



Peeps throughout History

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Peeps of the Past Provide Peepspective for our Future

Many (about ten) years ago I orchestrated a short-lived Peeps diorama contest and PeepsShow tradition. It was sponsored by the History and Classics departments, all for the pleasure of the students at Macalester. Peeps Diorama contests were not my own idea. They originated at the Pioneer Press newspaper right here in St Paul in 2004. The Washington Post and I independently recognized the potential of the Peep diorama as a medium for expressing current and historical events, and they and I shamelessly stole the idea. The Washington Post's contest began in 2008 and has gained momentum and a national following, while our "History versus Classics but open to everybody PeepsShows" ran only six years from 2009 to 2014.

During this COVID-19 pandemic work-from-home moment, I have turned to Peeps dioramas for inspiration about Peeps resilience and creativity. To me, Peeps of the past provide lessons I can use to manage life today, and inspire hope for the future.

I hope you enjoy seeing these Peeps of the past, and join me in pondering the Peeps perspective (or Peepspective) view into the past that can provide inspiration about how we manage the present and approach our future.

Imagining that day when all we People can be together again.

-Herta

Peeps in adversity. Peeps of the past have been plagued by natural disasters: pandemics, pests, Pompeian eruptions.



Peeps of the past have also brought on a great deal of their own Peeps suffering: Wars, worries about witches, white supremacy



Powerful Peeps of the Past have abused their power, and other Peeps have worked to overcome their oppression.

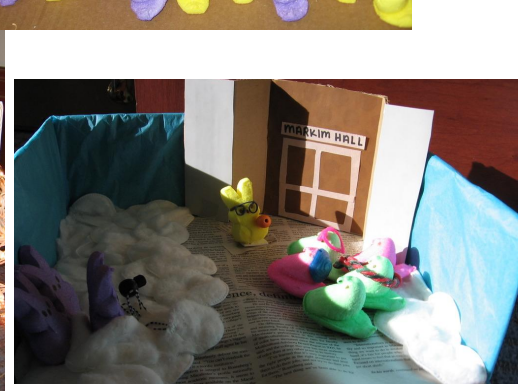


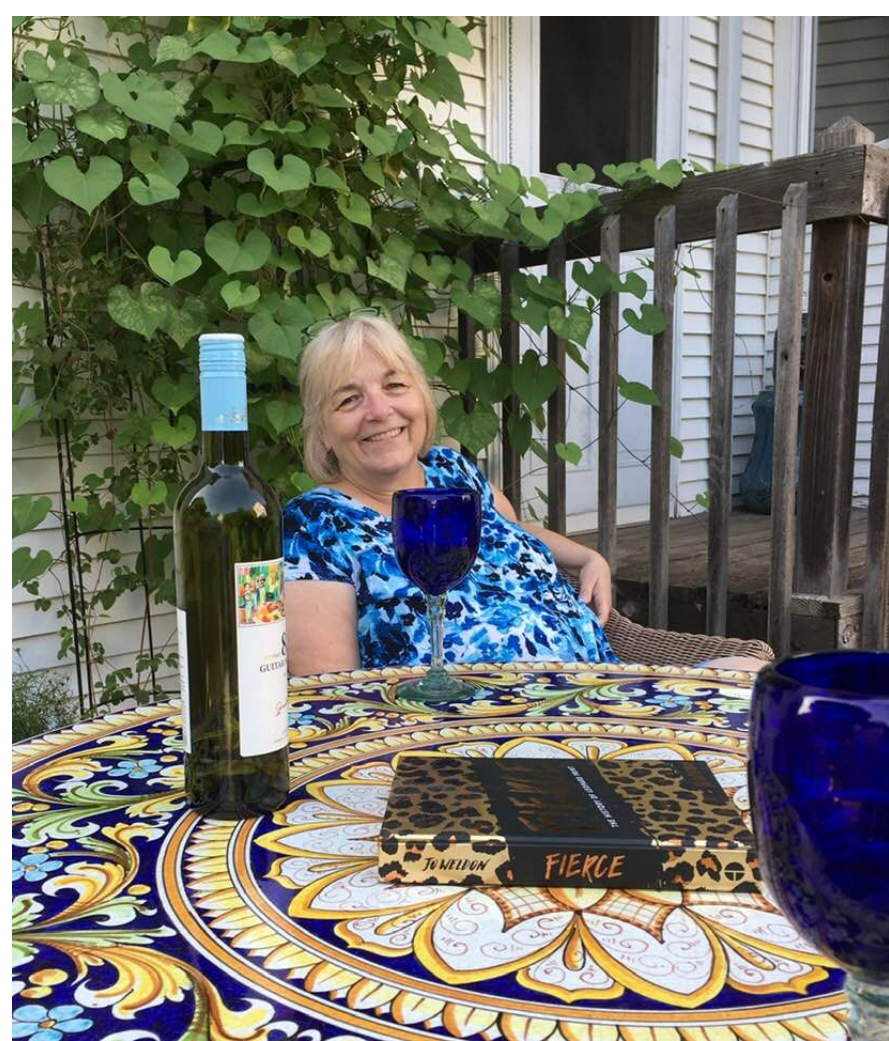
This “French Peepsvolution” diorama is my all-time favorite from the six years we did dioramas, so I’m including extra pictures of it. It’s my slide show and I’ll do what I want to.

Remember, Peeps overcome.



Peeps make sense of the world with stories, exploration, science, arts, and education.





Please don't forget to
have some fun.

My Peeps,

I made this slideshow for fun, and for love of you. I don't have a Peeps diorama to represent that.

Take heart,
Herta