I had not seen before. Got rid of a lot of the catalogues. Will deal with food ones tomorrow. Went to rest at three and got up at 5:30. No one called though I thought maybe Ann C would. Still very warm out. Another very bad hurricane hit Florida just around Winter Park. They reported the winds lashed there most of the day. Glad that I did move away. I have had a good life. Anything which made my life hard was always physical.

Sept 27, 2004

Started with orders this morning and then \_\_\_\_\_ came with a lot of questions - called Frankel to learn just what has to be done. Put away Xmas stuff and began reading correcting and kept that up - time off for lunch - until three and went to rest until five. Sue went to accountant and tax consultant again so we could learn just where I stood and has things under control now. Got contracts for six Magic books resold to TOR in mail. Left eye painful all day - wish doctor could do something for it. Shelia did earrings for and finished up several necklace sets and entered them all in the book. Will try to send the one off to Ann this week. Also going to build house for the yard kittens. They come almost up the house on their own now.

Sept 28, 2004

As soon as I finished my usually late breakfast this morning I went to work on the MS. Explained a lot of the words and names. However I have lost almost all interest in it. My "talent" is certainly finished. Worked on until mid-afternoon and then went to rest at three. Did not write any letters. Got some more Xmas ideas. Do want to finish that up. No letters today. Sue went and changed money in one account - library one - to another account. Discovered Rose tried to draw money from my account three weeks ago from Scotland. She will not be able to do this again. Signed the TOR contracts for the magic books and those back. More and more I have the feeling that nothing really counts in my life anymore. Am I just putting in time for the end?

Sept 29, 2004

Up a little earlier. Shelia here - hurried getting dressed and through breakfast but no time to anything else. Left eye hurt a lot. Got to eye doctor's in time and they ran tests. Still think it is dryness in eyes. Even was able to get to hair dresser in time. Sue into see Dr Ranz next week and other doctor tomorrow she has neglected herself too long. After I came home and had a late lunch I went to rest at four and did not get up until after five. One letter in mail - have two I must answer tomorrow. Sue was able to get a little rest this afternoon. Ollie is busy renovating storage house in back. Will a shelter for kittens under it so if we have bad weather later on they will have some place to stay. Have two packages to send out - small ones.

Sept 30, 2004

Up earlier as Sue had to leave and see the eye doctor herself. I wrote letter to Sandra M\_\_\_\_ and then got busy on ms again. One more day ought to see me through, Package came from Rose - plaid throw, two ornamental boxes, Australian stuffed animal and three books - no note or letter. Sue had very thorough exam and will have glasses and drops. Is to see regular doctor tomorrow and skin doctor next week - do hope skin problem is not serious. She has let her herself go as to health for a long time. Sent necklace to Ann and book autographed to Jack. No letters in mail. Had sharp pain this morning like cramps and then vomited but felt all right later - do not know what caused it. Tanya came and did nails.

Oct 1, 2004

Getting near to end of year. I started working MS after breakfast and I did get reading all done in afternoon - just have to add answers to the stupid questions. Had call from Klone who has some of the books for me. Also Ann C. whom I was able to thank for the baby dragons. No letters today - will have to answer three letters at least over the weekend. Shelia was here as Sue had to go to doctor. She has been put on a special medicine I hope will help. More Christmas catalogue coming. But still think I will give mainly food. Cooler - was necessary to wear shawl in late afternoon. So far trees have not yet started to turn nor leaves fall. Hope we will not have a bad winter.

Oct 2, 2004

Up a little later this morning. I tried to get some important letters out and did three of them and one e-mail to go. Then decided to do some calling by phone. Called \_\_\_\_ to thank her for the copy of her book - then Iris. Iris Mom? Been very ill. Had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance during the hurricane with trees falling around her. Been in and out of hospital all summer. I will call Martha tomorrow. Sue had house washed today. Ollie had to go in town. Rose called from Scotland. I talked with her for first time. She is still intent on staying there. Thanked her for what she had sent. Finally got an address. I had written her brother their trouble started best seeing nothing as usual. Must finish with MS tomorrow.

Oct 3, 2004

Got two jobs done today and I am glad of that. This morning I matched questions to MS and a good thing I did - bad mistake in last chapter where I used wrong character's name. Worked over that. Wrote a note to go with MS. Then, after a late lunch, I transferred jewelry to the new box. Have lost four earrings out of separate pairs - all ones I use a lot. At four I lay down to rest. Got up at six and ate small supper and then went through new Fire Mountain catalogue and did an order to be sent in place of the other one. They had some new beads in beautiful colors to use. Will call it in tomorrow.

Right eye bothered me tonight - will use the drops more. Sue setting up e-bay for the jewelry.

Oct 4, 2004

Got to work with some Christmas material but did not get far with that. Sue took over copying the notes to go with MS and got them all done. I went through bead order to Fire Mountain which I had written up weeks ago. Crossed out some days. Shelia then called it in and also to new place. Will not need any for some time. I restrung crystal necklace and did two new ones but one need another stringing. Did not do it today but went to rest instead as it was four and got up at six. No letter must answer some of remaining ones tomorrow. Also make some orders and start calling them in. Little cooler out - supposed to be much so tonight. But cannot see much in leaves turning and shrubs are still blooming.

Oct 5, 2004

Got busy with Christmas things this morning and called in all orders I had except food. Also ordered two dresses and a skirt on sale. Then went to work on necklaces. Redid green one I had trouble with yesterday - changing some of the beads. Then I did another one using the Indian beads. At three I went and rested until five. Got paper Rose wants signed so she can change nationality. Sue went and opened account for jewelry. Ollie + she are working on e-bay for our products. Have another necklace to work over. I try to be so careful when I am doing them but seem to slip up on count and the like every other time or so.

Oct 6, 2004

Did not feel well today - just tired. Signed the immigration paper and Sue sent it to Rose. I wrote her a letter and sent her one of the book jackets. Our two bead orders arrived together this morning. Went to hair dressers. Stopped on way home to get late lunch, half we shall have to eat tomorrow. After I ate I got busy with beads was able to get them all done & three boxes over - after five when I finished. Sue got me a winter dress from sale and a velour jacket - lovely but I do feel wrong letting her give me things Sue wants up to pick of five necklaces \_\_\_ so we can try picking them out for e-bay sale. Got a basket of teas and lemon cookies from lady in Virginia Must thank her.

Oct 7, 2004

Medication mix up

Did not feel well when I got up this morning seem a little worse all day. After got all \_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_. She had to \_\_\_ and the \_\_\_ Sue wants me \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ (rest of paragraph illegible) They \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ can \_\_\_ our can \_\_\_

Oct 8, 2004

Cannot understand what happened with diary last night. Do not remember writing and went to sleep without taking eye lid medicine or taking off glasses and turning out light. Hope I am not going to have any more mental trouble. Wrote thank you note to Mrs. Fo\_ by hand this morning. Then redid necklace which caused trouble yesterday. Laid out another but several mistakes & will have to do over from beginning. Lady [Faye Wilbur] came after one and stayed until after five. Took recording Will be back to finish tomorrow Hope no more visitors. Had chills on and off all day. Very cold when I went to bed tonight. Got some letters - will have to order some more. I am believing more and more now that I am near the end.

Oct 9, 2004

At least the entry for the 8<sup>th</sup> is properly written o d - not scabble over night \_ the 7<sup>th</sup> turned. Cara Read sent Lawyer's address and wanted me to write letter about her writing ability which I did. Hope it can help some way. Lady from Texas [Faye Wilbur] come just as I finished. But got letter mailed. We just talked about my writing life. Sue got us small sandwiches and cookies & ice tea which served as lunch. I did get so tired but did my best. Sue got supper for us all after five. Did not get in any mail so did not know whether I got any or not. She will be back tomorrow and then will be going home. I hope I was able to give her what she needed for her article. I was tired all day but did not have the fluttering(?). Want to get back to letters and jewelry and finish Christmas orders.

Oct 10, 2004

Did not try to do anything today as interviewer came for last time. Shelia had trouble with her arm so did not come. Some of time I just sat. Must get back to real work tomorrow. She [Faye Wilbur] had more questions to ask and I did as well as possible. Just hope I did not speak too freely. Told mainly stories about other writers which were interesting. Trouble is my own life has been too flat. Skeeter got outside for two hours last night and thoroughly upset both Sue and Ollie. He frightened himself into getting new kitten who hissed at him until Sue managed to catch him. I went to bed early tonight so Sue and Ollie could take visitor out to supper.

Oct 11, 2004

Do not feel so good tonight - had a dizzy attack when getting to bed. I started work at desk. Shelia still troubled with arm and could not come. I wrote two letters and paid a bill. No mail today - is a holiday. Worked some on necklaces. Got two strung in spite of near dumping most of the beads when I picked it up at the end. Skitter wanted out the evening - had to pick him up and carry him down to the road and back. But he's still crying out at intervals. Water system here at the house must be changed over. They are to start work on that tomorrow. At least all repairs are being caught up. I must make sure will is signed.

Oct 12 2004

Bad trouble. Shelia came by at two on her way home from the doctors. She said she had cancer of the lungs. Tonight I called Victor. He asked if they had done one test she had not mentioned which was certain. Also is going to look up a doctor here and let me know tomorrow. Sue and I will see Shelia has support no matter what verdict. I wrote two letters and paid a bill. Got mail today. Klon sent me the old \_\_\_ Fosters he has been able to pack up. Skeeter keeps roaming the house and crying as soon as it gets dark. Has done this each night since he got out. Sue has to take him and carry him down to road and back to make him quiet. Worked on a necklace this afternoon - only trouble is that when I had done found an extra bead on one side so will have to fix that.

Oct 13, 2004

Shelia was late in getting here and left an hour later. Acted as if drugged. Hated to see her drugged. Victor called Sue tonight. We have discovered that she was not given the one cancer test that was most important. He gave us the name of doctor he considered the most competent around here and Sue will see she gets an appointment. There seems to be something behind all this. I paid a bill and wrote letter to Becky. Went to hair dresser - sprinkling a little and much cooler out. Shelia had gone home again so Ollie drove with us. I got in and out well. Shelia caught up at Larry's. We stopped on way home and they did grocery shopping. Will get some more Christmas shopping done tomorrow. Cute little tortoiseshell cat from next door visited us. Victor talks of a visit before Xmas. Sue got a special kind of light to bead by.

Oct 14, 2004

Always feel tired these days when I wake. Shelia came. Did not write any letters but got started early on necklaces. Fixed one left yesterday with too many of one kind of bead. Then I did two more. Could not find pendants that seemed interesting so used large beads on centers instead. But with Sue's help did get all the bead box out so could see what we had better. Contracts for third Beast Master book came. Will sign those and get them off to Lyn tomorrow. Some letters so will try to do some tomorrow. Raining out and colder tonight. Tanya came and took care of my feet and helped Sue get met to bed. Two dresses and skirt I ordered came. Will see if they fit - seem very large but Sue can alter them. They put in fresh water line today.

Oct 15, 2004

Our concern over Shelia continues. This morning she drove up at the proper time to go to work but did not get out of the car for two hours. When she came in she said she had been asleep - we think some drug is behind it but have no way of telling. Sue had a frank talk with her husband. Perhaps he can find out something. We were going to work on boxes & beads today but I discovered ALL my color pens are gone. Rose may have thrown them away. I made - or tried to make one - not very successful. As I was writing this Sue came to say Shelia was in jail - taken up for bad driving - she apparently on way home took one of the pills we have all warned her against and it affected her at once. Sue just gone to put up bond money. We cannot really do much unless she stops taking pills.

Oct 16, 2004

Sue paid Shelia's bond and got her out - only trouble is Shelia does not seem to admit she is fault over dosing on medication. It is something akin to Rose's trouble - refusing to admit she is herself responsible. I tried to work on the food orders for Christmas today but did not get along very far until I at last decided to pick out something which seemed good and then to send it several different people. Did better after that finally lay down to rest around four. Sue and Ollie had to go out on an errand and did not return until almost seven. Got a small royalty cheque for first Witch World omnibus in mail. Finished first Foster series book and am starting the second.

Oct 17, 2004

Worked on the Christmas food gifts and got them all listed. Felt so tired most of the day - Have company coming in tomorrow morning and have to go to eye doctor late in the afternoon. Made one more necklace this afternoon. Finally lay down for a rest. Sue had to go in town. Shelia here but not like her usual self. Got up at six and had a light supper. Cannot understand why going through the food catalogue is so exhausting. I wish I knew how far I am from the end. A number of people seem to have dropped out of my life. And oddly I do not regret it. Irene supposed to come next week - hope she is last. These are duty visits both ways I think.

Oct 18, 2004

Raining hard most of the day. I wrote one short letter and started on others before Mr O\_\_\_ came. Had late lunch and afterward I put another necklace together. Shelia did not come today but I am arranging - if she wants \_\_\_ to - to have her come in and help me with various things. Sue will ask her about it tonight. We can work also on Christmas. Changed my eye appointment which was late in the afternoon to Friday next week so that was a \_\_\_ as the weather was so bad. Can't understand why I have not yet gotten things ordered three weeks ago. Must see if I can check on those. We are getting more catalogues this year - new places - most are very high priced or seem so to me. Wore one of the dresses Sue found on sale and it fit well.

Oct 19, 2004

Very bad storm last night with the loudest thunder I have ever heard. Shelia came this morning. I did not write any letter but went to work on necklaces. Used one bead because of its color but will not do it again as hole is almost impossible to find and Shelia had to do it for me. Got that necklace finished and then slipped - spilling it all. Shelia had trouble getting catch on necklace I did Sunday as hole for that was not right either. Things ordered for Xmas not yet come - must follow that up. Jean Rabe sent first six chapters of Quag book must go through that and send it back. Friend of Sue's who has an autistic son visited tonight. Gave her the very life-like monkey I have for the boy - hope it will be a pleasure.

Oct 20, 2004

A long and wearying day. Went to hairdresser's - Ollie drove. Then we went to Red Lobster for lunch - it was three by then. Did get some more gifts called in but missed out on one I that had gone earlier and so may have missed out on that. After lunch went to Hobby Lobby for stamp pens. Got two smaller sets. Also some unusual beads. Not many as their prices were very high. Got one small set of cat stamps. It started to drizzle as we drove home had been grey all day. Got some more Halloween cards and some Thanksgiving ones. Couple of letters and some catalogues in mail. Store full of things for Xmas, Halloween and Thanksgiving. I try to be careful about spending. Price is the first thing I look at now.

Oct 21, 2004

Managed - with Shelia's help to get all the Halloween cards mailed. Also sent off the pensions. Sue took checks in and faxed new cd. I got out necklace which was so hard to do and started to string it again - a great deal of trouble with the small beads where I could not see the holes properly. Shelia helped with those. Jean Rabe called this morning and we discussed Xmas food shopping. And in afternoon Lena Mae called. Says her back hurts a lot but she still gets out some. Said my cheque is very helpful. I am glad of that. At four I went to rest as felt very tired. Heard unpleasant news concerning Rose. I do hope she did not really do it. More letters and will have to take to writing again. Will try to get Halloween things ready to give out.

Oct 22, 2004

Worked this morning writing up rest of orders to be phoned in. Shelia did not come. Finished orders. After lunch went to jewelry - divided up small amounts I bought Wednesday and then put together necklace of cherry crystal beads and carved bone - turned out well. Ollie says he will find if he can mount the fine animal figures which are strung for a pendant. The cherry crystal is beautiful - a color between mauve and light pink. Rested from 3:30 to six and then got up for supper. Thought Tanya might come but she did not. Water pipes now fixed - no more trouble. Naomi came back from her trip and dropped in when I was going to bed. She is reading DaVinci Code so lent the two books I have on the other side of the argument.

Oct 23, 2004

Tried to write letters - but only got one done. For some reason it seems to wear me down. So did another necklace using black (silver) beads and white bone ones - worked out well but will do another in green. The pendant is an astronaut and I will do that in green like Heinlein's poem. Then put another together in red and white with totem pole pendant - only when checked that had two mistakes in stringing and will have to redo it. I seem to be making mistakes all the time now. Sue had company this afternoon and we shall have company twice tomorrow. Got more catalogues that were new today. Sue has to have office operation very early Monday morning - hope all goes right.

Oct 24, 2005

Shelia did not come today. Took some of the too-strong medicine and could not make it. I was going to write letters but the computer played its tricks and I had to let it go. Started reading Dr. Nair's stories and did shorter one but had just started second when Susanne came. She had made an amusing spider ring for each of us for Halloween. She left at two. I restrung the necklace I did yesterday and miscounted. Sue picked up some packets of accent beads last night and one was something I just needed - was so glad. Sandy and \_\_\_\_\_ were late and had had their lunch. Came about an hour after Susanne had left. They stayed until almost five. Will take some necklaces to next con for us.

Oct 25, 2005

Up much earlier this morning as Sue had the very early doctor's appointment. Ollie drove her down only to have them transfer her to tomorrow for another extra fast morning. Shelia came + stayed until noon. Meanwhile new LPN came - she will come for part time as Shelia can no longer lift. Worked on necklaces + did two but last one beads do not match and will have to do them over. Used some of the beads Sue got in small packets and they did very well. Had Shelia call in all except food gifts which is a big help. My Egyptian and Chinese stamps came. Also gift I got for Sue. At 2:30 I went to rest and got up at 5:30. Lot more catalogues most of which I did not see before. Wore shirt and skirt and vest for first time since last spring. Found it not too difficult to dress as I wondered it might.

[The following page is un-transcribable. It is labeled Oct 25, but was probably written on Oct 26. A note at the top of the page, apparently added later, reads: This mess due to medicine I was given - looked normal when I did it. (medicine influence) hydrocodone.]

Oct 27, 2004

Former entry astounds me tonight. I believed it normal. It might, as the entry for the 8th be because of medication - but I am not taking any new sort. Rained this morning but cleared up before we left for hair dresser's. Very warm out. Had some hair trimmed on top. Wish it would grow faster. Came home but stopped two places for errands. Did not get anything done today. Anne called. Exchanged writing gossip. I called about the special pens I had ordered for gifts as they said they were not available yet they still appeared in the catalogue sent with order which came today. Hope I can still get them. Left eye really bothered for the first time today. I am worried about weird writing when I was sure everything was as it should be.

Oct 28, 2004

Was able to get some things done today - for which I am grateful for. Wrote two letters and after lunch I worked on making up the Halloween bags. Put in five of the small \_\_\_\_\_, two of the \_\_\_\_\_ pencils and for boys one of the very life-like rats, and for girls the miniature teddy bears - took me nearly until 5 o'clock. Shelia was here this morning but left early. Got the fruit bread I had ordered for Thanksgiving and the cat Christmas gifts. Rose was not satisfied with the letter of recommendation I wrote to Scotland and sent one of her own devising to be copied. Sue was very offended at the fact she set it up so this might be thought a manor house after the English fashion. That must be handled now. Shelia and I sorted out all the Christmas cards for use. A long day.

Oct 29, 2004

Shelia did not come today. I wrote letter to Rose asking her to explain why she wrote a letter to Immigration - apparently not wanting to use the one I did. We kept that letter until we had some explanation - most of it was incorrect. Then I wrote to Mr. Douglass who had sent me a copy of his book. Was prepared to write more when the computer refused to clear screen and work. It seems that two letters at a time are all I can do. Worked on reading Hamilton list. Then I made another necklace. It is not doing well. At three I went to rest and got up at nearly six. Big lot of catalogues - many from firms I have not heard from before and book club books - some cards - no letters. Tomorrow will be a hard day - two lots of company. Hope will have very few visitors from now on.

Oct 30, 2004

Busy day. Susanne came about 10:30. Shelia did not come today but Sue's nurse friend did. Susanne put all the clasps on the necklaces. I made one more. Irene came in around noon. She stayed until 6:30 and will see me again tomorrow morning. Irene brought a lot of her beads for us. She cannot work on jewelry anymore as her hands shake too much. So kind of her. I autographed books for Irene. She does not wear jewelry much and so did not want a necklace. Sue got materials for a large cage so cats can go out in back and her son came and put it up. I must do the Christmas orders tomorrow so can mail them Monday. Tomorrow is Halloween. We gave Susanne and LPN bags of trick or treats for their grandsons.

Oct 31, 2004

Was eating breakfast when Irene came. She could not stay long but I did enjoy it. Susanne was to stop in but she did not. Shelia came but her shoulder hurt a lot and I told her to go. I put the address rollo-deck in order, copied out three more orders to phone in. Tomorrow will do the food order. Went to rest at 2:30 and got up at 5:30. Sue brought in delightful tortoise shell kitten to say hello. It is very friendly. We think it might have been brought by new neighbor but if so they do not take care of it. They also have a dog they allow to run loose which is of a very dangerous breed. I fear for the kittens who live out in the back. I think I am going to try some exercises in plotting. Maybe I can, maybe I can't.

Nov 1, 2004

Got up quite early this morning. And decided to catch up as I could with Christmas. Shelia and LPN both came. Gave Shelia the few non-food orders I wrote out yesterday to call in and rewrote Swiss Colony orders. Which she did next. Wrote out Figis and Harry and David which can be called in tomorrow. Two orders came - one beads but they did not send one I wanted most and shall have to use another. I worked up to two and then rested until 4:45. Sue let little tortie cat from next door in and she had quite a time making the rounds - Skeeter resented her a lot. Two of Ollie's sisters were in the hospital today - one for operation and one for heart attack. Seems as if ill health really dogs us here. Got magazine renewal I wanted for Mark.

Nov 2, 2004

Election day and results will not be good for the country whatever way it goes. Got up earlier this morning and got busy with Xmas buying again. Shelia came and phoned the orders in for me. Paid Mrs. Hicks her 10% for selling the necklaces. LPN came also today. Heavy rain in the morning. Got Hamilton order done. Have to reorder for a special color of bead to do Green Hills necklace. Sue typed letter to Rose and the second immigration letter. She will probably be angry. I do wish someone could make her understand. Hope I get back to letters now. Eyes beginning to bother me again.

Nov 3, 2004

Bush won the election which is bad. We are sliding fast to the ruin of the country. How about half the country can support this makes one wonder. Shelia phoned in last food order. Went to hair dresser's. Had been raining but luckily stopped just as we started. Ollie drove us. Had color and so it took longer. We ate a late lunch at the Red Lobster and Ollie did an errand so we got home past four. Jean Rabe had called so called her back. She has to go to

a con over the weekend but thinks she will finish MS next week. Almost full dark when got here - so seldom out at night + seems strange. No letters but more catalogues. Will do letters and start Thanksgiving cards tomorrow. Supposed to turn much colder tomorrow.

Nov 4, 2004

Shelia came though didn't expect her. I wrote one letter. She is putting all addresses into computer so they can be called back for cards. Sue got me some more Thanksgiving ones today - will try to get them done over the weekend. After an earlier lunch I sorted all the new beads - a lot from Irene and those pendants I ordered. Took quite a while but they are in order. Finished at three and went to rest. Sue had to go in town. I slept until five and then finished book I was reading. Sue came back after six. Got a contract and cheques from Jack unfortunately contract was for the wrong book. Managed to call Jack. Looked at short story list. Frenkle talking now about a collection of shorts but Sharman has been working on that - going to cause trouble I am afraid.

Nov 5, 2004

Up much earlier this morning as had to go to eye doctor. Got new eye drops but he said nothing can be done to increase vision in left eye. Came home and ate light lunch. Then started addressing Thanksgiving cards and got through letter F in rollo-deck. Then went to rest at three. Left eye hurt a lot. Got another very small royalty cheque for one of the WW books. Made out additional food orders to be called in. Must make out major order list now. Shelia stayed until noon. Her shoulder bothers her a lot. Wish she could get some help for it. Skeeter got out after dark and Sue had a difficult time catching him. Chilly out today. Am wearing T shirts with long sleeves and skirts now - winter clothes.

Nov 6, 2004

Worked on cards all morning. Got them all done except a few I did not have addresses for. Can finish tomorrow - also start final Christmas list - still must get at mail. At three - then I went to rest and got up at five-thirty. Got new Fire Mountain catalogue and looked through. Some beautiful new beads pictured. Sue and Ollie went in town at six to see a couch on sale. Did not get back until one to eight. Skeeter upset again in morning - wanted out. We think he wants to be with tortie cat. There is a big possum coming up to eat cat food also. We shall have to watch that he does not attack little cats. Still warmish out. Things I order seem later in getting here these days. Drops did not hurt eyes as much as they did yesterday.

Nov 7, 2004

Trouble with one of my five remaining teeth - hurts a lot. Will have to go to dentist as soon as I can. Hope pain pill I took just now will work. Shelia came today - got addresses all in computer to be printed. I added some items again to food list. Found - going though bead boxes that I have some quite large beads that are usable for the astronaut necklaces. Made one necklace from some new beads Sue got yesterday. Am feeling more and more pushed. Must write letters, am so far behind. We have been changing furniture around. Sue gave me her larger davenport and got new one she had wanted for some time and Shelia took my smaller one. I was never really pleased with it. Sue's all right for color.

Nov 8, 2004

It now hurts all the times - have to take pain pill. Cannot see the dentist until Thursday. Paid bill this morning. Shelia here, also LPN. She helped me enter all the newly made pieces in the stock book. Were not able to find the cats head ones. Have been through the boxes twice with two different people and I cannot find them - weird. I put together another necklace and then went to rest but tooth or jaw ached. Shelia went home at 12. Sue and Ollie went food shopping. LPN got me up at 5:30. Sue did not get home until after six. Sue has to go to doctor early tomorrow. Colder today got some of little things I ordered for Xmas. Took pain pill tonight, will try to get up earlier tomorrow.

Nov 9, 2004

Am having a hard time of it between the pain in my jaw and sudden constipation. They have medicated me and hope it will help during the night. Wanted to write letter this morning but computer would not let me do any writing. So I went to necklace making. Took me longer to do it. Got some of the Xmas things I had ordered. Shelia did not come. Her shoulder hurt too much. Sue went early to doctors but he did not treat skin as he was supposed to do. Is to go again next week. Rose called from Scotland. She did not have letter yet, talks of running an occult shop there if things go as she hopes. I wish it would work out for her. Only catalogues but good ones. Please may I feel all right by morning.

Nov 10, 2004

Medication Sue gave me last night helped but was in pain until midnight - had to get up earlier this morning as had to go to hair dressers. Wore dinner suit for first time - fit well - TWO sizes down from former ones. Stopped on way home for some errands. Tomorrow I must also leave early in the morning as have to get to dentist. Tooth or jaw aches on and off - a lot of catalogues today but no letter. Must do Christmas cards and gifts which must be mailed. Will be so glad when all holidays are over with. Shelia was here today but her shoulders is very painful. Eyes bother me also - just one thing after another for all of us. Things seem to get steadily worse instead of better.

Nov 11, 2014

Up earlier as had the appointment with the dentist. My remaining five teeth must come out and be added to the lower plate. Do not think I will have it done until after the holiday. They say it is a painless job these days and I will not have to go without teeth. Wanted to work on Xmas cards this afternoon but Shelia left when we got home and could not find them before she left. She is having special hard test tomorrow. I worked on another necklace & got it done only to find bead in wrong place when I had finished. So will have to correct that mistake. No mail today as it is Armistice day - been a long time since 1918 when I remembered marching with rest of the first grade - flag up hand and then riding on street car down town to see part of celebration with Mother.

Nov 12, 2004

Was trying again this morning to write letters but computer would not work properly. Ollie worked with it tonight and got it in order do hope it stays that way. Teeth and jaw hurt most of the day - tooth and jaw. Suppose I should get teeth out before Xmas. Got Christmas cards - Sue found boxes in the attic and brought them down. She also brought some decorations. I got all As and Bs done. Sue had to go & see about her glasses - one lens made wrong. I went to rest just before she left. I woke up at 5:30 just before she got home. Two letters today - one from Jan who has been quite ill. Sue got some more e-bay jewelry. She modeled one of the Indian style jewelry as she is going to Cherokee Powwow tomorrow - wear it as is.

Nov 13, 2004

Teeth continue to annoy. May have to have them done before Xmas. Wrote one letter and sent the month to Jan as she is having a very hard time. Shelia did not come and I think Sue has said no because she is always late. The computer caused me trouble again although it worked well for Ollie and I was able to complete letter. Worked on Christmas cards until about three - up to letter H found the labels that were missing Sue and Ollie went to the Indian

Powwow. It is after seven and they have not returned. LPN here as I get meals and saw me to bed. Have not seen the mail as yet. So wish I had enough money to really help Jan out. Also am sorry that Shelia and Sue could do better. Not getting here on time and the like is one of the points of trouble.

Nov 14, 2004

Shelia did not get here until later. Wish I could do something to help us all to be happier. Teeth started in with me when I got up and move around. Shelia started in with her posting list on the computer so I had to do cards instead of letters. I do the ones well ahead of her on the rollo-deck. Got through the Hs to Ms. Then I took out the necklace which had the mistakes in it. Took some times to do it over but it is ready to be finished with catch by now. I then went to bed to rest and got up a littler after five. I do wish I had more energy and could get more done. Must work on the final Xmas list tomorrow. Still have not gotten wrapping we ordered from Tonya's boys. That is such an unhappy situation.

Nov 15, 2004

Planned to do several letters but only did one. Started to list all the gifts but did not get very far. Shelia did not come and Sue was not pleased - said she was going to dismiss her. I am so useless now it is hard for Sue - wish I could walk again. Wrote another couple of orders. Before these I want to rest. Sue and Ollie did not get home until nearly seven. I did not get to see mail but Sue brought in Rabe MS which I must read tomorrow. Was also sent jacket for reprint of first two Beastmaster books - much better than earlier jackets. Called Jack this morning about fact TOR uses wrong address. He said Russia wants to see more of the earlier titles. Wish so much I had energy to work again. Trouble with computer.

Nov 16, 2004

Read the Rabe MS today to the extent of eight chapters. Did some changes in expressions but will let Jean know she can ignore them if she wishes. Worked until three and then rested. Got up at five. Sue has let Shelia go as she called to say she could not come tomorrow. She has been coming later and leaving earlier all the time - go outside for frequent intervals and is called often on the phone. Sue must have someone she can depend upon on Sue's schedule. Am sorry but she has warned Shelia over and over - just to have the same thing happen over and over. Seems the way younger people act these days. Got Hamilton book order and Christmas package from Pauline lot more catalogues. Must finish Rabe MS by end of week. Shelia will not help me any more on Wednesdays.

Nov 17, 2004

Never can get anything important done on Wednesday when I have to go in Town. Shelia called and Sue dismissed her. A pity she would not listen to Sue's many warnings. Went to get hair done and were both pleased that it went easily - Jerry made suggestion about getting on at the curl and it worked well. Stopped at grocery coming home and also at chicken place where we got an excellent dinner to take for us all. Got three letters - think they are mostly - looked through some of the catalogues and part of the new Hamilton. Saw two of the black kittens in the back yard - one had longer fur and looks like Willow. Also go the first two books of Beastmaster in thru new omnibus edition in time for correction. Sue says Ollie will read these as I must concentrate on the Rabe book.

Nov 18, 2004

Did hope to get more done today. Eyes took turns in bothering me but teeth no longer do. I started reading Rabe MS right after breakfast. Got to chapter 13 when I finished at 5. Did not rest in the afternoon today. Find myself making a lot of changes but shall be careful - they are all in structure - to tell Jean she should disregard them if she wishes. Shelia came by for the book. Think she needs rest. Sue getting together the papers for backing in the affair of Rose's using the house money last year to pay off the detective she secretly hired to make trouble for Caroline. Rose sent another reference letter she had written for me to sign. She called - not mentioning that but saying she was getting a flat and making plans for shop. I cannot help but believe that there is some flaw in one to attract such trouble. Yet I cannot honestly see what flaws I induced. Will be so glad when holidays are over. I worry about getting things and sending them. Can feel that I slip a little more each day.

Nov 19, 2004

Rest not get as much as I had hoped. Eyes have bothered me even though all trouble from teeth has disappeared. I got up later as had a delayed start on the proofing. Trouble is I cannot seem to help in writing. Am up to 19<sup>th</sup> chapter now. Later in afternoon I made out two more orders. Will see if Kathy can call them in for me tomorrow. Discovered it is almost impossible to use the phone now. I rested from near three to after five. Flock of cards came in. I shall certainly have to call Jean about MS before I send it back. But she has already turned her copy in so does not have it to show this over. Still will muck out. Leaves taking a long time to fall. Will be so glad when holidays are over. Grey kitten in back yard clear up to window this morning.

Nov 20, 2004

Up this morning at usual late time and got to work on MS as soon as breakfast was over. Found myself changing more and more of the text. Will simply have to tell her to disregard changes if she wants. Got four chapters done, long ones. Kathy (finally got her name straight) was here today. She was kind enough to phone in the rest of my orders. So that much is done. I also got another necklace done which used up some of the new beads Sue had gotten. Was late by then but was so tired I rested for an hour and a half. Thanksgiving cards beginning to come. Eyes bother me but teeth okay. I do hope I will not lose my sight before the end. Want to get the Rabe book done the rest of the cards addressed and off.

Nov 21, 2004

Turning cooler. I tried to concentrate on putting as much down as possible. Did five chapters more on the Rabe book. Hope that one more day's work will finish it. Then go back to addressing and mailing cards. Finished at 3:30 and rested until a quarter after five. Will have to call her tomorrow also. Lena Mae called me. Says it is very much up and down with her arthritis but she still gets to the senior citizens two days a week which is good. She told me Kristen's eldest daughter was married last month at the age of twenty - man studying to be a minister. That make me a great-great-great aunt - an ancestor in fine standing. But not, of course, with the family. Do not even know how many of them there are now - marriages but have not heard of any deaths save Mark Schwerger's.

Nov 22, 2004

Got the Rabe MS read today. Called Jean, she had not proofed it yet so I do not feel so guilty about what I have been doing. Can start on cards again tomorrow - Sue got Christmas stamps for those today. Made another necklace using some of the cat head beads Jean sent - they worked out very well. Did not rest in afternoon as was tired and came to bed early. Estelle will come tomorrow. Eyes bother me and teeth are hurting a little again. Will see eye doctor again in a couple of weeks. Nothing important in the mail. I feel unhappy over Shelia. Sue is to interview a friend of Kathy's for part time. Too bad Shelia could not fit herself into Sue's desired pattern. Compromise is certainly of highest importance to us all. I did learn that and am so glad I did.

Nov 23, 2004

Has turned colder. Estelle came Tues afternoon – so glad to see her. Kathy was here today and Shelia went over to Nashville to pick up E. They left before noon – did not get back until five. I started addressing cards. Kathy put stamps and returns on them – mailed those as far as I had done them. I did regular ones through O. Right eye hurt all day. So hope it will be better tomorrow. Stopped at one, or I thought they were coming in, but they did, so just sat and talked. As I am, Estelle is very dubious about the election went the way it did. Have not heard anyone were pleased with the result. Do not what I can do if eyes do not clear up. Sent back cheque to man who wanted autograph – another important item off my list.

Nov 24, 2004

Very late in getting up in morning as Sue overslept being kept up most of the night by heavy storm. I did not do anything on my pile of tasks today. We went to hair dressers and finished there early, stopped at church to get chicken dinner to bring home with us. Ate at 4:30 so only had two meals today. Sue had to go with Ollie to get something in town. Sort out the job of mine to be given to Estelle's sale for the cats. Found I had two of the books I now wanted to read so was very glad I did. Got the special Tolkien pens I asked for gifts. Huge pile of catalogues we went through. Sue late in getting back so did not get to bed until very late for me, nine o'clock. Company tomorrow. Must get rest of cards done and out and foreign packages off before next week.

Nov 25, 2004

Apparently fell asleep last night without preparing to – my lamp and glasses on. They found me so at midnight. Up this morning – could not wear dress as it was too large. Mark came in while I was eating breakfast. Show them all the necklaces. Wore one today. Went through some of Estelle's writing with her. We went through some of the catalogues. Lots of advertising in paper today – big sales for Christmas beginning (crossed out – today) tomorrow. I will have to see to getting some cards done. Supposed to become much much colder tonight. We did not eat until nearly five. Was very tired by then: Had two slices of the peach bread by 2:30 but nothing else except late breakfast. Mark is going home for Xmas. Will escort his mother to a family wedding.

Nov 26, 2004

Up some later this morning and got busy addressing Christmas cards after a late breakfast. Kept at it except for short lunch until nearly three but got all cards addressed, foreign cards mailed and some new addresses copied into the rollo-deck. Got one more thing I had ordered and some books. Sue and Estelle went into town – a big shopping day but they went to the big post office – sent MS back to Rabe. Estelle sent some books back to her house – too heavy for her to carry. Sharman called from Korea. She and Lyn may be coming to con over here next summer. Hope to see them both when they are here. Eye continue to bother me. Am to see doctor in about a week and I hope he can do something. Need to get packages off abroad next week. Do hope I have most everything done.

Nov 27, 2004

They had to take Estelle to the Airport before noon so got up earlier. Cathy was here this morning. She helped me get stamps and return addresses on the cards going out next week. Then I went through necklaces and picked out the ones I wanted as gifts and got them separated. After lunch we cleared out my desk. Have a huge pile of letters and must start on getting as many as I can answered. This took me until almost three – was very tired so went to rest. Next day cold and heavy rains. Hope Estelle had an easy trip home. Also hope people will like their necklaces but peoples taste does vary and perhaps I could have made better choices. Sue and Ollie did not come home until nearly six. Brought Chinese dinners. Lots more catalogues. I have to order some more books for gifts – only one letter for which I am glad.

Nov 28, 2004

Did not get any letters done but did get the two extra Xmas cards done. Must get at letters. Went to work on necklaces. Sue went to get decorations for outside of house done. Becky E called but I did not talk with her – Sue did. They have arranged to get full Vet help for Bill also he can be taken care of by Vet hospital which makes it much easier. They want to move out of Florida – conditions there are not good. I do hope that they can realize their plans this coming year. Wrapping paper for Xmas which we ordered from Tanya's son has not come. Sue going to grocery tonight to buy gift certificates for friend she thinks is not eating due to very low pension. We hear almost constantly of people in trouble these days.

Nov 29, 2004

Very late in getting up this morning as the coffee pot exploded and Sue was having to cope with the clean up. She wanted a special necklace with a bear on it for her friend in Canada but only bear I could find as pendant was a pewter one which was not very good looking. I went through the big catalogues and found some good at Shipwreck. However then remembered one and tried that. Had to do part of the finished piece over as transposed one bead. Have 11 necklaces now to be finished off with clasps. Sue very busy putting up outside decorations. Much colder out but was not raining. Anne called. Got some of the books I had ordered on sale but not any of the gifts. Sue says she has some wrappings so will get to those tomorrow.

Nov 30, 2004

Spent the day in Christmas things again. Cannot find Pauline's gift nor nameplate for Sue's jewelry box. She found some paper in attic to start with. I did write a letter to Becky E. Trouble with computer of course. We got some jewelry in boxes – all that was going abroad. Sue could not finish necklaces as she had so much to do so she and Shelia can come back and do that. Got candy from Vermont store and gift boxes from Figis. Also got Indian \_\_\_\_ but they sent two wrong ones so had to call about that. Sue put up small tree in living room and outer decoration in house. Is also putting up tree in her side of the house. Rained all day long and was cold. I rested for a couple of hours in late afternoon. Do hope it stops raining tomorrow when I have to go in town.

Dec 1, 2004

New assistant came this morning – very pleasant person. Did not get anything done as time was limited going in town. Visited by old time fan who brought a cheque for \$2,000 given at fan meeting – I gave him necklaces for ladies on the committee. Put money into the jewelry fund. Nice bright day but chilly. It rained all day yesterday so there were small ponds of water in fields and yards. Sue got her tree up last night so house done now though one of outside decorations was ruined by rain. Right eye bothered me again all day. Will get overseas packages tied up tomorrow. Sue found some more paper up in attic. But we cannot find Pauline's gift. Will be so glad when all holidays are over.

Dec 2, 2004

Janice, new assistant, came again today. We worked on gift-wrapping. Still cannot find things bought for Pauline. Shelia come in at noon and worked on putting catches on necklaces. I had to restring one when catch broke. Was so tired – it was then three-thirty. I rested until five thirty. As soon as packages go out I will have to get to jewelry again as Sue wants to put some on e-bay before Christmas. Got a big package of home-made cookies and candy from Peggy and we all dipped into that – very good as usual. Have to make cat necklaces for Jan and one for Peggy. Miss having boxes for these

but did not have time to make these this year. Room is full of badly packed gifts. Will be so glad when it is all over.

Dec 3, 2004

Jan came today and so did Shelia. Jan and I, most Jan, packed all the foreign things ready to go. When we got that done and things sorted out for other people (we still cannot find the ornaments for Pauline) I got busy and made a cat necklace for Jan. Shelia came at one and put fasteners and did earrings for some of the ones I made last week. Set up another necklace ready to string but was too tired to do that. Got some more gifts. Also my Social Security cheque was sent here instead of the bank. I called in Fire Mountain order - or rather Shelia did. But could not do other bead order as some of the items were sold out. Ordered the books for Mr. Major and Mary. Must call some people tomorrow as do not have time and strength to write letters.

Dec 4, 2004

Feel exhausted when I first get up in the morning. I can only believe I do not have much longer to go. Kathy came today and helped with the packages. Got everything going overseas done and a number within country. The rest have to wait for things which have not arrived yet. Then I finished the necklace I started yesterday. The lady who is going to help us with e-bay sales came and I showed her the finished ones. She seemed to like them. Paid bills and sent more charity cheques. Klone called. He cannot travel right now. Bought a necklace for his daughter and said he would see us around after Xmas. Sue has finished decorating the house, took me out to see outdoor lights and it looks lovely. She is through with her decorating and will start presents now.

Dec 5, 2004

Got up late this morning as Sue was most tired and slept in. I sorted out papers on desk and opened Christmas cards. Becky E. called. She sounded dead tired. They are thinking seriously of moving. Says the matters in the state are getting worse. They may move back the retirement date which would mean about four years added to her wait before she would dare to leave. Worked at necklace ones. Got one finished and second one strung but with an error so did it a second time only to discover again beads out of sequence. So put it aside to finish tomorrow. Thought Shelia would come but she did not. The rest of the month will be hard for her with her operation and the trouble from driving while medicated. No one seems to have any luck any more.

Dec 6, 2004

Did not go to eye doctor as was it was raining and cold out and Sue was not feeling well. So went to work on necklaces. Kathy sent off overseas packages so that is done. Did not get the present I ordered for Christmas - only the duck. Can't find all of the Swiss Colony order copy - that has not come yet - do hope it is with that. Finished the necklace which had to be restrung. Then did three new ones. Have seven now to be finished off but Shelia can't do them as she has her operation on Friday. Got small order from Fire Mountain but have to reorder tomorrow as have used up some colors entirely. Anne C. called tonight. Their dinner Sunday for their parents sixtieth anniversary turned out to be a big success - glad for her. Do wish Sue felt better. She has been over working a lot.

Pearl Harbor Day Dec 1941

Dec 7, 2004

Tried to write letters but could not get into the computer so wrote two notes by hand. Then got busy on the necklaces. Shelia came and made clasps for several. Kathy also here, Sue very stressed - new plumbing put in last week flooded floor and wet her carpet. She called the plumber and was very angry about it - this is the second time she had to call them back on same job. Did a second necklace in afternoon. Then found mistake in one I did last week. Shelia had already put clasp on. But had to take it apart and do it again to get pattern of bead alike. Finished at four - my back was aching. Went to rest and got up at almost six. Got two books I ordered for gifts. Sue still feels miserable - wish she would go to doctor and find something to help her.

Dec 8, 2004

Up a little earlier this morning. Jan here to work. After breakfast I started to copy out bead order - it will be a big one but we are nearly out of some colors entirely. We went to hair dressers. They stayed with me there - did not go to shop. Stopped on way home and got lunch to bring with us and bread. It was four when we got here. Ate lunch at once so did not get supper. Finished list. Got the pens made like swords which I got to give men for gifts and which I was afraid would not come. Glad that they did come. Will have to wrap this weekend. Tanya came with boys tonight and delivered things we had ordered for Christmas. Sue gave Mailman his box. Will be so glad when it is all gone. Flood of Christmas cards also. Warmer out.

Dec 9, 2004

Raining hard most of the day again. I got three notes written in my must do list this morning. Shelia came early and did most of the necklaces. But two still need pendants. After lunch I got busy and made one new one and laid out another. Do need more beads and will call new list - a long one - in. Rested from almost four until five. Energy is fallen again. Got copy of dust jacket for fourth OAK book so that must be coming out soon. Decided I would try to write some by hand so I can get letters done. No sign of Present turning up - so will have to call them first of the week. Was informed by drugstore tonight that my additional medical insurance had been cancelled although I just paid last premium a week or so ago.

Dec 10, 2004

Janice came - Shelia was operated on today but we have not heard how it all went. Janice and I went through both bookcases and pulled books I do not want to keep. Some will go as gifts. Janice packaged some things, have not yet found Pauline's gifts. After a late lunch I worked on Necklaces. Did two but have to do the last over as too many beads on one side. Jean called but I was resting so did not speak to her. She said editor liked the MS. Sue has to find out more about insurance. Got to finish two more gifts as an order came in will have to call about present Monday. Also go to the eye doctor - appointment I could not make Monday as it was raining so. Foot hurting some today - hope spur has not started again.

Dec 11, 2004

Raining all day again. Kathy came and stayed until two. We got things divided for packages and all wrapped for Becky and Bill. Worked though nine was mainly checking things into the rite piles and getting gift cards on them. After lunch I did beads - first I put order in to Fire Mountain - a large one. Then later in the afternoon here came the big 2004-005 catalogue but cannot order from it for quite a while under the circumstances. Got small royalty cheque. Had letter from Jean - Anthology of "Fairie" stories will be out in February. Jack reported to Sue another big sale of books to Poland. I redid necklace done yesterday taking out two extra beads. Then I did another necklace. Sue had a lot of family visitors. Gave leftover tea set to lady who is having such a hard time of it. Heard Shelia came through operation okay.

Dec 12, 2004

Worked most of day - no rest period - on doing up parcels. Did four except for last wrapping. Ready in boxes - Ollie will wrap them tomorrow - did

two of just jewelry in padded envelopes. Still missing the ornaments but will send Pauline a note. Have to go to eye doctor - getting up quite early as have to go to eye doctor to make up for other appointment. Hope he can do something for right eye which has bothered me all day. No sign of the present. If it does not come by Wednesday shall have to call and reorder. President of SFWA called to say they were establishing the YA award in my name. Discussed for a short space type of book which should be selected. Do hope the moderns will not win out. Such book as Pauline's on one hand and Buffy Vampire Killer on other should not be allowed.

Dec 13, 2004

Up a lot earlier this morning as had to go to the eye doctor's. Very cold out. Did not change glasses or drops. We got back at one and I started in wrapping. Kathy came in afternoon. She did outer wrap and I did inner and added addresses to boxes. Kathy made two trips to the post office and got them all off. Now have only local ones to do. Work on beads and made another necklace. Needs to be finished though I do not know whether Shelia will be coming any more. Must call Figs about present. Sue is thinking of taking in tortie kitten. I would like little black one but will not mention it. Discovered TOR sent HANDS in again - for fourth time. Naomi proofed it - will pay her for that. Sent note about missing ornaments to Pauline in her box.

Dec 14, 2004

Decided to try and write letters by hand instead being frustrated by the computer. Did also the addition to the Who's Who of Writers. Kathy here and she was interested in trying bead bracelets - did a pearl one. She wants to order next. I will have to order again as am very low on some colors. Got a quilt lap cover for Christmas from a writer out west and a clock from Marge. All the additions to the water system was done wrong - her new carpet ruined. They will start on it again tomorrow morning. I made two necklaces today. Did not rest. Have decided to try and wear slacks if I can get them to fit as legs were very cold when I went out Monday. Three of the yard cats came up to look in living room door this afternoon. Ollie rigged up dog house for them at storage house and I hope they use it and keep warm.

Dec 15, 2004

Sent Mark's notice of renewal of magazines off to him. Did not try to get anything else done as this is hair set day. But wore slacks for first time as Sue had a pair which would fit me and it is very good on a cold day. I must admit. We left the stocking toys with Mrs. Vicki at the store on way home. Present had not come, will get in touch with them tomorrow. Made the filigree silver hearts into a pomander for lawyer's wife using cinnamon oil. Got a lot of Christmas cards. Some must be answered and will do that by hand. Right eye is bothering me again. The doctor did not change anything. Janice was here today. Got Locus - nothing in it about awards as usual. But HANDS is advertised for next April.

Dec 16, 2004

Much colder but no snow. I do hope the outside kittens use the house Sue and Ollie put up for them. After breakfast I started my answer notes again and got five done before lunch. Afterward, with Janice's help, put away the new beads into boxes - trying to do it by color. I do want to get more. Am almost out of some colors still. Finished by two and Janice helped me to bed for a rest - got up at five - Tanya came and did my nails. Toes are painful to touch now. Got package from fan. Present did not come so must call about that tomorrow. Water off this morning as they had to repair the mess made by the people who first installed the new system. After plumber had finished Sue went in town on errands. Got a number of cards in the mail. One letter.

New diary book started.

Dec 17, 2004

I do hope that what I have to record for this new book will be much better than that in the last. Colder out again and more talk of snow. There is more and more head shaking over what is happening to the weather. I started writing notes right after breakfast but had two long calls, Misty first - she has been very ill with new flu and had difficulty over a copy editor's messing with an MS. Just a short time later I had a call from Eluki - they had received one package - first one. Also both she and Jenna have been bumping out books. I called Jack B. about TOR, still after four warnings continuing to send things to old address. Misty has also changed hers. Paid bill for hospital from last year as at last it was explained. Got two packages - one food. Finally got present arranged for but waited too late for it to come - they did not have the order - that I have to pay extra for delivery.

Dec 18 - 2004

Started in on answering messages in cards and kept up with that. Sent Irish lucky pennies to Misty but she seems to have changed her address. Do hope other gifts reached her. Sue went to sale in store last night and got me three pairs of slacks - these are wider but very soft and warm. Kathy was here but left at two. I rested from a quarter to three to 5:30. They keep of talking of snow this weekend. Got a card with a note on it from Rick's wife and answered that. Would like to have one of those famous holiday letters and learn what has really happened but don't expect that. Will start wrapping things for here tomorrow. Got big package of pecans from the Majors and flowers from Dr. Harris and staff. Sue says the outside kittens are using the special doghouse quarters Ollie and she arranged for them. At least that will give them shelter from the cold. Wonder very much if this is my final Christmas. But hope this is my last bad year.

Dec 19, 2004

Up later this morning. After breakfast I started on mail again. Sent monthly money also - had almost forgotten about that - and some Thank yous. But there is still a pile of letters waiting. Have about decided to sell the computer as it stresses me so to use it and I can get more done with hand notes. Got eight more ready to go tomorrow. I shall start wrapping things for here. Did not do any beading today. Have to get dozen necklaces finished as soon as I can. At 3:30 I went to rest until 5:30. Sharmon called. She is leaving for Canada tomorrow to spend Christmas with her family. Sue's uncle died and she may have to go to funeral out of town on Tuesday. We worked out gift for Susanne and she will pick it up tomorrow. Wish I could see Susanne more often but it has been a bad year for her also. Kittens are using the doghouse and seem comfortable. It snowed lightly this morning - flakes as big as quarters which disappeared when they touched the ground.

Dec 20, 2004

Kathy came this morning and wrapped. Still have Ollie's to do. Have done rest. Sue delivered some this evening. Shelia came and worked on necklaces - got a number done - she brought her little granddaughter with her. Kathy and I packed away cards when through. I went through - part way - Fire Mountain catalogue and listed more beads I wanted. It was three then and I went to rest. My hearing is getting much worse - could not understand the little girl at all - she speaks very softly. Got three gifts - mostly candy which I will pass along. Sue and Ollie went to shop and deliver gifts. She does not think she will go to the funeral tomorrow - the place is some distance away and the weather is getting worse - snow threats more common - is snowing hard in the north. Gave Shelia things for her and family and tonight gave Kathy the books I had for her. Right eye bothered me all day.

Dec 21, 2004

I started on wrapping the last of the gifts. Intended on doing beads but Shelia's granddaughter locked the trunk and I could not get my material. Saw a Raymond Burr Perry Mason and half of another on TV - Right eye is still painful all the time. I did write more letters - eight of them but got a whole lot more in today's mail. Sue went to see lawyer about legal things and was gone into afternoon. Very cold out and lots of rumors about snow over Christmas. More Americans killed in Iraq over weekend and I hope the people who voted Bush in think often of the dead. Kathy brought me a new T shirt for Christmas - good of her. Getting harder for me to hear but no use spending money on an aid as I did before and be unable to use it. Have to go into town tomorrow. Wish that I did not have to go. I realize I am winding down fast now. Do not think I shall see another Christmas - just as well. The world I knew is gone and I am an alien in this one.

Dec 22, 2004

Up at usual time. Janice was here. Did not try to get busy as was going in town. Cold and raining hard most of the day - The weather keeps mentioning that we are to expect snow at any moment. Came home from hair dressers to find big pile of boxes at front door. Then mailman came with a lot more and finally another carrier with the present to eat so things are all well on our side. A lot more cards in the mail. Jean called to say their packages had arrived and she liked her necklace. They were leaving, in spite of very bad weather, for a friend's in Indiana to spend Christmas. I spent some time adding to list of beads to be bought in the new year. Hope Sue can make some money with it. This is a strange holiday as far as I am concerned. I just hope I have not forgotten anyone. Never did find Pauline's gift and had to write her about its strange disappearance. We got a lot of things to eat this Christmas.

Dec 23, 2004

Snowing this morning as the news has been telling us it would. But the flakes melt when they hit the ground. I worked on letters and got 9 done. A few more came in today. Janice did not come her car lock was frozen and she could not get in. After lunch I worked some more on letters and then laid out necklace. Did not get it strung. Some small gray and white beads I wanted to use turned out to have too small holes - I shall have to substitute something else. Bills paid to date - larger cover Christmas. Can go ahead and make out bead order but cannot send it in until I make up the checking account again. Tanya and her family came. Wanted me to open my gift - T shirt and pants. Have dress I bought in early fall and had to have altered so I did not wear it yet for Christmas. Sue's eldest son will be in from California tomorrow night. Sharon has sent me paperbacks of her "Liaden" books so we have the whole series to read now.

Dec 24, 2004

Did some more letters this morning. Misty's package came back - she had moved but Sue e-mailed and got the new address so we can resend it - only she won't get it for Christmas. Janice came as it was warmer out and sunny so driving was better. After light lunch I worked on necklace which I tried to do yesterday. Had to get rid of one type of very attractive bead as the hole in them were too small for the stringing wire. Went to rest at a little after two and did not get up until six. Sue's sons were here and we had supper and then opened gifts - got warm throw and pants and Tshirt sets - trying to make list so I can write Thank You notes but still have some I cannot match up. There will be more here for dinner at about four. Know that some of our things will not be there in time. Rose called Sue - will be coming back the first of January to get her things in storage. Still set on living in Scotland.

Dec 25, 2004

Later getting up. Cleared away magazines and catalogues. But did not rest any - instead read part of an Honor book. Tied one of the purple necklaces up for friend of Sue's who came to dinner. Ann C called liked her pen and I was able to tell her I had the new quilt set on the bed today. Later Shelia came - brought me pair of light gray slacks. Then Naomi and her husband came for dinner. Estelle called. Very cold out but sunny so driving was okay. This seems unlike other Christmases not because of where I am and with whom but because that uneasiness which pervades everything these days was stronger. Estelle told me of a new book analyzing Bush which is frightening. Certainly things are getting worse instead of better all the time. We had duck for dinner along with chicken but I am only one who seemed to want any. Another lesson to me to be more careful - about thinking other people will like what I do.

Dec 26, 2004

We did not get up until later this morning. Sue wanted to start putting things away. I began working on thank you notes. Discovered addresses in rollo-deck all mixed up and some missing. Cannot find one for the Goodes now. I must take time and re-file them all. This afternoon were to put away things in my two rooms. I did not have the boxes + pack them but found two more addresses which was good. Bright and sunny out but not warmer got my new sweaters and pants all out. And gifts put away. Tomorrow will do decorations. Sue has hers all down & hiding tree. Today is always the main sales day even if it is Sunday but we did not go out. I have almost finished the first of the "Liaden" books which Sandra Lee sent - very good reading. Odd but I have no desire to write myself now. Cannot even lay out plotting ideas as I used to when going to sleep at night. It is just as if another person wrote all those books. I have experienced this odd feeling of being another person since that operation back two years ago.

Dec 27, 2004

Kathy came this morning. I paid the eye doctor's bill and then with Kathy went all through the finished necklaces and picked out 15 from which we can choose the first to display on e-bay. After finished that I checked the filing of addresses. Some cards are missing and must try to find them. Was very tired when I finished at 2:30 and went to rest. Watch TV a little and right eye began to hurt so went to sleep and got up at 5. Sunny out but very cold. TV on all about terrible tidal waves caused by earthquakes at bottom of Indian Ocean. Thousands dead in many different islands and countries. Very bad environmental disaster. Got letters from Iris and Mary. Am reading Lee's "Liaden" series - good. Odd part is that I am no longer tempted to write myself and can begin to see - as I have often thought that I never was an outstanding name in the field. Have come to bed early so Kathy can leave. Sue put most of Christmas things away.

Dec 28, 2004

An odd day but more and more detached forgot spelling as well as matter to be discussed. I managed to write eight letters. Also worked to keep the address list in order. Kathy came which was a help generally. My eyes continue to \_\_ off badly in pains and bouts of the wanting to get closed. Will have to go to the eye specialist - he gave me nothing to help and to regular doctor and keeping time 4 dentist. Energy not supporting me very well. If Rose turns up I do not know how to handle it. Why can it just be as it is. I so lack courage to accuse people of wrong doing before I see it and being the point of a good points of whispered scandal. Still have not discovered what was at the bottom for it all. The longer I live and study the past the more I am aware of a cowardly spirit. Wish I knew how much longer there will be.

Dec 29, 2004

A long and very bad day. Did not get anything done. Janice here. Sue told me I was talking nonsense and did not seem to know where I was last night - I only know or remember that my eye hurt all the time and I was feeling worn out. Got an appointment with doctor this afternoon after I had been to hairdressers - lucky someone else cancelled. Must go in early - very early - tomorrow and have a special test run as it seems the episode is like a small stroke. Late when got home. While I was eating supper Becky E called Sue and read her a terrible letter Rose had written her about Sue and I and our attitude about the letter Rose wanted for the Scottish government dept immigration - she said a number of lies about us both. Sue is writing a letter to her warning her off - not to call or phone her but she will be gone before that arrives. How she can keep on with this I do not understand. Oh, if I could only go into whatever future awaits without any more trouble.

Dec 30, 2004

A long and painful day. Forgot about taking final pill last night due to astonishment over Becky E's report cursed this. Consequently I did not sleep at all - right eye very painful. Finally sat bed when Janice came in after 7 for early up. Eye hurt so bad hard to manage. We went to hospital getting there at nine thirty - much warmer out - like early spring. F E brought package from Mrs. Chapman - candy and cake. Another thank you to write. At hospital was given MRI test which largely consisted of being exposed to skull cracking noise. Sue had also called eye doctor and we went there after leaving hospital. Had to wait an hour to spend about four minutes with doctor. He said infection - wrote a prescription for a drug which cost \$86.98 for a tube about an inch long. Took first dose when \_\_\_ and one just before I get to bed. Sue upset about Rose's new dealings. She is - Rose - supposed to come in tomorrow but we should not see her. Must strip the house of the three tables and the trunk so she will have them again without trouble.

Dec 31, 2004

End of a year which has been an unhappy one for almost everyone I know. My eye does not hurt as much as yesterday but I cannot read very much. Janice and I worked on getting the necklaces ready for e-bay. Janice wrote description of each I had picked out to be written up as ad. Was lacking earrings for one so I \_\_\_ did the Heinlein Green Hills of Earth one - need clasps and earrings. Got some more cards. Lawyer and wife came out with will and I signed it at last so that is now safe. Do wish eye felt better and I could read better. Could not write any today. Do hope eye gets better quickly. Lyn called today and talked to Sue. Found some things for Valentine's day on sale - special cards I will order. At least got gifts to Lawyer and wife. Continue to hear nothing from Susanne and sorry about that. I hesitate to call her as might well discover that trouble had deliberately made between us.

Jan 1, 2005

Much warmer out like spring - wonder if one day of winter is all we are going to have. Am using the eye medicine and cannot read well. All I can see of the papers are the headlines. Kathy was here until three today. I wrote eight Thank You letters maybe can clear a lot this weekend. Ann C called. Just as pleased to be forgotten. Found some small items in catalogue I want to order for Valentine's day. Put away the "Liaden" books for awhile as am tired and the small print not good for my eyes.

Have to be ready to give Rose's furniture back to her. Wish she would sell it for just what she paid for it so I would not have to strip the living room and go and get other pieces. Sue suggested this to her but she did not answer. She could save all the shipping and get new over there. But it is up to her.

Jan 2, 2005

Very quiet day. Cannot read much but headlines in the paper due to the eye. But that is not as painful as it was. Worked on mail and did seven letters. Perhaps in another week I can clear the drawer of the unanswered. Ollie down with the flu. Bill Everhart called to say Becky had sent the letter so we should be getting it in a few days and Sue will pass it along to the lawyer. Warm and sunny out. Sue has man working on the storage house in the back where Ollie is setting up an office. I shall be giving away the computer this coming week. We are going to offer Rose what she paid for the furniture she left here. I like the tables and they suit our needs - rather pay her and leave them where they are than go hunting for others. So badly need notepaper. Understand someone tried to use my charge card so I will drop that one and get a \_\_\_ - only use it a little anyway. Tried to eat some of the pheasant tonight - salty, dry and not very good. Can not compare with the duck.

Jan 3, 2005

Dark and gloomy out. With Kathy's help the computer is annoying and I am gathering pens and paper I can go much faster \_\_\_ and get more at a time. We went through the two big dressers and filed and cleared did not keep the very old books to answer. Got some letters and regulars. \_\_\_ that people can read my writing \_\_\_ I completed the pile I was working on went to rest until five as I felt very tired. Emelia called Sue she had had a letter such as the one Rose has sent to Becky. Sue explained that Rose \_\_\_ and not to \_\_\_ I sent and was trying to get such as that I would not sign form. We want to call her about the furniture but can't until she asks for the storage rooms. MRI reported - no stroke. Will just have to be very careful about anything I say. Have not yet got letter Rose sent to Becky - she has the flu and is miserable.

Jan 4, 2005

Rested most of the day. Sue has a bad cold now and let Kathy do all the helping around as she did not want me to get it. My eye is no better - difficult to read. I went through the mail which was not brought in until after I went to bed last night. Short story by K\_\_\_. Wish it were a book. Got my Ancient America magazine which is always good. Kathy brought me some workable pens and better writing paper which I used - wrote some letters but not as many as yesterday. Then cleared loose beads off the working trays and put them to be sorted later. I laid out another necklace but did not string. Tried to start reading Ann C's MS. only got two pages done - \_\_\_ it was me as I found it very dull. Sent a box of cookies from North Carolina - no name on it - wish I knew so I could thank sender. If it is still cold and rainy tomorrow I do not want to go into town.

Jan 5, 2005

Sue's cold bad, she can hardly talk. I said we should skip hair dresser but she would not have it. Was much upset as Rose had been to the storage place but did not have the keys. I drew a cheque for the book furniture for her to get when she went again for keys as I do not want anyone to say I kept things of hers. Had to take all the jewelry stuff out of the trunk and will have to get something to take its place. Misty rain again when we sent to hair dresser's. Had color so took longer. Sue found my cards in box in (next words crossed out, might be "lab or") attic - will not have to buy any. Letters - a lot of new catalogues but none I want. Am worried about Sue, do hope she will feel better. Sprung it on me this morning to go in for another test - but not now. Eye as bad as ever. I cannot read small print any more at all or tell colors well at a distance. Started thinking of plot using short story I had started - will see.

Jan 6, 2005

Sue's cold is still bad. She went in to the drug store for a refill on her medicine and doctor's office had not phoned in order. Nor do we know whether Rose received the furniture offer and what she will do about it. All the bead supplies are packed up in the living room and I need a chest to put them in. Janice and I went through the box of cards and sorted out those I can use now - have quite a few of them - will not have to buy any. Worked on

bedroom desk and wrote four letters. Then read at Ann's MS - have done chapter and a half. Personally I think it needs a lot of smoothing. Am still bothered by idea of doing TASTE and FAMILIAR ideas together. Would be a slow task as would have to work by hand and I may not be up to it. Got some of the book club books today. Got two letters only which was good. Eye still bothers me and I cannot see things clearly unless I hold them close. Have three more days of the medicine and I hope it will be better by then.

Jan 7, 2005

Dark, gloomy and rainy today but still as warm as early spring out. Worked at letter writing. No word from Rose - do not know whether we will keep the furniture or not. Strung the necklace I had laid out earlier this week - as far as I can go with that. I should have read more MS but back ached so I went to rest a little before three and did not get up until a little after five. Letters are getting fewer and I am very glad of that. Got a document in mail that money from foreign sales is being held in New York - have to fill out a long paper to claim it. Gave papers to Sue to go through. She is feeling better and I am so glad of that. Wish I had more energy and could see better but eye did seem a little better today. Sue got me something for sinus trouble so maybe I can breathe better. Cathy back at work again. Will try to get more done tomorrow. Still wonder what ever happened to Susanne.

Jan 8, 2005

Cathy here this morning. I wrote an answer to Becky E's long letter. Things are very hard for her - wish there was something I could do. Sue finally got news of Susanne - her mother has been very ill, Susanne herself and daughter has had flue. Several of their important housekeeping appliances broke down all at once over holidays. 2005 is starting out worse than 2004 did. We did not hear anything about the furniture. So Sue and Ollie went out this afternoon to buy one to use (chest which Sue had taken to storage three days ago) one for supplies. They went to second hand place near storage and found one returned to Rose this week so bought it. No word concerning rest of things. Got out Anne's MS and read two more chapters. Do not care too much about characters. Still dark and gloomy out today. Eye still bothers me - difficult to read print of usual size. Sue is feeling much better and I am very glad of that. Yard cats out - tortoise with \_\_\_\_ Sue says grey one has disappeared.

Jan 9, 2005

Had started on letters this morning with the one to Pauline saying we had not found her ornaments when Mark arrived without warning. Brought delayed gifts. Have now discovered something else missing - the lucky pennies for Ireland. Saw all his Christmas pictures - he had gone to the family get together at Cleveland. Got very tired and finally said I had to rest at three - so I did until six but he stayed on until I got up again. Brought me a very handy magnifying gadget to use while beading and some candy. Got to bed later than usual. Sue got me to list two minor fantasies which had never sold very much and which might be put together for a book. She wants to call Jack and suggest this in the morning. Shelia is supposed to be back tomorrow and will do catches for the ones awaiting to be finished.

Jan 10, 2005

Went to letter writing and got three done. Had lunch and then started to read MS. Ann called when I was doing it. Got two long chapters done. Finished after two and then went to rest until after five. Package from Lyn with map towel of her home in New Zealand and a book of cat ghost stories - more letters of course. Have not felt so well and think maybe I picked up some form of a flu germ. Kathy helped me go through books in other cabinet - found one I was hunting but no sign of other - has just disappeared. I do not have enough energy. Shelia is supposed to come back some day. This work and trust she can finish some I have done some since she left. Also must see to order \_\_\_\_ more beads. Heard nothing from Rose - Sue may get some bad e-mail. However Ann C told me that she apparently did make trouble for me with Ann McCaffery. Nothing I can do about that.

Jan 11, 2005

Awoke to a thunder storm - at least no snow. Kathy came to work. I wrote some letters. Shelia had come at noon and got busy on the necklaces - one I did last was mixed as to beads and I had to do it twice. She got all but two done. I was very tired so went to rest at two and got up again at five. Have about decided to try to reimburse part of short - the Familiar and what I had due on Taste. Will have to do it by hand but will first see how it works. Got special Valentines I ordered. May try making some also. Read pages of notes about English SF. Said Sir Arthur Clarke survived the Wave as did his family. Skeeter got excited when a dog came to the door tonight and bit Sue deeply on the foot. She put antibiotics on at once and I do hope those will help. My tiredness seems to get worse. Just have to live from one day to next. Do not believe I shall see another year - nor do I care to.

Jan 12, 2005

Dark and gloomy all day. Much in the paper about a very bad storm with cold due this week end but still quite warm out today. Went to hairdresser. Then we went to the storage and got the table left there by Rose. It also is made to look like a pile of huge books - no note left for us. James and I cleared out the trunk we had just put everything back into yesterday. The book table had not enough room so we had to divide it up among two other pieces of the set also. But the trunk too big bedroom closet to hold bed linens. Did not get any rest today. Urination is becoming painful now. I do not see well - they are cloudy especially in the mornings and reading is not easy. Woman in charge of storage gave Sue package Rose left for me. Contained books - some of my own paperbacks and some new Goughy historical myths one for Jerry - others I have which I shall pass on. \_\_\_\_ found some of the fancy boxes I wanted at Xmas twice and could not find.

Jan 13, 2005

Rain and wind on and off all day but not the severe storms promised us by the weatherman. I wrote two letters and paid off some charity cards. Then went to work reading the MS - got two more long chapters done. After lunch I put together another necklace. It was 3:30 by time I was done so rested until five. Am afraid I am making spelling mistakes in the letters - will have to look them over carefully when I am through. Ann's book is certainly very violent. And I do not care very much for any of the characters - but am now 172 pages deep. Dipped into Doherty Egyptian book - that is most interesting. Reading is difficult these days as most print is small enough to bother me. Dreamed of making clothes last night and the continuing desire to move into another house. Think I can account for the money of both those ideas. Also am playing with idea of working again on Taste.

Jan 14, 2005

Janice here today and Shelia came in for a couple of hours and finished necklaces. I wrote two letter and a thank you note. Then after late lunch went to work on a necklace. Christmas gift from Rose sons and two from Sharman. I wish I could send something to Rose - may for her birthday - necklace. Day dark and clear out and cold. Worked on Hamilton and found some things I will send for. Got a craft catalogue I have not used before with some good items. Have an appointment on 21<sup>st</sup> of February to see if I did have a slight stroke last month. Also must see about the new teeth. Just wish I could go along for a while with nothing wrong. Eye bothered me again tonight. Wore one of new t shirts today. They all seem too large even though size is far less than those I wore before the accident. Do wish I knew what I weigh now but I cannot balance on the scales. Think about getting some more Valentines. Need a lot more stamps.

Jan 15, 2005

Kathy came today. Worked with mail and I did three letters. Then read two chapters of the MS. After lunch, I did another necklace. The McDade sisters will drop in this coming week and pick up some to sell at the con. I only did one as back ached and went to rest until 5:30. Got a very unhappy letter from Becky - everything is going wrong for her and the situation there is near too hard for her to handle. Again money is one of the roots of the trouble. She is fighting through congressman trying to keep Bill's pension intact. Also letters from Jan who is back in hospital for more tests - again money would make such a difference. I wish I had funds to supply the people I know who need it so badly. I feel more and more the lack of energy and I do think I do not have much longer. If I can just go while I am able to get around and will not be bedridden. People seem to have liked their gifts of the beads - or at least they say they do.

Jan 16, 2005

Worked all day - no afternoon rest but did not seem to accomplish much. Wrote a long letter to Becky E and then one to Victor asking if he could answer some questions about cancer treatment for her. Bill's learning of his illness has brought about some character changes which are making still more troubles for her. I spoke to her of Victor but promised nothing, of course. Then after I finished the letter to her I wrote one to Victor outlining her troubles but not saying I would expect him to do anything - will mail both tomorrow. After letters were done I went ahead with the Hamilton order and finished writing that after supper. Have two special necklaces to do - one for Mark's mother and one for Rose who will probably give it away in turn. Still find it difficult to read regular print. Must do a couple of others - one of beads - to send in tomorrow. Cold and grey out as usual. Snowed some this afternoon but the flakes melted at once - none on ground.

Jan 17, 2005

Got up a little earlier today. Worked on letters and got several done. Then went over Hamilton catalogue and found the book I had missed yesterday so wrote that order to go out tomorrow. Today was a holiday no mail. Kathy was here and cleaned my side of the house. Tanya came. She has a hard time - this new man has left her - has to move. Sue and I gave her some money. Got out big Fire Mountain Catalogue - have a lot to be ordered but am nearly out of some colors. On TV tonight but they did not show much, Ollie stopped the kidnapping of a just born baby - we don't know the reason for it yet. People who tried it were Negro but baby is white. Right eye bothers me again. Will see doctor again next month and will also have test to see if in danger of a stroke. I wonder every day how much longer I shall go on this way. Anyway finished two jobs today and hope I can get even more done tomorrow.

Jan 18, 2005

Quite a busy day. Wrote a letter and some cards. Then after lunch I put another necklace together and laid one out but did not string it. It was still fairly early so went to rest for a couple of hours as the McDades were due around six to pick up the necklaces for the con. Got up after five. Sue and Ollie had gone into town but Kathy was here. I had thought to call in some orders but am always dubious about expenses and usually write out orders and then either destroy order or send it. Sandy and Ph\_\_\_\_\_ finally came. They brought some books to be autographed. Showed them all necklaces which were finished - they took fifteen. Will take them to two different cons. I think I must order the beads as am out of some entirely. They stayed until after seven. Sue was home and I had a late supper and did not get to bed until nine which was very late for me. Lyn's Witch World book is next month's choice for SFBC - am so glad for her.

Jan 19, 2005

Colder but bright and sunny out. I had a couple of orders to send in but could not start anything as had to go to hairdressers. Susanne's daughter came in while I was there. She and Susanne was hoping to come over this week. Got back before three. I had eaten some biscuit before I left so just had a piece of cheese cake. Then I went in and read two long chapters on the MS. Sue and Ollie went in town - are not back yet. I had a light supper and then came to bed. Have to call in some more orders tomorrow. Got the new Fire Mountain Catalogue - new beads in it - probably add some to my order. Eye bothers me again I do wish I could see better. Did not rest any today but have come to bed early. Got TOR spring catalogue - Hands NOT in it - Frankel has lied again. Still cannot find the Sterling book I read short time ago.

Jan 20, 2005

Wrote letter for Sue to send to Frankel e-mail asking why they are not bringing out HANDS as promised. Then wrote to Mrs. M\_\_tten and Lyn and send in SFBC order. Got the new Fire Mountain and added some items found on to big order I have not yet sent in. Started to read the MS. But chapter very long and did not finish it as Tanya was supposed to come to treat feet and I lay down for a short time. Author's copies of the Faire Anthology came. Must send one copy to Victor and one to Rose as it has her story in it. However Tanya did not come. Her family affairs are very unhappy. Got letter from Rick Brooks who is not doing well. Right eye still bothers me. Cold out but sunny. Bad day for this country - Bush sworn in as president. 40 million dollar spent on this when people are hungry - have no homes or can't afford medication. Don't know what will become of us all but it won't be good.

Jan 21, 2005

Called in the bead order this morning. It is a big one but should give me enough material for along time ahead. After I finished that I did the necklace I had started the other day and had to work from beginning. Shelia came but did not work as had a very bad head ache. She gathered materials to finish the five necklaces at home and to make some bracelets. I finish second necklace - made of odds and ends - at two thirty and then rested until five - back aches a lot as I get tired. Got publishing payment on Lyn's THE DUKE'S BALLAD. Nothing from Frankel about change in publication date for HANDS. Finished Doherty book which was very good - now have the second one to read. But did not get much done today. Have heard nothing from Susanne - nor Misty. Too bad can only suspect that gossip has made trouble. The less I try to find out the better.

Jan 22, 2005

Colder today but no snow as they had threatened. Kathy here for part of the day. I added up income for year - smallest I ever had for a long time. Now have to deal with last IRS payment for 2004. Did two necklaces using two of the pendant which Sue converted from brooch. She does very excellent work on these - worked on a lot of them today while I did necklaces. Made one with almost all the rest of the cherry quartz which Mark can have for his mother. Finished second at 2:30 and then rested until five-thirty. Got a list of possible catalogues one can send for and may order a couple of those. Sue is thinking of trying hair ornaments & bracelets to be made from beads and old jewelry taken apart - has made some spectacular pieces. Becky E called - she sounded a little better but her burden is certainly very heavy. Do hope Shelia can get rid of her punishing headache - she hopes to be able to work on Monday. Got quilt catalogue today - one for the beautiful materials.

Jan 23, 2005

Snow on ground when I got up this morning but it quickly disappeared as the sun rose. Ann C called and I talked quite a while - we discussed her MS.

She had not hung up long when Joan P. Called. We talked about publishing and she told me that TOR is going to bring out HANDS in April. However it is not in their catalogue - which means it will get a poor start in market - will have to call Jack about it on Monday. Got busy - it was past noon when second call was done - on beads. Sue is turning the old jewelry she bought on e-bay into pendants and has produced lovely ones. I used three of those today to center necklaces on - they turned out most effective. She has been making more today. However she is not well - has promised to see doctor tomorrow - do hope she can get help. Found two new catalogues I want to send for. Jean R wants a list of historical mystery story writers, got a lot down and will try to get them all tomorrow.

Jan 24, 2005

Did not work on the Valentines after all. Could not find most of the stamps. I wrote out the list of historical mystery writers and sent it to Jean. Ordered three of the catalogues. Then I worked on jewelry - using the pendants Sue has been making - also using up all of some beads. When I finished the one I had laid out I went to rest. Eye continues to trouble me a lot. Sue worried about the Great Dane allowed to run free. We both are concerned over the kitten in the back. That "waiting" feeling is becoming stranger. I just wish one could think of a date ahead and arrange one's life to it. Got a sum today from Company who is collecting money owed US writers in Europe. Will have to tell Jack about this tomorrow. Also tell him about HANDS not being in TOR's 6 months catalogue. Must get income tax done soon. Shall mention this soon. Chilly tonight. They are getting terrible storms up north now. Just hope these won't come to us.

Jan 25, 2005

Did not get as much done today - miss the energy I used to have. Wrote the January help cheques and called Jack about HANDS not appearing in Tor's catalogue and the cheque from England for order-payment. My beads came well ahead of time - colors are so bright. Sue continues to make very attractive pendants from old earrings and brooches. I made another necklace and rested in the afternoon. Cool today but no snow. Eye bothered me as usual and nose is swollen - hope that I can get help for both. Little tortie kitty came to the door. She is very cute but I wish people she lives with would take her in this kind of weather.

Have to go into town tomorrow - would rather not. Shelia will come Sue says. There are the new necklaces to be finished. This coming weekend is the con and I hope that the McDades can sell some for us. There are a lot of things I can keep busy at but I tire so quickly I feel discouraged. Just wish eyes were better.

Jan 26, 2005

Did one of my frightening acts of going to sleep without being aware of it - still had glasses on when I woke up. Did not get any real work done as this was day to get to hair dresser's. But Sue has started on a very clever idea for an item to be sold with the jewelry - one which may attract men customers - \_\_\_ - made either of silver or gold which will be said to attract Elves. With James help I went through all the bead boxes and hunted out the silver pendants too small to use for necklaces found a lot and also pins and ear-rings she can use. Am so glad I had these. I had bought the tiny silver pieces thinking they were larger and then could not use them. The pins and earrings meant to be taken apart and used were from the estate jewelry she had bought on e-bay. I am going to make up short explanations to go with finished jewelry and tie them to some of the book titles.

Jan 27, 2005

Concentrated on putting newly bought bead supplies into order. Janice helped and it really took us some time. Hunted out some more things Sue can use. She is working on the whistles and they are very attractive indeed. Made one with a sword decoration we shall send to Jack - she will do those and bracelets. I will keep to the necklaces. She does very fine work indeed. I found three more catalogues for bead selling which I shall send for tomorrow - one for Sue's needs for small pieces. Shelia had to go to court today - big fine. I rested between 2:30 and 5:00 - back ached as usual. Like to work with the beads but do lack energy. Understand Misty is backing Rose and so is Anne McCaffrey. Sorry that I have lost their friendship but with everything now it really does not matter for a person just putting in time - how much time? Only hope money holds out.

Jan 28, 2005

Falling behind again. I must get caught some tomorrow. Have to write out the ad material for the jewelry. Sue is working at the whistles and the pendants and have a lot of them done. Must also get my work done on the income tax. I do hate to work with figures. Shelia came for a short time but had to go for therapy, her aches are hard for her. She is working on sets of wooden beads. I made two necklaces - using pendants Sue had just made and which were very attractive. Rested for a while after that. Ordered some more bead catalogues. Got from Jean today a printout from Amazon internet material on HANDS giving publication date as first of April. Also she sent some very cute black cat head beads which I can certainly make good use of. Must get back to Ann's MS also. Catalogues are piling up again - mostly summer clothes. This time lavender seems to be the major color. Am going to send whistles to Jack and Klone.

Jan 29, 2005

First thing I did today was work out ad for Griffin's Guild - Though will be adding more to it. We have to get name copyrighted and the griffin head mark legally set. Wrote two letters which was tiring. Kathy was here until mid-afternoon. Sue has made a number of clever trinkets. She had two ladies here for another reason and they bought over six hundred dollars worth! This is the weekend the McDades take selections to their con and I hope they are able to sell a number, too. I made another necklace of black and white. It was a little after three when I finished and so I rested until five. Felt more than usual tired all day. Had written just this far when the power went off. Sue went around with candles but it was about fifteen minutes or so before it came on again. Third time today it has done this - has been raining for about two days now.

Jan 30, 2005

Did two letters and straightened out the mistake over the cheques. Then I read two chapters of Ann's book to catch up a little. Sue very busy making whistles and other trinkets. I put together another necklace. Sue very enthusiastic about project. I do hope it will do as well as she thinks it will so she will have an easier time. The two ladies who visited yesterday asked to see what we were making. When Sue showed them they bought over \$600 worth. Hope that shows how it will go on in the future. Still raining on and off and cold out. Sue wanted some different colors in necklaces so made one of the cherry quartz and will do a green one tomorrow. Hope we shall get new catalogues soon. Had a disturbing thing happen this evening when right hand could not support book. Always fear stroke now but Sue says it is cause by overuse of hand ligament. It did not last long anyway.

Jan 31, 2005

Wrote two letters this morning. Sue has made a number of pendants and whistles. She has approached a lawyer to get trademarks registered and move toward copywriting the pieces she has created. Kathy here today. I worked on two necklaces of different colors Sue wants - one green and one yellow. Used up most of the jade Irene gave me. But they need catches and earrings. Shelia did not come - guessing her headaches are still holding. Never hear anything from Susanne these days. I do need the products her daughter sells - have for them twice but nothing comes. Had hoped one of the new

bead books had come, but it had not. They are advertising typewriters again. Shelia has one and I shall see if I can borrow it and try it out. Mark brought a lovely letter from Anne McCaffrey. She is also having trouble and cannot write anymore. Her son has taken over and is carrying on her series.

Feb 1, 2005

Finding some mis-numbered entries in this and corrected them. Wrote letter to Anne McCaffrey and sent her one of the catalogues of beautiful quilt materials as she said she had taken up quilting. Cannot write anymore either. Worked on necklaces. Shelia came in later this morning and did some catches and earrings from the pink waiting to be finished. Got in mail some packets of beads and book by woman writer - very kind of her. Sue wanted a green and a red necklace so did those. She \_\_\_ \_\_\_ a lot of pendants ready to use as well as making her special trinkets. I did want the new catalogues but they did not come. I meant to call Mark and tell him I had his mother's necklace was ready but the number I did not work. Rested some this afternoon but did not use the knee pillow so awoke with knee hurting badly. Had to take pain pill. Decided to read on MS instead of A's book tonight.

Feb 2, 2005

Rained all day in form of cold mist. I did not get to much work as this was the day I went in town. Will write up the kind of beads used in every necklace as they put some on exhibit today for the first time. Still quite a few still need earrings and closures to be done. Did get them all sorted out. Sent catalogue of beautiful quilt materials to Ann Mc and one of the whistles to Jack with one of the other world explanations. Went in and got hair done while Sue and Janice shopped - then stopped on way home and got a chicken bucket for supper, medicine, and took packages to post office. Got home quite late and ate lunch and supper together. Did not get the new bead catalogues as I had hoped and no letters. Called Mrs. Nye who sent me yesterday one of her books and some beads. Got her husband and thanked them. Still have book order out. Started reading Ann's ms again last night and got two chapters done. Am working again on it tonight.

Feb 3, 2005

Wrote explanations for new necklaces this morning but did not try any letters. Where I had finished I went to making more. Did two and laid out a third which I only partly strung. Shelia came but was in pain with her back and only got two sets finished. Sue is making up a lot and getting the materials for more - some came today. But I did not get the new catalogues I had hoped for - nor the books I had ordered. Mrs. Nye whom I tried to get yesterday to thank for beads and book called and I was able to thank her. Will have Sue E-mail Mark about his mother's necklace. The girl in Murfreesboro who works for Ingram sent me three of their sales catalogues. Paul Goode sent me small tape player with record on it - He is supposed to be in town next weekend and will see us. But Klone is not coming to local cons now. Rested some this afternoon. I seem to have a little less energy all the time. If I can just keep able to care for myself at least as much as I do now until the end - that is what I hope for.

Feb 4, 2005

Wish I could get more done. I roared in the night caught up in some odd feeling and wondered if it were time. But just went back to sleep. Jean called - they not only liked the book about Gairgh but want another - follow up for one of the younger books in the magic series. So we talked out a kind of plot which she will outline and send to me. I had intended to write to Anne about the MS - must do that tomorrow. Found the necklace I had started yesterday had been mixed up so had to lay it out again and then thread it. Sue had two other pendants she wanted used so I did a red and white one and a mixed brown one. Then went to rest. Shelia was here. Got two sets finished and then quit as her back hurt so. Said she hoped she would be better and could do all the rest next week. Got the SFBC copy of Lyn's Witch World book. My own copies have not come yet. The bead catalogues I am anxiously awaiting did not come yet.

Feb 5, 2005

Kathy and I started in to clean the desk but was able to get only two of the drawers done when Susanne and her daughter came. Susanne has a very bad back and has been ill off and on since before Christmas. We exchanged the gifts we had been holding and Susanne had some extra beads for me. She was quite excited over all Sue has been doing. Wants some of our things for a show. Did not get to work on anything. Ate lunch when they left and signed about a fourth of the autograph cards Sue needed for advertising and then went to rest. Kathy was here this morning but left at three. Sue and Ollie went shopping in town. Got 5 copies of Lyn's Witch book and several of the pb Beast Master. Also was sent prepublication copy of HANDS and two pb copies of Polish Beast Master. Have three to send to Victor now. Also got good cheques for the Polish sales. But the bead catalogues I had hoped for and the Hamilton order have not come. Packages are much later these days.

Feb 6, 2005

Did not get as much done as I hoped. Becky E. called - she had gotten in touch with Dr. Horadam as I hoped she would and talking with him helped her a great deal. I am so glad I could help here even that much. So I wrote and thanked him this morning. Then got busy and autographed more of the cards Sue wants. Have that job about half done. After three went back to rest until after five. Sunny and bright but cold out. I have some other letters I must write tomorrow. Hope that the missing books and catalogues will come. I can work at any job just a short time and then I get to aching and have to rest. Got four books which are part of the private library ready to send Victor and put in necklaces for his wife and daughter and whistles for him and Nathaniel. I will have to order some new beads again also. At least I do not have to get any new clothes.

Feb 7, 2005

Nasty dream in night about people cutting cats to pieces. Kathy came this morning. I wrote two letters and a card - sent Ann piece about her book. Then I got busy and wrote a lot more of the autograph cards. Had lunch and then made another necklace but watched piece of old Perry Mason first. Would enjoy it more I could hear better. The books from Hamilton came - more remainders of my own Titles I can give away. Sue got all legal matters for business begun. Copyright three of Sue's things as they are very new and different. Got letter from Sam - things seem to be going a little better for her - am glad of that. But no bead catalogues as yet - I do wish they would come as I need more colors - all out on some again. Starting raining and chilly again tonight. Supposed to be raining hard most of the week. Only news we hear is depressing - war still on and huge taxes looming up. Do not know what I will have to pay this year. Got small advance cheque for book with Jean.

Feb 8, 2005

Kathy came today again. I wrote two letters and then autographed some more cards - can finish those this week. Had some newly made pendants Sue had made and some extra beads so had a light lunch and then went to work on necklaces. Jack does not like the deal offered by the new Rabe deal. Passed the word to him that I left business discussions to him and would agree with his choice. Shelia came and finished off necklaces I did yesterday. She is in pain most of the time and I do wish she felt better. My back ached badly by the end of second necklace so it being after three I went to bed to rest. Sue thinks all legal papers will be ready to sign on Thursday. She is turning out some lovely things made partly of old earrings. Still do not have new bead catalogues. Sue says there is an order of pearls yet to come. Got a shipment of gold boxes of various sizes for packing today.

Feb 9, 2005

Did not get any proper pill last night so did not sleep. Do hate to have that happen. I addressed some Valentines have two more to do. Went to hair dresser. Misty rain out again. Came home and went through the regular bead shop catalogue. Still did not get the two I ordered. Sue has done some beautiful things - we stopped on way home and I signed papers for the business. Then also autographed more cards for Sue's choice. The Goodes will be here tomorrow - do hope they do not stay long. Will give the ladies jewelry. Sue started offering the necklaces on e-bay tonight - immediate bidding on five of the necklaces. They will be on display until Friday night but Sue says a great deal of interest shown. I must order more beads - picked out some tonight to order but will wait until end of week to see if other catalogues come. Sue also arranged details of Magic book sale with Jean and Jack. We have to get sales papers out to send to McDades and others.

Feb 10, 2005

Slept all night last night - glad I was able to get the right pill this time. Wrote four more Valentines but did not get anything else done as the Goodes arrived. Told the women to pick out a necklace. Showed them all we had. The bidding is still going on e-bay for our first try - will end tomorrow. Paul helped me clear the bookshelves of those I did not want to keep. Sue gave them a very good lunch. Wore one of the sets but catch broke so will check all of them carefully. They stayed until three - was very tired when they left so went to rest and slept until five. The catalogues did not come - will use old Fire Mountain for another order. Sue got some things from e-bay. Letter from Renee - or from a friend as she has been very ill again. Some Valentines and birthday cards. Found several books I forgot I had when Paul emptied shelves today. Finished Hamilton last night instead of reading. Only found one title worth ordering.

Feb 11, 2005

Sunny out but cold. I did not get any work done in the morning as M ark came to pack up the necklaces I made for his mother. Sue is finishing up all that we did not have clasps on. She also tested those which had clasps as two had come off. Shelia did not come today but we could not have worked. Have several letters I must answer. Ann C. called and ordered a set for her sister's birthday - must be blue beads. New catalogue has a lot in puca shell went through that and made out an order I shall call in tomorrow. New catalogues did not come. It has been almost a month since I ordered them. We shall know by nine tonight how well the e-bay shipment sold. Do wish my eye was like it used to be. Much harder to read now. Have Hamilton order to get out tomorrow. Feel the incoming withdrawal all the time. More women, according to the paper seem to be living to a hundred now. Mark is in his fifties even. Still wants a wife but does not seem to attract anyone he really wants.

Feb 12, 2005

Got at the mail this morning and wrote two important letters. Kathy came in the morning. One of the earlier necklaces broke at clasp so I did that over all the way and got another pendant for it. Phoned in the very large bead order. Then did another necklace. Seven we put out in among the nine sold which was, we all thought, pretty good. Was very tired by two and went to rest. Kathy leaves at 3 on Saturday. Got up near six for supper. The new catalogues I was waiting for did not come. They will take pictures tonight of the last going in for now. After supper I started writing descriptions for next lot, Some do not have earrings as yet. Right eye bothersome off and on - do wish I could get help for that. Two little black cats brought mouse up to door and plainly meant it for a gift for Sue who feeds them. Ollie job is a worry - I hope so very much that the jewelry business will go and will be a help to them.

Andre's very last entry.

Feb 13, 2005

Awoke at 5:30 in morning with bad thirst. I couldn't reach calling Sue. She finally got here at five. Kept calling but did not get Sue until after noon throat painful. I wrote materials for time. I want down as materials - Sue has plan to \_\_\_ be - Ranning and mystery. Black kitty brought a mouse and I gave it to black kitty. Finished but mouse for \_\_\_ Jack \_\_ home I \_\_\_ help her out for kitchen will not be read. Was quite run. Wrote here. Glad we \_\_\_\_. Started a new \_\_\_ reading aloud. I wonder on the new read. Do hope I can get a help Neck You wrote gate. Hope I can finish the \_\_\_\_. Sue got a stack and I hope will have \_\_\_\_. Sue sent in the sale of attendances. Do hope catalogues. May fear here for the catalogues. Well - may come tomorrow. Am taking a number of catalogues. Have two catalogues. Need medications. \_\_\_ urgent the meds. Many many \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ .