



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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In honor of New Orleans having the willpower and intestinal fortitude to host Mardi Gras this year and for NOT listening to all of the nay sayers... Happy Fat Tuesday! My hat (and beads) are off to them! I hope it is a grand success.



Follies will be short and sweet this week. Lots going on. Just one really quick tale ...

When my mom passed on, she left me a really pretty mink stole. But since stoles are not in style right now, I hated to just store it away and never use it. I have a friend who makes teddy bears out of old minks, so I took it to her and we had a blast. First, here is a white teddy bear that she made for one of her grand babies. Then, here are the scrapes (which I am saving, of course.) and the bottom photo is of the legs which I made!



Before I show you the finished product, I will tell you that years ago I took a date to the auction we have every year and one of the items was one of these mink teddy bears. No one had ever seen one at that point and the bidding went wild. My date was going to buy it for me, but I made him stop when the price got up to \$3,000! Anyway, that Easter, the doorbell rang, and when I went to the door, there was a HUGE white Easter basket with this hand made

white mink bunny rabbit in it! He had hired someone in New York City to make it for me. Isn't that the sweetest thing!



OK, enough of that...here is my new teddy bear! I just LOVE him!

Kay even saved my mom's monograms from the inside of the stole and sewed them onto the foot. Now I can keep it out in my room and enjoy it all of the time instead of stuffing it in some closet or storage somewhere.

Pretty cool, huh?



I also wanted to share this with you. A friend of mine, Dee, is a professional photographer, and even though she photographs everything and is an exceptional wedding photographer, she has a fondness for animals. She invited her friends to bring their pets for a photo shoot last week so she could practice and start a portfolio of animals. (I wanted to take Gandalf, but he is really in too bad of shape.) Anyway, look at these photos from two afternoon sessions with her friends' pets! Just awesome! I'll have to get her to come take a few of my birds at some point. ☺K, like I said, I have to go. I am also sending you Fat Tuesday recipes this week. Hope you enjoy them and jokes are to follow.



To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

God bless.
Remember, life is short...we need to make it a good one.
Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,

Judi Godsey



P.S. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!