

Kristine Leonard Young

Kristine has been creating tiny books, writing and fine artwork ever since she can remember. A Bahá'í pioneer all her life, she has lived in six different countries on four different continents and now lives in Alaska. She has written and edited over the years – journals, newsletters, book reviews, advertising, art books, photographs, and is currently co-editor of the Bahá'í news for Alaska, *Bahá'í Alaska*.

'Art and writing have always been intertwined for me however, writing became a core part of my life beginning with

my first research questions written in 1981 to the International Bahá'í Centre about the life of my great aunt Counsellor Leonora Holsapple Armstrong who passed away in Brazil in1980. With the arrival of my first package of photocopied Tablets and letters from Haifa, I was hooked. Little did I know that it would be a life-long path!'

Over the years the research paper binders travelled with Kristine from Indiana to South Africa to California, to Haifa and then to Alaska. Her research in addition to the five months spent living with her great aunt in Brazil promise to become an inspiring life story of dedication and stalwart perseverance.

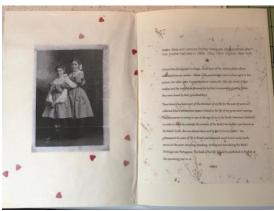
Writing and art have always been connected in Kristine's life and she has been an avid reader, painter and 'creative' over her career including teaching art for ten years. Her recent great love is plein air painting which she has great opportunities for in the wilds of Alaska.



Leonora S. Holsapple – Jan. 1921 On Board the S.S. Vasari between New York and Rio de Janeiro



Kristine up on Flat Top, part of the Chugach Mountain Range above Anchorage, Alaska



A page from one of Kristine's handmade books about her grandmother Alethe, and great aunt Leonora.



Art piece submitted for Submission to Green Acre Art Show 2022-2023 Show Theme: Creative Power of UnityMixed media - Pen & ink, watercolour, handmade stamps on handmade paper from India. The quote reads: "The brightness of the fire of your love will no doubt fuse and vivify the contending peoples and kindreds of the earth." Bahá'u'lláh



Kristine on Hatcher Pass in the Talkeetna Mountains above Wasilla, Alaska



Kristine's watercolor of the Casa courtyard at DRBI