

Homemade News

Homemade Inc.

December 2025

Santa and his team are hiking in the mountains this year. I was supposed to hike around Mont-Blanc with friends this summer, but a knee injury convinced me otherwise. I joined Lynn in Italy instead. The smarter decision. We had a great trip despite the high heat. I learned a new expression: "Fa troppo caldo!". Have you noticed that it's AI AI almost everywhere nowadays? In my work it's used for everything. We're even rated on how much we use it. Crazy. Fully digested answers by AI can be nice and useful, but let's not forget to think, reflect, reason. Lest our brains turn to mush. Here is our 2025 in photos. Happy New Year 2026!

NEWS

In health news, Solange, Lison, Joseph-Jean, and recently Réjeanne have all had health issues. Our thoughts are with them all, wishing them "bon courage". In good news, we partied with the Bennetts in Newfoundland, with Aunt Agnes in Brantford, and had a great trip in France & Italy. Dominique won prizes for her quilt masterpieces. Visits from Lynn's sister Judy. Love it. Catherine & Nathan moved away from Verdun so we don't see them as often but we love to when we can.



Aunt Solange keeps her spirits up despite the tough times. Making funny faces.



Sept. - Dominique's Quilt Nov. - Train trip on the REM with Nathan

BUSINESS

Microsoft: always in a rush, lack of direction, chaos, disorganized. Periodically on-call 24/7. It's starting to be less fun than before. Time to move on? Thinking maybe next year. Lynn continues her Italian courses at Concordia, income tax work, and personal finance seminars. She loves it. She even has "groupies" that go to all her presentations.



February and June - Walks on Mont-Royal



Feb. - Birthday brunch for Solange and Dominique



August - Pan-fried Cod chez Judy and Gord - NL



Bennett Family Party chez Charles & Karen - NL



August - Weekend in Québec City



TRAVEL

Lyon, Rome, Orbetello. After Lyon I didn't join my friends as planned for hiking around Mont-Blanc. Lynn was taking an Italian course in Rome, so I joined her instead for a relaxed vacation. Rome, then a week in Orbetello in coastal Tuscany. Good times despite the heat and crowds of tourists in Rome. Weekend in Quebec City. Celebrating Aunt Agnes' 85th birthday with quick sightseeing detours to the McMichael museum and Niagara Falls.



May - at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection



May - Aunt Agnes' 85th birthday - Brantford ON



May - Niagara Falls



Sept. - Apple-picking with friends - Franklin QC



Lyon - Stopping for a small lunch with our travel companions Andrée et Jean-François



Autochrome - Lumière Brothers museum - Lyon



The pyramid of Caius Cestius
One of my Rome favorites



It's too hot !!! - Lyon



Bike ride from Orbetello to Porto Ercole



Fa troppo caldo !!!
Rome - Very hot temperatures. To the "Musei Capitolini" for some Roman Civilisation.. and air con.



Fa troppo caldo !!!
Porto Ercole - our bike ride ends with Lynn sticking her head in a pizza freezer. A bag of frozen peas and eating lemon sorbet to help. We then cool off at the local pub for a few hours.



Rome - The Coliseum, not to be missed



Orbetello - A well-deserved cold beer



Porto Ercole - a Caravaggio pilgrimage



Emperor Nero - Rome

More photos at:
<https://gorigami.dsmynas.net>
Happy New Year 2026 !