

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, I did it!

I performed for the first time in public! AND, I ended up having to play a SOLO! The surprise birthday party started fifteen minutes earlier than expected, so I had to play WITHOUT Charlotte!

Later, after she ar-



rrived, we played it again as a duet. It sounded much better with her there!



Some of my buddies at work!



I actually did OK by myself and was not nervous or embarrassed which surprised me!

I squeaked a bit a couple of times, but hit all of the notes and was on key...so, all in all...for such a hard version of the song... I

did real well! It was FUN! And Charlotte was stunned that I actually played it by myself before she got there!

Now, I will be able to play it for my son and daughter's birthdays which are coming up

next month! Cool, huh?

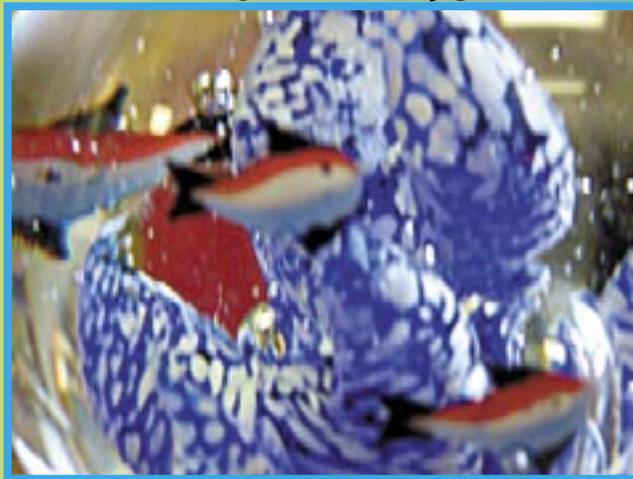
Charlotte has decided to give me much more challenging work now. Ha! I guess that is OK, though. I am starting to fit practicing into my daily schedule! Sure makes a difference! It has actually gotten to be fun!

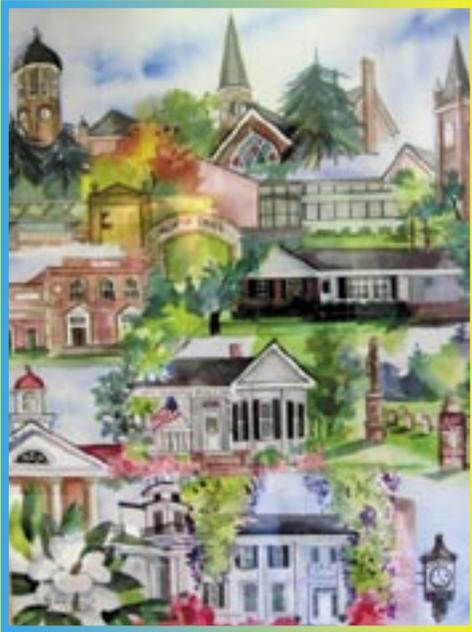
OK, for my next number...

I thought I would use some of my practice photos I made this week with my new digital camera for work. I am still learning all of the bells and whistles, but it takes great close up and zoom shots. I like it a lot, and it has a HUGE monitor that covers the whole back of the camera so you do not have to strain to see what you have

taken. The next two pages have shots of some of my favorite things in my office. Look what good close ups of my paper-weight collection! If I could get the glare off of the glass, they would actually look better. Maybe I could figure that out in Photoshop.

Then there is good ole "Mr. Moose". He was actually a moose head prop over the fireplace in one of the first plays I directed - Harvey. He has followed me to every office I have ever had! Then there is the tombstone the kids made for me when I had to have surgery and could not finish directing Tom Sawyer. When I went to the play, they had it as a surprise for me in the graveyard scene! Hilarious! My antique card catalogue. (I use that to store photos and CD.s) and a pillow. Pretty good camera, eh?





These are three of the paintings in my office. The first one is a watercolor of all of the cool places I remember from my hometown. The next is a HUGE painting on a painting that is extremely intricate and covers one whole wall, and the last was painted by a former student who is legally blind and has won countless awards for his artwork since graduating from college. It is a treasure...



OK, Act III! I had just a lovely week. Went to

Rotary one night - which I have not been to in a month of Sunday's! It was wonderful. Like "going home!"



Had dinner with friends at Lee Anne's one night - a real treat...Laughed so hard I thought I would die! Had plans on Friday and worked every waking second on Saturday. I figured if I worked really hard all day long on Saturday, then I could play the rest of the weekend. That is exactly what I did!

I worked so hard in the yard that I almost cancelled my plans Saturday night...I was so soar, I could hardly walk! But there was too much going on to stay home. This weekend was the Chesapeake Jubilee and the Beach Music Festival among other things. I had back stage VIP tickets for the weekend. I did not go Friday night, so Saturday a friend and I went (forgot to take the camera!) Anyway, it was COLD on the beach! We walked back stage to the VIP area and got beverages, then sat up our beach chairs on the third row in front of the stage, but there was still a few minutes before the concert started...General Johnson and the Chairman if the Board. So, we decided to go over to the new Hilton here on the beach and get a bite to eat...We were

freezing! When we walked in, they said it was a TWO HOUR WAIT for a table. The bar was so packed you could not even elbow your way in to "belly-up." Even the Sushi bar was packed with a wait list. We went upstairs to the rooftop bar (Beautiful, incredible view of the city and the ocean) and then went back down and got a table on the patio by the open pit fireplaces. No wait there - everyone must have thought it was too cold. Bottom line, we sat there and talked, ate, laughed, and had the best time...THEN we remembered the concert! By the time we got back over there, it was OVER! Ha!

I WISH I had had my camera. Our two little beach chairs were still sitting there in the moonlight in front of the stage while the crew was packing everything up. They had beer bottles and trash all over them. I guess they had a good time, too! It was really funny!



Sunday (today) was about the most perfect day I can ever remember. I got up and read the paper and took care of all of the animals and then painted a bit. Here is the start of the latest one. I am getting more self confident because this one is BIG! Obviously, it is going to be primitive (a real departure from what I have been doing) and the colors are just blocked in at the moment, but I think I am going to like it! It actually looks better "in person".

But after that, I worked in the yard a bit, and then, my new motto since moving into this house - "In the Sun by One!" I had a pitcher of cold margaritas, my book to work on, and had the wind, sand, sun, and sea all around. It was Blissful! I live north of the board walk, so there aren't many tourists up here. Mostly college-age kids. The beach is huge and not nearly as crowded, but at one time, I watched a volleyball game, a frisbee game, dogs playing catch, a football game, and even a boyfriend and girlfriend pitching a softball all simultaneously. The surf was the highest I can remember around here on a nice day and there must have been thirty surfers right in my one block area. One of them was my friend that cuts my yard (and my asparagus fern! smile). I got home in plenty of time to cook on the grill, rearranged most of the stuff in the backyard, practice the violin and do these Follies.

I took these photos of my birds with the new camera and thought I would throw them in this week too. Several of you said you wanted to see the new babies. Trust me, they are UGLY at this point. Give them a week to ten days, and they will be cute. Give them three to four weeks, and they will be GONE! (Ha!) First is Helena on her three eggs and her mate,



Cream Cycle. Then there is sweet little Guinevere on her three eggs and her mate, Chester. Then the three wild boys, Huey, Sir Lancelotte, and Brown Baby. Next up, Lucy and Ethel...those crazy gals! Then a shot of Lucy getting ready to do her "upside down" trick. And last, the Finches. Mama, Papa, the four older sibling, and the five new babies.



I TOLD you the babies were UGLY!



OK, I will leave you this week with this shot the school took of me for the website. I was doing a book review for the library page. They took it, posted it, and no one has realized that I held the book upside down! HAHHAHA! Have a good week, all.



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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, 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



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!