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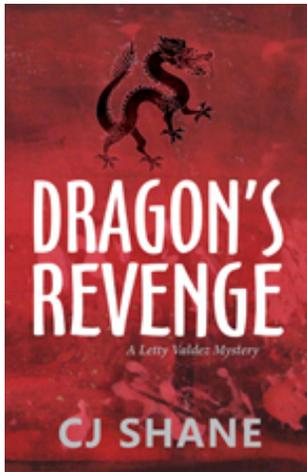
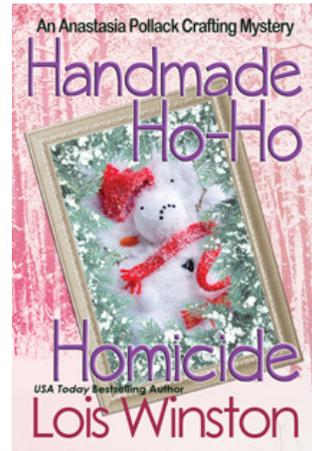


Triangle L Ranch Art Gallery and Tucson arts group **PaperWorks** is co-hosting *Lost and Found*, an exhibition of two- and three-dimensional artwork, from November 10 through January 5 in Oracle. There will be an opening reception, 2-5 pm, on November 17. I have three pieces in this exhibit. Here is my artist's book *Everything*.

Books and Film

I'm pleased to announce that you will find an interview

with author **Lois Winston** on my blog. Lois is a *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author who writes in several genres. Her critically acclaimed **Anastasia Pollack Crafting Mystery Books** are full of humor as well as intriguing mystery. Artists reading this newsletter will be interested in the fact that Lois is also “an award-winning craft and needlework designer who often draws much of her source material for both her characters and plots from her experiences in the crafts industry.” Lois’s latest Anastasia Pollack Crafting Mystery is Christmas-themed, *Handmade Ho-Ho Homicide*. Read more here: [C.J. Shane BLOG](#)



Dragon’s Revenge, finalist in two categories for the **New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards**, is currently on sale for 99 cents (ebook). This book is available in print and as an ebook from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kobo, iBooks, etc.

The Natural World:

Word came recently from Tucson artist **Gale Thomssen** of [Cactus Wren Artisans](#) that she and her husband Dick recently rescued 10,000 + bees with help from **Save the Bees**, a local conservation group. Gale in her own words says:

<<We have a front ramp that has not been used much for many years. Little did we know that it became a home for bees and ants. Last week a delivery person was stung so I went out to tape it off. Bees began to crawl up through the wood slates and on my shoes. I escaped quickly without hurting any bees. A friend used a Save the Bees person to remove their bees, so I went online and found [Monica King](#) of Save the Bees.

She and her husband came out last night after dark with their equipment and

vacuumed up between 10,000 to 15,000 bees. (below left) It was a much bigger colony than we imagined. The process took two hours. I could see the infrared light she used through our window. Amazing. As it turns out, the bees were about to starve to death. Ants were eating the honey as well as the bees and there was only a drop left. There were babies incubating as well. Timing could not have been better for the bees. Monica removed a large box of dried up combs. She vacuumed up all the bees and transported them to their farm. This morning she fed them. All ended well.>>



Why is this important? If we want to continue eating (we humans, I mean), we need bees to pollinate our plants. Bees are crucial for pollinating corn, almond trees, and just about every other vegetable and fruit we eat. Bees are under assault from pollution and pesticides, habitat loss, non-native species and disease, and the climate crisis. So we need to keep them alive and well. Source: [Great Pollinator Project](#).

Most of the bees here in southern Arizona are “killer” Africanized bees. They will attack and can kill us **if they think their hive is being threatened**. So call for help if you find a hive on your property. Otherwise, they are not interested in us. I often grow sunflowers which create pollen for the bees and seeds for the birds. This sunflower (above right) in my backyard was hosting several Africanized bees when I took this photo. They were drunk on pollen and paid me no attention at all. FYI, it is possible to outrun attacking bees.



Let's not forget Greta.

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