



FRIDAY FOLLIES

April 17, 2009

Look Who Came Home For Easter!

Hey!

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Hope you had a FABULOUS Easter Holiday! I do not remember enjoying one more. I got a lot of work completed, saw many friends and family, worked in the yard, did some spring cleaning and shopping, lots of cooking, and relaxed on Easter Sunday.

As you can see from the cover, my sweet "Pearl" (AKA The White Lion), made it home for Easter! I had so much fun going to the hardware stores and hauling plants and gravel and such. I also got busy and scrubbed the inside of her until she Sparkled! Next, I have to paint the outside of her and clean her up real good! (See I even get a twang to my voice when I talk about her...) The only thing I noticed is that they gave her a new windshield and it leaked during a rain storm. I will have to get that fixed right away!

Also this past week, Beth, a friend from high school in Mississippi whom I have not seen since graduating thirty-something years ago, was in town for her Spring Break. We reconnected through



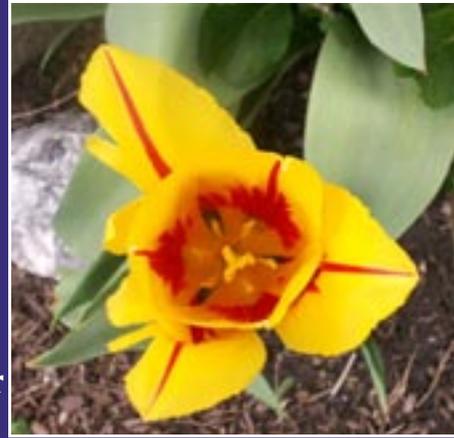


Facebook and discovered that she lives in Richmond and I am here at the "Beach!" Once she found out she was coming this way, she called and we hooked up for dinner one night. It was great to see her, and honestly, since I left my home town after college and never went back except to visit family, it was very strange to hear all of the names and have so many flash backs! Real flashbacks! Beth obviously stays in much better touch with her class (one year ahead of me) than I did with mine. Anyway, it was a real trip, and we plan to get together again before another thirty years go by!

That is one of the great things about Facebook. I have discovered many friends from my "previous lives" who live up this way. Just very cool. I also, for work, started a Twitter account. Not sold on that yet. I love it for the news feeds and some of the tips, but still have not had much time to "play" with it and learn about it. I think it would be awesome for a business, so perhaps I will continue to explore. If you are on Twitter, my screen name is Judiwithanicom (no dot). "Follow me" and I will "Follow you." :-). I think it is a bit *twickier* than Facebook, though.

Have you done your taxes yet? I gave all of my stuff to my accountant early in February. I always do, and he always filed an extension! I guess my little account is not enough for him to mess with, but I sure do like to get my refund! I need to call him... BTW, the jokes that follow the Follies for those of you on the Friday Follies lists are IRS jokes this week. Some are old; Some are new; but they are all pretty funny. I hope you enjoy them.

I have now lost 23 pounds! I had a bit of a setback last week, but I am back on track now. I actually had lost more than that, but then came Easter and I *refuse* to diet on holidays! The funny thing is, I thought I would look older





after loosing weight, but I think it actually makes me look younger... well, younger than dirt, that is. :-)
But I LOVE the way I have to try on several outfits before I find one that fits. Just tickles me! Onward! I want to get to 25 pounds and then I will see if I can go farther. Not sure I can. I have not been this size in over ten years, so my frame may not like that...



Easter Sunday was awesome! Everyone was tired from Saturday night, so we all slept in. The original plan was to have breakfast at my house at 9:00. Knew that would not happen. We ended up having brunch here at 11:00. Just relaxed, had coffee, read the paper, visited, and then ate and ate, and ate! We had blueberry muffins, scrambled eggs, cheese grits, and a spiral ham.



Of course I had Easter baskets for them all. It really tickles me how even adult children still like Easter baskets. Their eyes still kinda light up when they see them. There is not a lot of swapping going on because I make sure they are all identical - well - Jessica's was pink and the guys had yellow baskets.

It was also fun after brunch to sit around and try each others iPhones out. We all had different applications so we were all writing down things we wanted to download. Really funny.

You know, there is probably a bunch of stuff I could tell you, but I am just so tired and stressed out after work today, that I am basically brain-dead. I still have a ton of work to do, and I wanted to try to work on one of my new paintings a bit tonight, so I guess I will close soon...





Oh! I will tell you this, though. A very “posh” art gallery here at the “Beach” wanted two of my paintings for their exhibit! Isn’t that flattering!

Unfortunately, the two they asked for are *not for sell*. I know that is STUPID on my part, but just starting out, I hate to sell my two favorite painting! What if I can never replicate them? Hahaha! I am serious as a heart attack! Plus, the violin has a very special, emotional meaning for me.

It still pleases me that they asked, though. Maybe I will get my nerve up now and take a few I don’t mind selling to a few galleries. You never know... you know...



OK. Hold that spirit of Easter, rebirth, renewal, and spring close to your heart as we head into this next stretch! We all need a little "rebirth" from time-to-time! Let the "kid" inside come on out and play!



If you get a chance, take a look at the cook books and order one or two or all five volumes! I had the most number of viewings I have ever had last week - on ALL of my cook books. Now if more folks would just order them... :-) Working on Volume Six. Will let you know how it is going.

Now that I think about it, it is probably not a good sign that I have lost 23 pounds while working on my cook books... HAHHA!

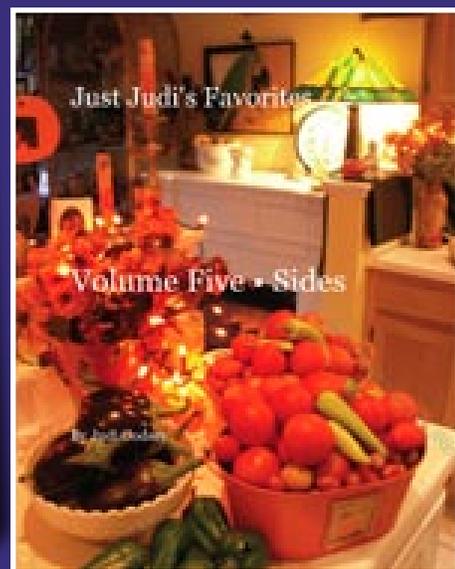
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To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, 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!

God bless.
Remember, 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!