



# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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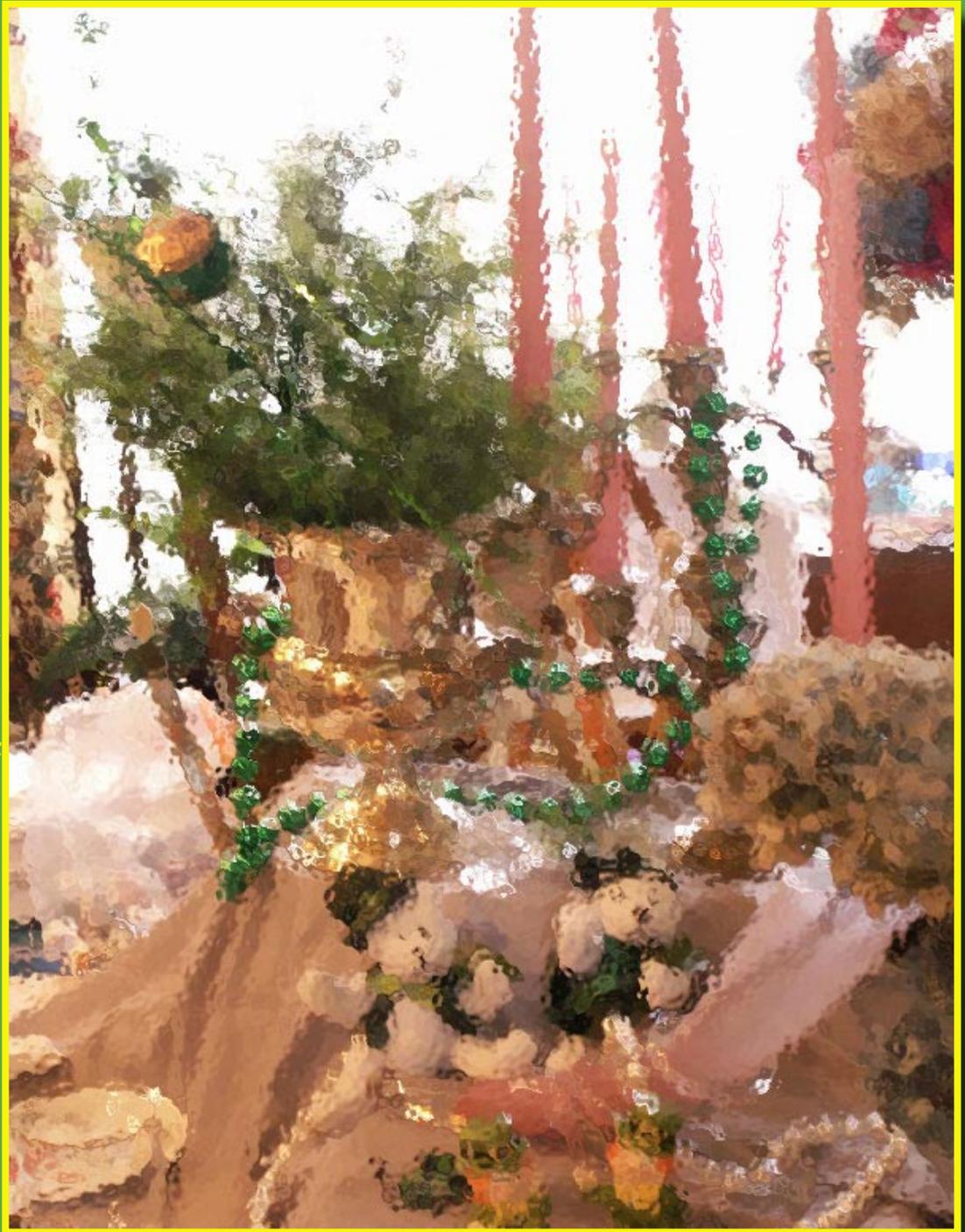
Hey!

Happy St. Patrick's Day - a bit early! Celebrate like there's no tomorrow! Besides, there may not be!

I know there is not much time before St. Pat's, but I still pulled out all of my Irish decorations. I love it! I also pulled out all of my Easter stuff, even though it is not really "out and decorated" yet. I just was too lazy to pull all of the boxes out twice! Ha!

I actually have twice as much Easter stuff as St. Patty's. And last year, I did not even bother to decorate for St. Patty's Day. But we have had such incredible weather, that I got inspired. It was actually 80 degrees today (Monday - the last of my Spring Break vacation days...). I got up early and took care of a few errands, then went to Lowe's and got a new umbrella and cushions for my patio. The old ones had faded beyond use last year and my umbrella snapped during a wind storm. Anyway, while putting that stuff out, I started to sweat! I went inside, put on a swim suit, and proceeded to paint my back door! It was just awesome! I actually got a lot of sun!

Well, it seems that LOVE is in the air...



Or at least in the nest! My canaries have been laying eggs since February, but none hatched. I knew it was too early then, but this time they are all sitting on clutches and as of this writing I have four babies that have hatched and six other eggs that I am watching with high hopes! The sweet bird on the cover and to the right here, has never had a clutch before. She has two beautiful eggs and she built the prettiest nest. Amazing how they just *know* how to do that. I hope they are fertile and hatch because the daddy bird is what they call a "red factor." He is out-of-this-world beautiful! I think he will be a good dad because he even takes her food during the day so she does not have to leave the nest. Again - how do they just *know* how to do that? I love them. They all bring me such *joy*!

The little bird asleep at the bottom of the page is actually blind. I do not expect him to last too long, but I have been saying that for a while now. I have him in a special, small cage, with a warm light on him, and I have to take him out of his cage and wash his little face every morning. Sad because he is so sweet and pretty. Maybe he will last. We will see. He is pretty weak, though.

The others hens here are *Yellow Bird* and *Mama Bird*. Fancy names, huh? :-) Hey, I've had scores over the years. You finally run out of clever names!



This page just shows a few of the "Irish" decorations, and on the next page are a few of my "Irish" paintings. Just fun. I hope I never get too old to enjoy doing this silly stuff. One day, I may have grandchildren who will appreciate it, right?



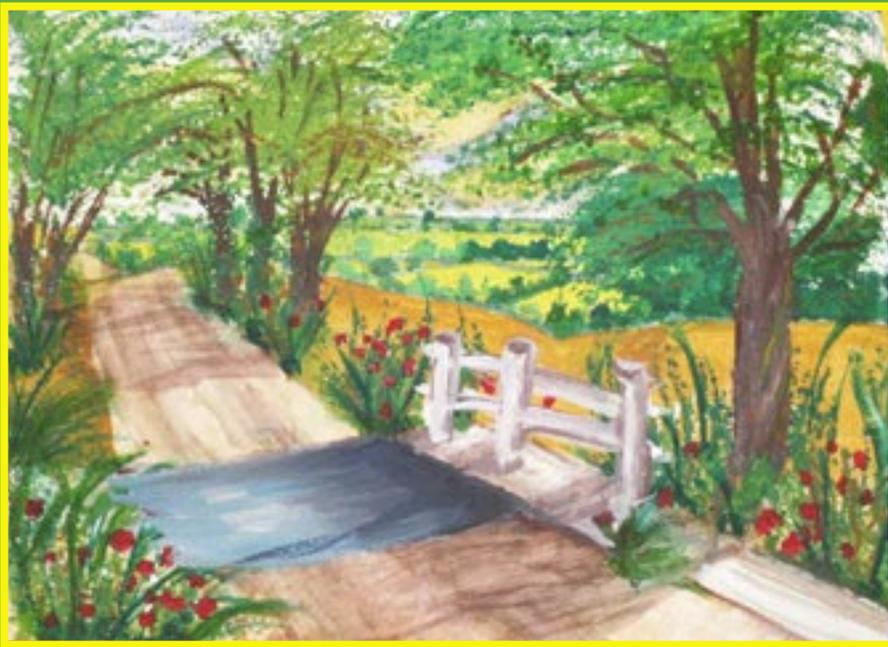
Speaking of which, Jessica and Ricky are headed for a much needed break this week to Arizona to see their new nephew. They just had the busiest weekend The Jewish Mother has had in its entire thirty years! Amazing. Nice article in the paper this week, too.



Jeremy was happy this past weekend, too because Phish had three shows at the "Mothership" - the Hampton Coliseum. He was able to attend all three and saw lots of his friends. His job seems to be going just fine. Yea!

The weight loss is coming along steadily! It is certainly not nine pounds a week anymore, but two or three, which is fine with me. So long as it is coming off, I am happy! I am trying to be good this week so I can splurge a bit on St. Patty's Day when Ken is home. We plan to eat out, and I certainly do not want to be worrying with a diet! I am already a bit worried about baseball season starting up, though. Unless we eat in the restaurant, I am not sure what I can have! Hot-dogs, french fried, cotton candy, wine, beer, funnel cakes - none of those are gonna work, that is for sure!





Speaking of food, Just Judi's Favorites Volume Five • Sides is getting some interest. That pleases me! One friend in California wrote and said I should do a cookbook for pets. I agree, and that is now on the agenda. I even have a professional photographer, (Dee on my links page), who is interested in doing the photographs for it. That should be cool.



But for now, look up Volume Five on my links page and go take a sneak peek. I also have some scrumptious free recipes on my recipe page for St. Pat's Day! Even if you are by yourself for St. Pat's, you can have some Irish coffee or some corn beef and cabbage! Yum!

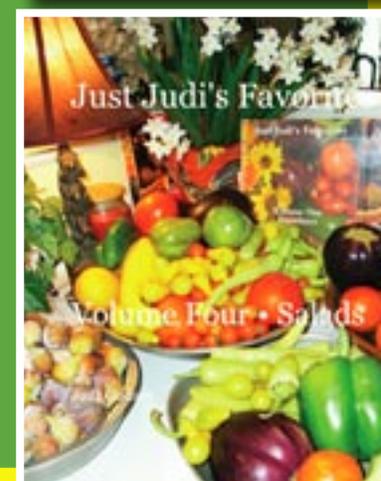
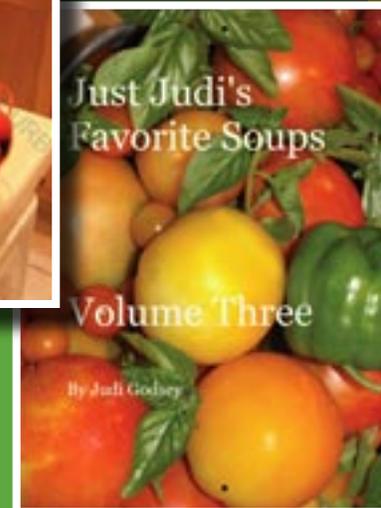
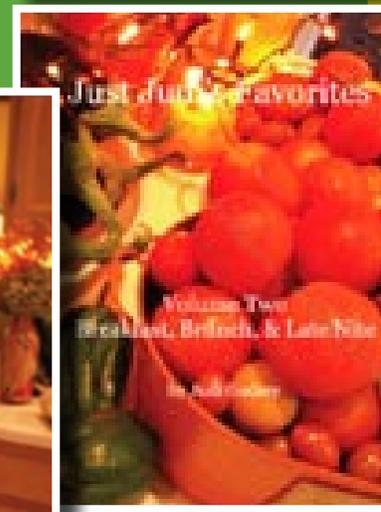
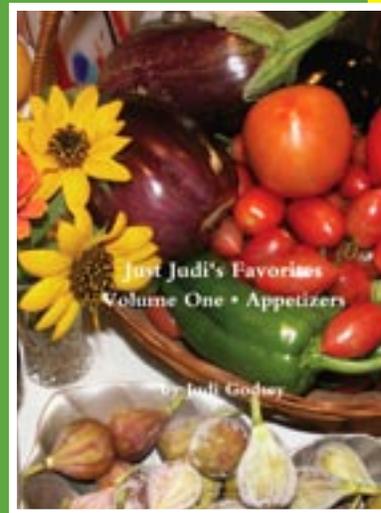
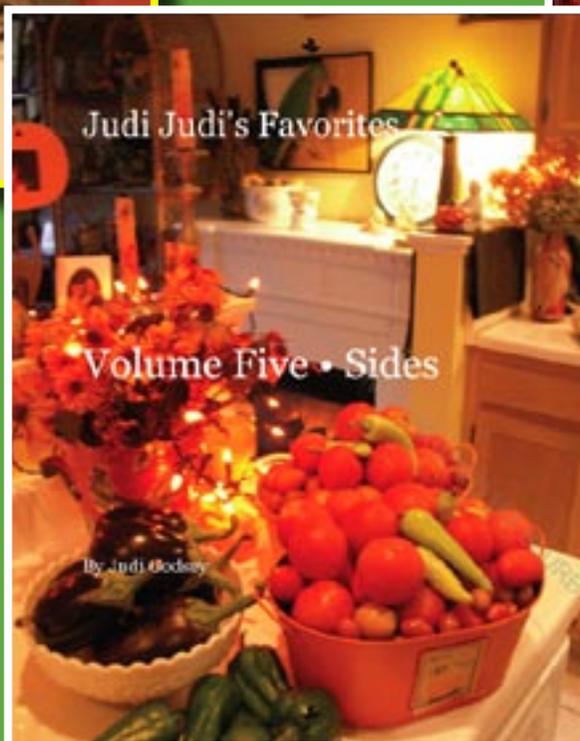
Take a look.





Here are the cover shots again for you and the addresses for previewing below. It doesn't cost anything to look, Ya'll!

Since I talked about it last week, I have had numerous people ask about the Blurb.com website. It really is a cool way to self-publish until you are ready for the next step. Check it out. Some amazing stuff there.

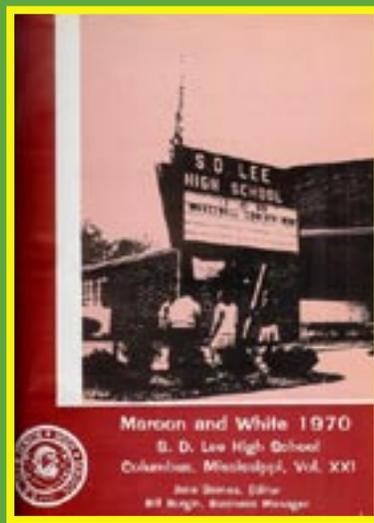
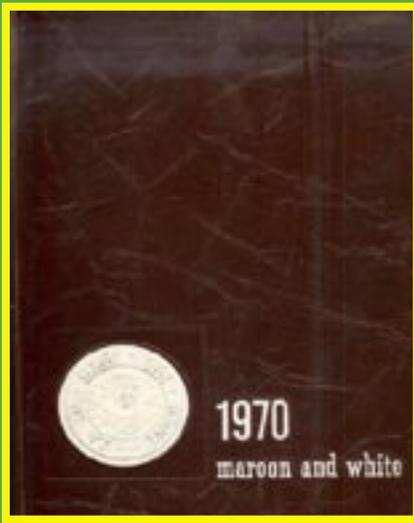


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My Pearl is still in the shop!  
But I hope to have her back  
sometime in the next week!  
Yea! Just in time to haul some  
mulch and gravel. I MISS her!  
After I decided to get her fixed,  
I actually had an offer on her.  
I am going to keep her for a  
while longer, though. I use her  
too much to let her go just yet.  
The offer actually came from  
the fellow I bought her from.  
He wants her back, too! HAHA!



"THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON"

Randy Matthews, Debbie Garafalo, center, and Judi Greenhaw are three of the S.D. Lee High School students who will be featured tonight in the annual Senior Class play. "The Admirable Crichton" will be presented at the school tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults. (Staff Photo by Charlie Hopkins)

Remember last week when  
I told you that a friend and I  
were going to start a page on  
Facebook for our high school  
class - even though our reunion  
is over a year away? Well, I did  
most of the talking, and she got  
busy and *did it!* Very cool!

Since then, several of us have  
started digging through old

photos and clipping and I found this one. It was my Senior Play. Tickets for the play were only \$1! My favorite memory of this play was when we did a "sneak preview" for the school. It was only one scene after we had been ship-wrecked. My line as I climbed through the window of my hut was supposed to be, "Father! Assert yourself!" I was so nervous that when I climbed through the window and saw the entire school sitting there, I said, (Are you ready?) "Father! Insert yourself!" Yes... the most embarrassing moment in my entire life when the entire student body fell out of their chairs! I did not even know that I had said it or what it implied until someone told me later! Too funny now. Wasn't then!

Have a great week, guys! I plan to.

**T**o 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, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

**G**od bless.  
**R**emember, life is short!  
We need to make it a good one.  
Grow in peace and wisdom.  
Your Friday Friend,



**Judi Godsey**

PS. 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!