

Hello:

I hope this finds you well. If you are reading a good book and would like to share it, let me know and I'll post it on Facebook and mention it in my next newsletter. I just finished "The Book of Names," by Kristin Harmel. I enjoyed it; there are some similarities to, "Stealing Picasso."

The big news is that I've finished writing "Stealing Picasso!" I'll have an excerpt from the first chapter next month, and the book will be available for preorder in August. I'll have more details in the July newsletter.

I started a blog post for all the news that doesn't fit in the newsletter. So much of the fun in writing is the research, and it's always a challenge to see how much I can squeeze into the novel. (Not much.) Here is the [link](#).

Here's another clue from "Stealing Picasso," that pertains to the excerpt that will be available next month:

It's traditional to celebrate Christmas Eve in Buenos Aires, Argentina, by shooting off fireworks at midnight. There are parades and people light "globos" or paper lanterns containing small candles. These globos are an interesting parallel to the luminarias in New Mexico.

More about these traditions and similarities on my [blog](#).

FREE: I am presenting a program about "Stealing Renoir," and sharing some of my research on Tuesday, June 28·5:30–7:00pm at the Ohio County Public Library, 413 S Main Street, Hartford KY 42347

Here is a link to my upcoming [presentations](#).

Let The Earth Breathe: Here are a few pictures of what's currently blooming in our gardens.

Shooting Star (Dodecatheon Meadia), Gray-headed coneflower (Ratibida pinnata), Wild Ginger, (Asarum canadense), Beebalm, (Monarda didyma.)

Shooting Star is an early bird and very welcome in the spring. It's already come and gone! I really like the way Gray-headed coneflower matures from the bottom up and in a circular pattern; it has a citrus scent when it goes to seed. Beebalm is like catnip for bees, and wild ginger lays its blossom on the ground so the ants that pollinate the plant have access. Wild Ginger is another early bird. The blossoms are gone, but the plant remains.





If you can't make it to a presentation in person, here is the link to my recent videos. They are short, 5-6 minutes. [Video link.](#)

Since *Entartete Kunst* figures proximately in both "[Stealing Renoir](#)," and "Stealing Picasso," here's an overview.

Hitler's second in command, Hermann Göring, founded the German secret police. He traded *Entartete Kunst* (Degenerate Art) for masterpieces by artists such as Sandro Botticelli, Velázquez, Claude Monet, Renoir, and Vincent van Gogh. Eventually, his entire art collection comprised approximately 4,263 works.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Here's the link if you'd like to schedule a presentation, or know of anybody who might be interested. (I have a sliding scale.) [Click here to schedule.](#)

I've started writing "Stealing Van Gogh," the third book in the series. There is a big clue and a preview at the end of "Stealing Picasso." (Coming Soon)

Reviews on Amazon are a big deal and really help me out. If you haven't already, please take a minute or two and review one—or all of my books. The links to each book are below. You will have to scroll down the page to reach the review section.

[Stealing Renoir](#)

[Mystery Island](#)

[Let The Earth Breathe](#)

[A Promise Moon](#)

[Shadows of Chaco Canyon](#)

Thank you! Happy reading.