

Sardonic, Ironic, Amusing Gratitude-Why Not?

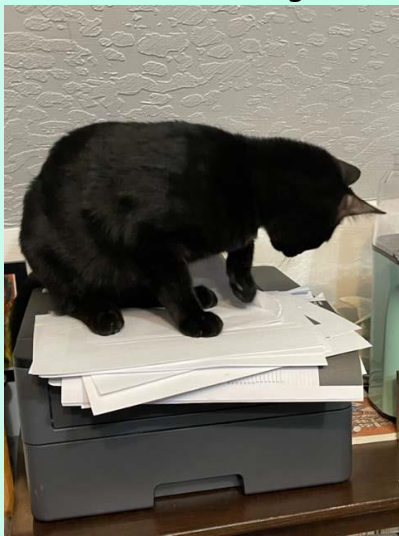
Joanne Soroka is a tapestry who I have followed for years.

When I read her blog, I was both laughingly amused & sardonically amused-- Both as a weaver and a writer. We have been in a few exhibits together over time. Not that we have shared that many experiences as tapestry weavers. A tapestry weaver best known as a large format weaver and I am after all a small format weaver.



She wrote a book- on tapestry weaving that I really enjoyed reading. Tapestry Weaving: Design and Technique.

It was a bit amazing how alike and how unlike our list of sometimes insufferable remarks are paradoxically alike and unlike.



So- I decided to create my list- just for fun and see if it differed much!

- It looks like a dishcloth tacked on a wall! Said a male gallery owner in Beaverton Oregon. Did teach me that framing small work was a good idea. Love your needlepoint! Where can I buy a kit!
- Don't you think it needs a bit of...?
- My teacher, daughter, mother, etc. would have done it this way!
- What can you use it for?

- It's too small to be art. Could you make it bigger
- Could you make that flower or car a different colour? Please!
- Could you get rid of the rust or dent on the car- perhaps a bit more body work, Cars need to be shiny and new.
- Can we copy your designs for the pillows?
- My Mother used to do this. We gave them all away when she died.
- How long does it take to weave?
- How about cutting your price in half. This isn't your real job, is it?
- Sewing thread! That doesn't cost much. How lucky...Wool and silk are so expensive.
- No one can see it on the wall can you make it bigger.
- It does not match my sofa, rug, wall, china-etc!
- your saving weaving-no one does it anymore!



- Who did Your design? Must be a man can we hire him to design a tapestry for us. He really knows his old cars.
- Do you have a computer program that will design your tapestries?
- Can we use your tapestry to create a computer program to sale your designs so others can do them in needlepoint or cross stitch?
- The back is a mess! The piece is unfinished!



- O, the back is so cool with all the ends-maybe that should be the pix instead of the front.
- Why don't you paint! It would be so much better!
 - What painting did you copy?
 - Did You knit (crochet, embroider, quilt, etc.) that piece?
 - Did you do your own design?
 - Can we buy the design anywhere to embroider?
 - I bought one at Walmart, k-mart, dollar general, etc., etc.?
 - I could never do that, I don't have the time, it would be so boring or a dozen other things. All meant to make you feel lesser.
 - I could never do that because I can't draw.
- How long did it take you to do that?

- You must wear glasses.
- Can you weave a dragon?
- Do you get paid to do that?
- It is not tapestry because it's not wool! Why?
- Don't you think a man could weave a car better than a woman?
- It's too small to be a tapestry!

It does sound a bit like I am bitching, but I am not

I am rejoicing with gratitude from what I have learned. You know over the last almost 45 years I have learned to laugh about it. AND there are some that I look at now and they were quite magical.

Someday I just might tell you all about them. But not a list of complaints.

Thank you! Joanne! I feel so much better. Kathe