



Summer 2010

Newsletter for the work of Youngman and Julie Chai, MDIV

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Chai Pottery LLC

Visit our booth and say "hi!" We love to see you!

Summer 2010 Art Show Schedule

July 10 Artist Market, Old Art Bld Leland, MI

July 21 Glen Arbor Art Fair, Glen Arbor, MI

August 7 & 8 Portside Arts Fair, East Jordan, MI

August 20 & 21 Frankfort Art Fair, Frankfort, MI

August 28 Alden Depot Arts Festival, Alden, MI

Baby Robins

If you like the sight of a Baby Robin on a Cherry Branch, see upper left corner, come check them out at the Leland Show.

They take a little longer to paint, but are so cute!

Enough Publicity Lately? - Not that I'm complaining!

First it was a lovely article in the Grand Traverse Insider titled "Bowls of Blessing" by Kris Morris. Then on May 16, an article by Vanessa McCray in the Record Eagle featuring a photo of yours truly painting a pot titled, "A Gift They'll love," helping us find wedding gifts you will love to give and they will love to receive.

[Click here for the Record Eagle online link.](#)

Then, on June 2nd, TV 7&4 ran a spot by Melissa Smith about our work in the "Made with Michigan Hands" series.

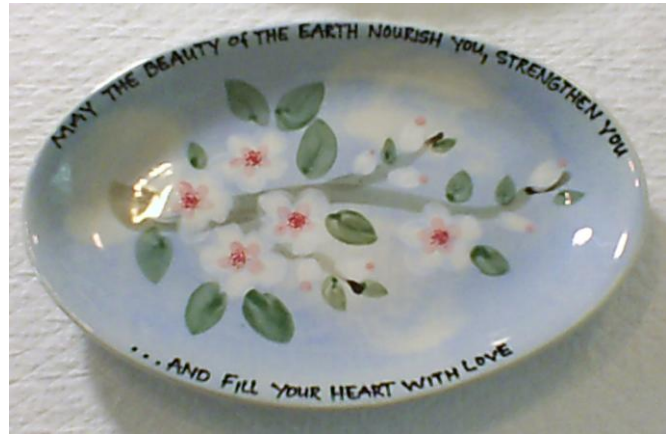
[Click here for the TV 7 & 4 on line link.](#)

Needless to say, we have gotten many phone calls, inquiries and orders. What a blessing we have received from all the publicity! And how much fun to meet so many of you who love giving our Personalized Blessing Bowls!

All Things
Work
Towards
Wholeness



Left: This is one of Youngman's new Large Oval Platters for appetizers or serving dinner with a Robin on a Cherry Branch and an added condiment/dip dish



This Cherry Branch design on a small oval platter is great for serving cheese and crackers. Add a small bowl for shrimp and cocktail sauce.



3 Sailboats on new Lake Mi design appetizer tray and an added dip dish **Right:** Design without the dip dish



Above: New Lake MI with extra Birch trees and stones. Prettiest Lake MI so far!
Right: The Bouquet Design just keeps getting larger and larger..... I think it's the prettiest Bouquet yet.





Wedding Stuff!

Julie Chai MDIV, LLC

A Lovely Thank You Note From a Very Wonderful Couple

shared with permission

"You have been on my mind often lately. We were so looking forward to staying in touch with you after you conducted our beautiful wedding ceremony last September. We both enjoyed the ceremony so thoroughly. It was a perfect reflection of us as a couple. And, it made us so happy that everyone who attended noticed and commented upon it. It was such a joyous occasion not only for us but for everyone who was in attendance. Thank you for making it such a special day.

We have continued to be extremely happy as a married couple. We put into practice many of the strategies we devised in our sessions with you. I'm giving the time and encouragement to communicate and he's actually doing it! Our happiness is particularly striking as we have faced some personal tragedies in our few short months together. I know that we will continue to be able to rely on each other in hard times and I know that we will always have the memory of our perfect wedding day as a reminder of how much we love each other. Again, thank you for your participation in the development of our relationship and for providing such a sweet, sweet memory on which to reflect.

I hope that life is continuing to treat you well. And, I hope that we may all meet up again someday soon. Please know that we think of you and are very grateful that you were a part of our relationship often!

Best, M. & K.

Fewer Weddings this Year and Next - Book Early

As you may have guessed, I'm doing fewer weddings this year in order to make more time for potting and to be available for Inner Listening Therapy and Couples Counseling. I still enjoy doing weddings and the pre-marital work, just less of it!

At this time, I am booked for the summer but will take weddings for October - December and into next year. If you want me, it's best to book me early.

Couples Communication

Why One Needs to talk and the Other Doesn't

A good portion of the work I do with couples in the 2nd Session of Pre-marital Counseling involves how to resolve the difficulties that arise when we are "put together differently" in the subconscious, where we problem solve.

More often than not, a "talker" marries a "getaway think about it." Here are some of the differences between the two and it's not always women that need to talk:

The "Talker"

(Here after referred to as a Talker)

1. Needs to talk in order to get a light bulb moment. The "ah ha" moment comes from talking.
2. Does not want to be given an answer but wants to arrive at own "ah ha."
3. Talkers feel respected and loved when they are listened to and allowed to find their own conclusion.
4. Talkers feel cut off, disrespected, scared and belittled when not listened to or walked out on.
5. A Talker will always need to talk in order to discover their truth and needs and cannot become a Get Away Think About It.

The "Get Away Think About It"

(Here after referred to as a GATAI)

1. Needs time to think things through non-verbally, in their own head. The "ah ha" comes privately.
2. After getting their "ah ha" moment, they will talk to share their answer. but only if it feels safe. (ie. the Talker is cool and collected.)
3. GATAIs feel loved and respected when given the quiet time to think things through.
4. GATAIs feel verbally overwhelmed, attacked, frustrated and scared when pressed to talk without the time they need to think things through.
5. GATAIs will always need time to process on their own, especially with personal and important decisions and cannot become Talkers.

So often couples expect the other to change and function like they do, but that is not possible and can lead to deeper hurt and resentment. So helping couples understand the differences is step 1. Then, with the help of Present Moment and Self Awareness tools, we create a communication dynamic that honors their different needs and leaves both feeling, safe, loved and respected. With practice, the former dynamic that caused so much pain and anger is a thing of the past. Many couples are so happy to finally address a source of great stress in their relationship.

Let me know if I can help you create a healthier communication dynamic in your own life.

Spirituality

We honor our relationship with the Earth, ourselves, one another and the Divine.
Living intentionally, we do as little harm as possible.

Are Fireworks Really Harmless?

Bloody Paws, Miscarriages, Lost and Injured Pets, Toxic
Chemicals and Heavy Metals

Please click below:

<http://www.all-creatures.org/oadl/art-fireworks.html>

to learn what our "fun" is costing wildlife,
our pets, the environment, and find safer alternatives.



The pristine lake at our camp property in the western UP

The earth is the womb of God

Dear Reader,
I hope you are enjoying the summer, savoring each moment and
taking time to rest.
I wrote the poem below in 2004 for Families First Monthly.
It seems appropriate for these wet, humid days!
Blessings,
Julie ☺

*How precious is upon this earth
a little drop of rain.*

*Without which life could not exist
nor seeds turn into grain.*

*How lucky the robin upon our lawn
who searches for a worm.*

*His ears can hear in moisten soil
a meal begin to squirm.*

*How good it is after the rain
to awake to cooler air.*

*A brief nap invites inward flights
and discoveries so rare.*

How beautiful is each moment when seen through the eyes of love, when growing
old is but a promise of deepening compassion and joy.

The End