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The Joy of the Holidays

As I was finishing up this issue of the newsletter, my grandfather had just passed away at the age of 91. I began to think about his life and what it meant to our family. Although I did not spend a lot of time with my grandfather when I was growing up, he and my grandmother babysat my son from the time he was five weeks old until he was almost three.

Thinking back on those times, one small word came to mind — joy. One night when my son was about two-years old he decided to run away from home to his great-grandparents. We lived within walking distance of their home. As young parents (in our early twenties), we decided we knew everything. We just knew he would not walk up there in the dark. But he packed his little suitcase, walked out the door, and walked straight to their door. Well, my grandfather called and said, "Why don't you just let him stay?" So, we did. I remember the joy in my grandfather's voice from that phone call. I also remember the joy my grandfather gave to my son — his first great-grandchild.

For such a short word, joy expresses so much of what we hope will happen during the holidays. The joy of perhaps helping other children who will not experience a nice Christmas. The joy of decorating Christmas cookies with your children. The joy of gathering with our families. The joy of watching the church Christmas play. And if we are lucky, a few peaceful moments alone, reflecting on the past year or just reading a new Christmas book.

You will be able to see the joy throughout this issue. Read about Greenhouse Design and Fabrics and the joy they bring in matching people with the perfect fabrics and decorative trim on page 3.

You will not want to miss the Tufted Slipcover instructions from Leslie Fehling beginning on page 6. I have had the pleasure of working with Leslie over the past four years. It is indeed a joy to have her as a member of Workroom Association of America. On page 10 delight in the joy of the Design Idea Corner, featuring "How The Grinch Stole Christmas".

You will not want to miss Mary Ann Plumlee's story of "A Perfect Day" on page 12. As usual Mary Ann puts everything into perspective.

It has been a joy serving the membership of Workroom Association of America over the past year. Real joy knows no season. So, instead of overspending and overstuffing on that turkey, create some special moments and memories that will be unique to your family.

I wish each and every one of our members, industry associates, and friends a joyful holiday filled with the happiness that matters most.

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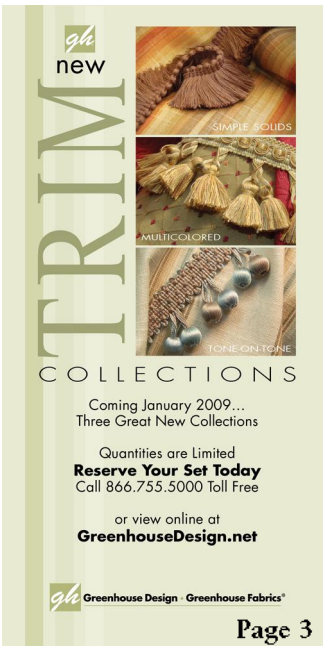

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