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This was the first year Ken and I attended the Maricao Coffee Harvest Festival, held last month in the quaint mountain village by the same name. I thought the Bacardi Festival was wild, but it was quite apparent to us how much the Puerto Ricans love their coffee. Me, too. Maricao was wall to wall artesans, and as always it was a treat to walk about and admire the art. We even created a special coffee cup to commemorate the event!



I recently received an invitation to attend a festival, which has not been held on the island for many years - the International Artesan Fair San Juan 2004. Artists from 22 countries will participate, and I will be among the 125 artesans selected from Puerto Rico. It is quite an honor. If you are in the area, be sure to mark your calendar. The dates are May 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, and it will be held throughout Old San Juan, a truly beautiful setting. Artists will be grouped by categories, in order for us all to share our techniques – a real cultural exchange! A press conference was recently held, the main speaker being the Hon. Jorge A. Santini, Mayor of San Juan. Not being one to miss a photo op, I grabbed my camera and the mayor graciously obliged.



Congratulations to Cindy Mayer of Cincinnati, Ohio, the February Mini Basket winner! If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for our monthly drawing for a free mini basket. Details are on the home page of our site, [www.jansendesigns.com](http://www.jansendesigns.com).

*Andrea and Ken*