

Greetings, all!

We hope your year has been good and your holidays happy ones. This year has been a lovely one for Julia and I. About time, I say!

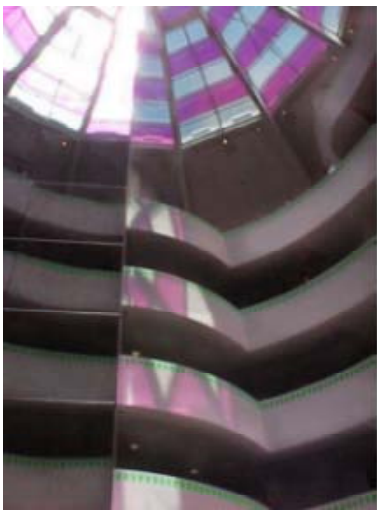
I got adventurous and did a bit of travel. In May, I went to the 'Big Apple', and enjoyed many experiences there.



Along Central Park West ... View of Lady Liberty

The motel room was 'rustic' at best, but it was close to the museums and the subway. I didn't get to see everything at the Museum of Natural History, but I did see the dinosaur skeletons and the huge meteorites.

I didn't see everything at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but I did give the Ancient Egyptian section a good overview, as well as Nineteenth Century Painting. Just being in the Guggenheim Museum was like being in a living, breathing work of art.



Guggenheim enhanced by Daniel Buren, 12th Dynasty cloisonné pectoral

Julia received an award from her work for **High Performance and Excellence** in May.

Later in July, Julia and I went to Los Angeles to see the Tut exhibit. The rooms were crowded with people eager to see the Egyptian boy king's possessions.

Not only that, I saw more Egyptian things recently, in a most unlikely place. The Luxor hotel and casino is filled with reproductions of many things from that era.



'The Black Pyramid as seen from the towers, The Sphinx keeps his secrets.

The following pic was taken of us when we visited some dear friends:



This year has been an extraordinary one, we are grateful for this, and we hope yours has been as well. Looking back, we then look forward. May the coming year bring rich experiences, rejuvenating joys and unexpected blessings to you and yours.

Joan and Julia