

# THE GROVE'S

## Family News Update



The whole family together at our summer airbnb.

### Warmest year-end greetings!

I have had an immersive work year; my current big project has been the kind of engrossing work that comes only once a decade. However, its sustained intensity is wearing, and I am anticipating completion next year. This year counted as my 35th at Philips!

Melanie's work at in-person school has been satisfying this year. She has very much enjoyed picking up Austin's Camden after school and helping with homework. Melanie has obsessively taken up the hobby of weaving, working in a new way with her yummy fibers. She feels like she has so much to learn, but is already making beautiful fabrics.



All three of my boys made an upward job change. For Alan and Lindsey it brought them to the Chicago area from upstate New York. Austin’s family had a blast visiting them, and we are planning to get there next year.

We enjoyed both Alan and my sister Marilyn passing through our place several times this year.

In summer at a rental house by Birch Bay we had the whole family under one roof: Austin & Janae’s family, Alan & Lindsey, and Andrew & Bethany’s family.

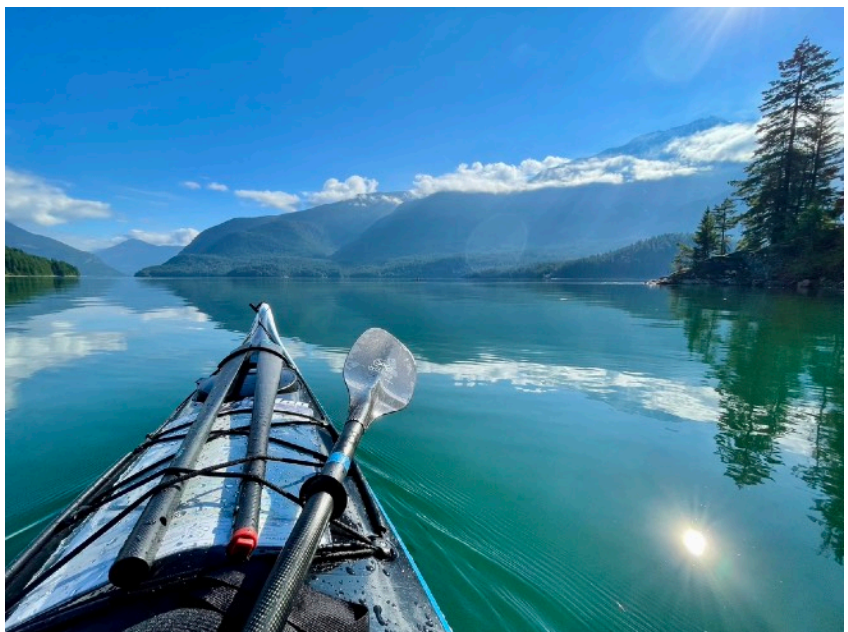
With the relaxation of travel restrictions, Jessi was also able to be with us from Germany, and my mom was able to come down from Canada for a day with my other sister Lisa.



Melanie’s loom is portable and she works it on her lap.

Most weekends I do a long walk in the woods at one of my favorite haunts. I’m still writing, playing the cello and kayaking. Interestingly I find that some things I learn about kayaking help my cello playing, and vis versa.

I had a fantastic kayak-camping trip at beautiful remote Ross Lake. Wild nature is fearsome; if you are unprepared it might not go well, but when you are ready, nature can be absolutely amazing.



Ross Lake

Best wishes for a new year that you can make better than before.

**Larry & Melanie**



Exploring buildings in Bellevue with Cami & Eli, with Eli hiding on the window sill.

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