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# King Bard O'Later's Missive

Greetings to my fellow FOOLS and best wishes for a Happy New Year! We still have some events coming up in 2025.

I'm looking forward to enjoying your company at Mother MomCat's Valentine's Party, scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd, and The Foolish St. Patrick's Day Party, at Christina & John's home on Sunday, March 9th . Please check foolsguild.org and The Foolander for details. In addition, I hope many of you can

attend The Feast of Fools Party to celebrate the final major event of my reign. Details TBD. Please join us and enjoy these events!

On a serious note, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that this year has begun with some profound losses. We send our collective condolences to the Morgan family, relatives, and friends for the loss of their dear Suzy Morgan. Her passing has deeply affected the Fool Community.



The Globe Theatre burned down on June 29, 1613, and was rebuilt by February 1614.

Also, as of this writing, Southern California is still experiencing a shocking, historic, and tragic level of destruction due to the multiple uncontrollable fires being driven by unseasonable high winds. It is the most extensive destruction of Los Angeles communities in my lifetime.

Our hearts go out to the many Fools, family, and friends who have lost their homes or been impacted by this conflagration. We also grieve for the wider community. This catastrophic event has changed Southern California for all of us.

My goal is that The Fools Guild will provide opportunities for friends to gather and experience comfort, healing, and joyful distraction. We will continue to provide fun, support, and an oasis of frivolity as we always have.

"See you in the funny papers!"

~Your Foolish King Bard O'Later



# Mother Mom (at's Corner

Life and all of its curve balls over the last several weeks is makine me rather reflective. So very much has been lost, but oddly enough, when the tears of disbelief abated, I was left with Gratitude.

Gratitude for all that was shared with me by beautiful souls who have passed away.

Gratitude for the certain knowledge that we are all here for each other, and we embrace that Joy!

This is what The Fool's Guild has given me, and I am Grateful - Catherine St. Claire





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# Susan Morgan 1947-2024

Many Fools Guild members gathered to wish godspeed to Suzy Morgan at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Wife of Gary Morgan, King Flautus Proboscis the Reluctant, and mother of Bonnie Morgan, King Cock 'n' Bells, Suzy was beloved by all in the Fools Guild.

















## **Papa Cal Slays The Fire!**

And Papa Cal did that!!

My heart mourns for our beloved Huha and his husband.

Its tragic that so much was taken from two people who give so much to the world.

As i write this my husband is deployed, living out of an armory working operations (which is about all i can say) while i, the eternal packrat, pace the house concocting fanciful ideas of how to save every item i own from all natural disasters including the sun going supernova.

And then i remember what my Buddhist teacher once said:

"Anything you can lose in a shipwreck you don't really own."

Still, it is not much consolation, and we mourn the losses around us but give thanks for all the lives saved.

Praying for Rain,

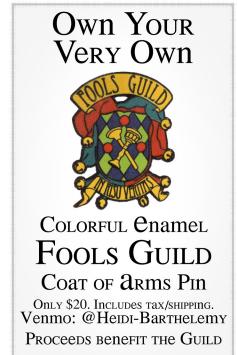
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