

## Hello Friends,

Just a quick note to say hello! This summer has been chock-full of activity at this little studio in St. Joseph! Here's what's new:

◆ After literally months of exploring options for a new box / graphic solution for our Michigan GOURMET TRAVELS™ line, we have arrived at the following (left), and I'm on cloud nine. Not only does the box graphic allow the use of our logo in gorgeous, 4-color art, it's also a solution that does not require a price increase!

Previously, our box was imprinted with the logo, but it was in one-color line art. This is so much better! Below is a photo showing the old vs. the new box. Let me know what YOU think!

◆ We've also been busy marketing the Michigan GOURMET TRAVELS™ line. We are so very pleased to welcome two new retailers this summer:

- **Dow Gardens** in Midland, and
  - **Andriacchi's** in Ishpeming
- and we're working on adding a couple more new retailers!

As before, our wonderful 3-packs and individual jars of salsa, mustard, jams, and BBQ sauces with the labels that tell the history of Michigan's special places are also available at:

- **Michigan Thyme** in New Buffalo
- **Sawyer Garden Center** in Sawyer
- **Marie's Hallmark** in St. Joseph
- **Slocum's Gifts** in Buchanan

Please support these retailers, and let me know where else you'd like to see our products carried!

## Picnic Cooler Basket

A wonderful door prize for the company picnic!  
To say "Thank You"!

A memorable wedding gift!

A birthday present they'll enjoy sharing with  
their loved ones!

*This foam cooler is loaded with everything needed to have a summer picnic in the park! We've included whole grain tortilla chips and our wonderful medium cherry salsa; pepper & poppy crackers with spreadable cheddar cheese and smoked salmon; crunchy apple-cinnamon cookies, peanut butter cookies, seasoned pretzels, refreshing lemonade mix, iced tea bottles, and more!*

For more info, see "Current Season / Holiday" category on our website:

[www.giftbasketclassics.com](http://www.giftbasketclassics.com)



**FUN SUMMER FACTS:**

- ◇ **Watermelon** is actually a vegetable! It is from the botanical family Cucurbitaceae and is most closely related to cucumbers, pumpkins and squash. The watermelon is composed of 92% water.
- ◇ The **Dog Days of Summer** are named after Sirius, the Dog Star, in the constellation Canis Major, which shines most brightly during this period. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed the star was responsible for the heat.
- ◇ July is the **National Ice Cream month** because it is the month the most ice cream is sold. The average American eats around 5 1/2 gallons of ice cream a year.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

to **Becky Heaps**, who is the winner of our June give-away -- our Picnic Cooler basket, a \$65 value! Please call to arrange the pick-up of your gift, Becky!

**Compare our new box (left) to the old box**



**Thank you for reading!**

**~ Carol**



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