



# Leslie Turek 2008

Life goes on

## *My Dad*

During the first part of the year my Dad and I kept in touch by video conferencing on his new MacBook. It had been getting harder for him to deal with the winter ice and snow, and I was trying to convince him to move to an assisted living situation nearer to either me or my brother.

Sadly, it was not to be. On April 14, he suffered a fall in his home, possibly caused by a heart attack, and died almost instantly. He was 85 years old.

Much of the summer was spent working with my brother and his family to go through the house and pack up his things. The house is now up for sale, but with the slow market it may take some time.

I miss him a lot.

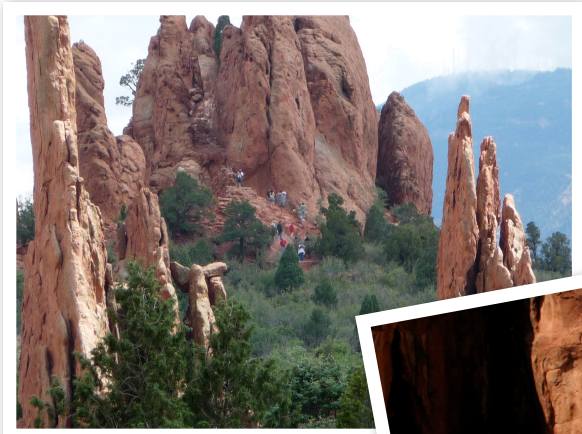
## *Travels*

A brief escape from winter in early March gave me a glimpse of cherry blossoms in San Jose, California, plus the chance to visit with some old college friends.

In June, I travelled up to Monhegan Island off the coast of Maine with Nancy Atherton. Nancy had shown me Colorado last year, so I wanted to show her my favorite place to get away from civilization in my part of the country.



In August, Alex and I attended the World Science Fiction Convention in Denver, and used that opportunity to visit Rocky Mountain National Park and other great locations in the mountains. We ended up spending a few days with Nancy in Colorado Springs, visiting Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods. It was a wonderful trip – I just loved the clear, dry, mountain air and the chance to get close to wildlife.



### *Volunteer Work*

In addition to leading the usual adult tours at Garden in the Woods in the spring and summer, I also led several fall school tours of the Big Bugs exhibit. Working with second-graders was a new experience for me and a bit of a challenge. The picture on the left is one of the thank-you notes we received.

I also led one session of the Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults course. I enjoyed that a lot and hope to do more of them this year .

I continue to be on the Advisory Council for the Springwell Area Agency on Aging, and remain involved in Friends of the Watertown Riverfront and a local environmental group.

### *Happy Holidays!*

All my best wishes to you and your family for the coming year. Please keep in touch – you know where to find me:

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