



**February Theme: With the dissipation of COVID, how or do you,
approach your work differently?**

Doris Mady -- While nothing about the way I work has been affected, I must say, how I display my work has *very much changed*. Indoors I *always* wear a mask when I'm some place where there are people I don't know. Not that people I know might not be transmitting anything, but I choose to be "paranoid" until things really change. Case in point, if a room is too small for a reception I don't go to *my own* receptions! It may sound crazy, but my mode of working has worked for me.

Lee Paine-- WHO SAYS COVID HAS DISSIPATED?

Who says COVID has dissipated?
Aren't all the variants related?
Last thing I knew,
there were way past two,
and their end is not yet fated!

But I needed to be very sure,
that I hadn't missed a cure --
NEWS: variants are numerous,
their forecast is gloomerous,
and not one of them is pure!

The Delta one's all gone,
and mostly the Omicron,
but XBB 1.5,
is very much alive --
but dissipated? Come on!

Now at 43 percent
of the "infections tent,"
XBB 1.5
will certainly strive
to get us. The malcontent.

By now, BH.5 and BH.1,
which were not any fun,
nor either BF.7,
all gone to variant Heaven,
but BQ 1.1's come out in the sun!

So which one will come next?
Endless variants will vex
and challenge us,
kill us or spare us.
Perhaps we should try a hex?

Heather Sandifer -- Absolutely no change in how I approach my work!

**March Theme: What was the "AHA Moment" that encouraged you to follow
your passion for art, music, or writing?**



GUIDELINES --- Original artwork and photographs: Jpegs no larger than 500 kb. Proofread stories, essays and poems: 150 words *more or less*; photographs related to your story are permitted. Music: one page scores only, with text. Send your submission no later than the 20th of the month for the upcoming month. i.e., for January send Dec. 20th; February send Jan. 20th, etc. Email: dorismady42@gmail.com.

Let's hear from YOU!