

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Where the heck do I start?
What a crazy week and weekend!

I mean, Memorial Day weekend was fantastic - but still a blur. I wish I had three more days to celebrate the onslaught of summer. I simply did not have enough time!

There was the yard, the flowers, the garden, the animals (not to be taken lightly...), then friends, their parties, relaxing with drop-in friends at my house, the opening of the neighborhood swimming pool on the lake, trying to finish the website enough to go "live" with it very soon, cook-outs, back yard get-togethers, children visiting Ollie, and on and on! Whew!

I am ready for a break! Sincerely! Getting back to work this week will be a blessing! It was perfect, though... the weather... the weekend, I mean. Just perfect. If I could have planned the weather for a whole three day weekend, I do not think I could have done it any better... just awesome! One of the reasons I love living at the "Beach!"

Well, Jessica borrowed "Pearl" this weekend and I got a call Monday night at ten from her saying "Pearl" had broken down and she had gotten a friend to come pick her up. So, first thing Tuesday morning I had to go find where "Pearl" was left, call to have her towed, and then waited all day for the verdict. YIKES! He just called and it is the Fuel Pump to the tune of \$600 PLUS the towing! What a way to start the summer, eh? I swear, just when I think I might be getting ahead a little bit - along comes a surprise. It seems to be a monthly occurrence these days. Oh, well. It could be worse. Shocking, though, none the less.

I also took my paintings in for the exhibit today. Votes from last week were pretty close, but the Roses Reflected really does look much better than Laundry Day in person. The reception is Thursday night and a reporter friend of mine is coming Thursday morning to do a story and get a photo. Not just on me, of course. Some of the artists are very well known with extensive credentials. That is why it will probably be a very cool show... the very beginning and the very supreme.

Look, I really know my stuff is not good. I am not that vain! But I also realize it is not terrible for someone just starting out, either. One way I can tell it is not good, though, is because it sat in my office in plain view all day long and not one, single, solitary person in my department said a word to me about it. HAHAHA! The Art Department Chair came in and critiqued and praised, but not one person from my office even said a word! HAHAHA! They are so supportive!



I have included some photos this week of my beautiful flowers. They are coming in nicely! And my new roses are blooming. They are gorgeous! I am so proud of them. Look at the little variegated fellow on the right, here! And can you see Liberty (L'il Birdie's) silhouette against the window? Tiny, but cool.

BTW, I hope to have sound added to my website shortly so you can hear some of the sounds of this house. Just amazing with the Canaries singing and Liberty "practicing" his syllables and Ollie barking at the cat outside... I live in a Zoo!

The garden is on the next page and suddenly has





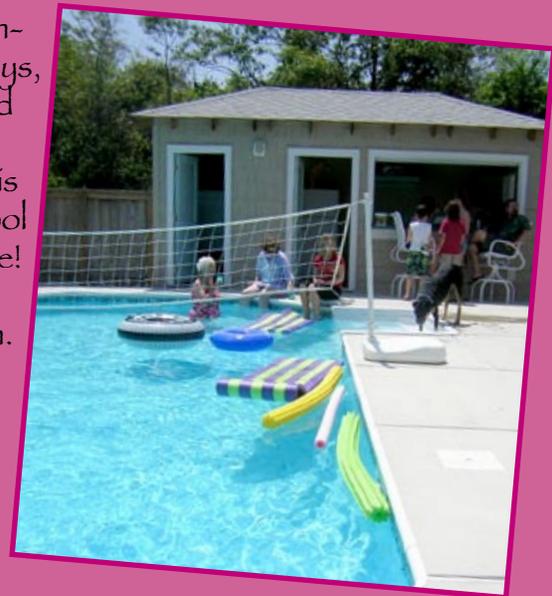
exploded! I have tomatoes ripening on the vine and, honestly, there are so many squash blossoms that the plants look like lilies in the morning when they are open and fresh. It is going to be a GOOD garden - cramped - but good. I will allow more space for it next year. I certainly hope that I am not digging up a new garden again this time next year! It would be nice to stay put for a couple of years! Geeze. I feel like a freakin' gypsy!

I harvested Basil, Oregano, Chives, Rosemary, and Scallions this weekend. Had enough to even give some away to the neighbors! Awesome! Garlic didn't take, but I really think I planted it upside down. Those things happen, ya know...



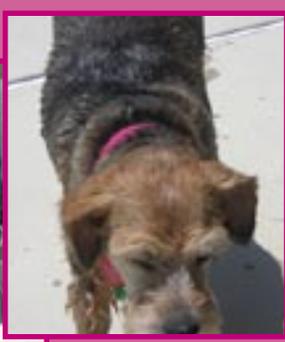
Went to three extremely nice parties on Sunday! One at Trish and Steve's out at their vacation home in Sandbridge. The house is great, one block from the Atlantic, and they rent it out most of the year.

They reserve it for themselves on special holidays, though. Now that would be so nice, wouldn't it? They just completed this Cabana out by their pool and it MAKES the place! It has a full kitchen and bath and dressing room.



Oliver in "Time-Out" after digging in the yard. This is his self-appointed "Time-Out" corner. (Hee hee!)





How NICE! Steve is in construction, so you can imagine how well it was built. Here is another shot of the Cabana, their babies -Bob and Anna - and then Trina, Trish and me, exhausted and hot!

Went from there to a really nice cook-out at Kevin and Wendy's, but they knew I could not stay. Sorry, guys!

That was followed up with a cook-out at Suzanne's. Awesome food! And Suzanne's back and side yards are no bigger than mine, but I swear, it is like a "fairy tale land." It is so beautiful with great, comfy, substantial patio furniture, a hot tub, TV's mounted outside, beautiful, whimsical, twinkling lights and pedestal lanterns, a huge grill, hot tub, fireplace, a lake view, hammock, you name it. It really inspired me to concentrate on fixing up my backyard more. I mean, with a puppy, it would be ridiculous, but I am going to as soon as he gets a bit older. It was just so warm and inviting. It doesn't have to be huge! In fact, it is kinda cozier, if it is small and beautiful, ya know. (Well, then there is Kevin and Wendy's which is BIG and Beautiful AND cozy!)



Then Monday, I checked out the neighborhood pool by the lake that opened this weekend. Ya know, sometimes you just want to go to a pool and not fool with hauling all of that stuff to the beach. Monday was that kind of day! Man! Was it NICE! It is much larger than

this photo shows, all of my neighbors were there - everyone very friendly - and then Suzanne brought her grand kids over and Dr. Jane was there with her's, too. Just a great time! The pool also has a huge, gas grill that anyone can roll out and use anytime they want. My neighbors and I decided that we would have many a dinner sitting around that pool this summer!

My neighbors are so nice. I came out on Monday to start to work on



the yard and get the lawn mower ready, and my yard had been mowed and edged! How nice is that!!! That is just the kind of neighborhood it is! Very cool. I do it for them, and they do it for me!

OK, a couple of quick shots from the pool. This guy deserves the "Father of the Year Award!" He played NON-STOP with the kids in the pool - ALL of the kids in the pool - for three, solid hours. He was amazing. And the next guy may be up for the "Normal Father of the Year Award!" He just sat up every once in a while, raised his glasses and looked to see what his kids were up to. Very funny!

The next shots are of the cutest little girl I have ever seen. She was only 15 months old, but she was precious! Look how tiny she is on this table top.

And then, of course, Suzanne with her "babies."

It was just a wonderful, wonderful time.

Oh, and I wanted to tell you, while sitting by the pool or at the beach, I always take a stack of magazines that I never have time to read otherwise. It is so much fun to tear out recipes and read articles... Anyway, I pulled out one of my Mississippi Magazines and saw this beautiful house on the cover, and then I open up to read about it on the TOC page. It turned out that someone I know from high school was the architect. I kept reading and it turned out that the house belongs to one of my high school girl friend's moms!



Unreal!
Look at this place!

OK! I gotta go. Lots to do!

Pray for our Friday Friends in Indonesia. Still have not heard from them.

Website will go live this weekend. I will let you know when. Not finished, but enough there to be good, long while! I hope you like it - thus far!

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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, 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



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!