## Maarnada News Letter 2004

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## "Carpe Diem" - Seize the Day

## Dear Friends of Maarnada

It is Thanksgiving weekend as I write, which seems a most appropriate time. Maarten and I have been on an amazing journey this year so that is why you have not heard from us sooner. The journey took us to Vancouver in April where my lower skull and brain stem area were sculpted to allow more room for my brain. Dr. Michael Boyd then used a titanium plate, rods and screws to reinforce the occipital to C-3 fusion. We are so grateful for the excellence and care the spinal unit at Vancouver General Hospital gave us. Maarten has been my Knight in Shining Armor as he seized each day and championed me through the medical model. He has also been my number one caregiver over the past six months and, I must say, has been extraordinary. He calls me his miracle girl and the truth is, I am. We feel very alive and grateful for this new chance at life. So we want to open the Gallery to share with you Maarten's new, passionate and compassionate sculptures and carved paintings.

The colours of the stone sculptures range from brilliant green, gold, pink, black and white. The flowing wood sculptures take flight or swim to the depths. There are lots of exciting surprises for your eyes and senses to feast on. Maarten's January project produced his first " Doorway to Spirit" and there will be three more for you to view.

We would like to thank our patrons who have phoned ahead and dropped by with guests during the past months and encourage all of you throughout the year to do the same. If the Show dates do not work for you please call 477-1651 and we will set up a private time for you to view the work.

The Gallery is cozy and vibrant during the winter season so please seize this opportunity to join us in our celebration of art and its life-giving nature.

We wish you much joy and healing moments during this season and the coming year.
In Gratitude,
Nadina and Maarten

