

FRIDAY FOLLIES

JUNE 9, 2006



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What a fantastic week! Thank you to all of you locally who came to the art reception, called, or sent emails. It was really cool and an experience that I will always cherish. There should be an article in the paper next Sunday about the whole thing (I will only be mentioned, of course), but I will watch for it and will show it to you.

The reception was awesome! Great, beautiful food, wine, a jazz trio, and many of the artists were so accomplished. Not like me - just starting out... I simply had a blast! I felt so honored! From the caterers, to the maintenance staff, to the guests, I really think everyone had a good time.



Here is a cute photo with Wendy, Phyllis, and Amy. Very special time for me.

Then the day after the show (actually on the QT that night) my boss came up to me asking if she could please buy my "Misty Flowers."

She



wants them for her dinning room. I just do not know if I can part with them! Well, I guess for the right price I could be convinced... (smile). But I LOVE them. I will let you know who wins this one.

Then, here is a silly photo with Cyndy showing off her favorite of my works.

Actually Cyndy started about the same time that I did, but she has been taking lessons. She is MUCH farther along than I am. In fact, two of hers are on the cover this week.



The center pieces were to die for! Very, very clever! And the other artists were a trip, too. The black and white painting is a portrait of the lady standing next to it. It was so lifelike - and I KNOW you are never supposed to say this about a painting - but it is the truth!!! - everyone thought it was a photograph until they got up close to it! She has been painting all of her life and studied in college, but gave it up for twenty or so years. This is one of the ones she completed this year as she "got back into it." Just amazing talent. Below you have Neal, Kim, and John, all very dear, long-time friends, and to the right are the ladies and gent who put this whole thing together.

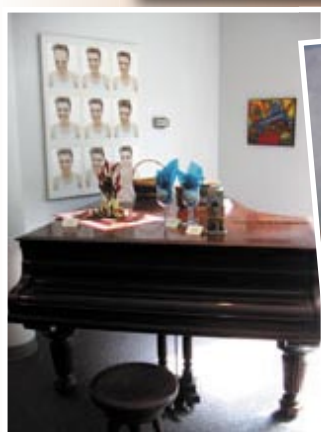
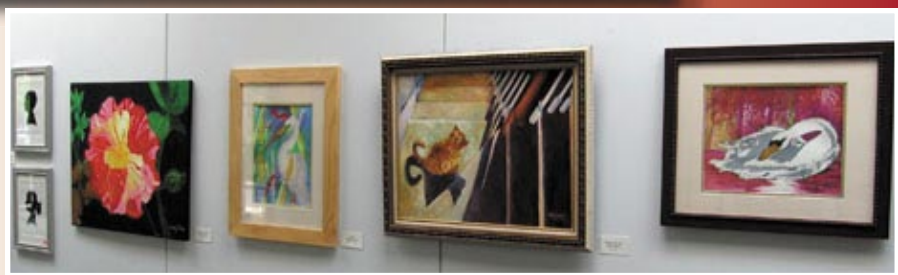
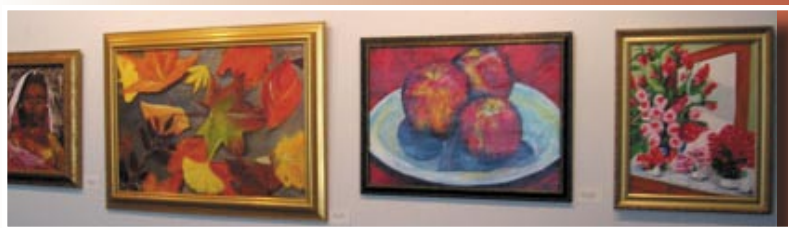


I love this photo because Paul came up to me and asked how to buy a photograph that he liked. I found the photographer and "Boom!"



It was done!
Maybe I should have asked for a commission... ya think?

Here I will just show you the placements of some of my painting and then will move along with things. Hey! Humor me! I have never done anything like this before!



Well, I hope you have had a chance to explore the website a bit. The comments have been amazing. Truly awesome. Even the constructive criticism has

been good. Several of you were concerned about safety issues. I think that has been taken care of. A couple - well, actually numerous - comments about the recipes and questions about when will they be ready. A lot wanted to know if they could submit recipes, too - actually - more men asked than women! That surprised me.

The plan right now is to first post my holiday recipes (one for each holiday) and then special menus for special times. After those are up, then yes, I plan to have a page with recipes that friends have sent in so we can all exchange and swap. Cool, huh? Down the road a bit, I will also have access to my cook books. They will be for sale, though. Lots of work went into those. I also have a cook book that will be sold along with my sauces and salsas. I am even working on a special design for the display. That is a little bit away, though.

A couple of typos were spotted... THANKS! And folks were anxious to see the links. I really think that page is going to be cool. So many of you have your own businesses and I really want to show them off. If you are on the Friday Follies list and have a business or personal webpage that you want me to boast about, send me the address.

All in good time.

I have to tell you this, though. I have this one friend, male, who is just demented! He is actually a deacon in his church, but he is a NUT case! He called me from his office today to say that he really liked the site and that he had been through every room in the house. He said, though, that he thought I was missing a couple of rooms - the bathroom and the bedroom.

I just KNEW someone would say something about that. I should have known it would have been him. Sick, Chris, you are just sick! - (smile)

I really am not very energetic and do not have a lot to say tonight (for once) so I will end with my Pet Page and move on to my work which is sitting in my briefcase starring at me!

I will start it by telling you that last week I mentioned my friend's back and side yards and how "magical" she had made them. I was ashamed of myself when I saw it, but I DO have a puppy. Anyway, I was determined to do something to "warm" up my backyard, so, I went out and bought an outdoor rug for the patio, lights for the umbrella, and pretty cushions for the patio and lawn chairs. I spent very little and it really perked up the backyard!

Ollie thought they were nice, too. I have caught him three times in two days with the cushions all over the back yard. He does not chew them, but he likes to fling them like frisbees as far as he can.

He also decided he liked to do the same thing with the place mats, so this morning I went out to bring him in so I could go to work and there were five huge seat cushions and ten place mats flung to the four corners of the yard!

He knows when he has done something bad and he just cowers. He looks so silly when he





does that. He tries to disappear - and trust me, he cannot. He weighed in at FORTY POUNDS at the vet this week! 40! Four months old and he has doubled his size in two months. Lord! He is going to be big!

Anyway, it is all I can do to keep a stern face and act angry with him. I have been pretty good about turning my back to him before I laugh, though. It is time for "Puppy classes."



SPEAKING of laughing. Tonight when I came in to put Liberty (L'il Birdie) to bed, I said, "Hi." He usually answers me back with a meek, "Hi." He did that tonight and I laughed at/with him. Then he looked at me, cocked his head to the side, and said, "HAHAHAHA!" exactly as I do! I almost DROPPED him! Then I started laughing and he did it even more. It was just hilarious! Actually, though, it made me feel pretty good. Maybe he has heard enough laughter

Pet Page!

from me that it is more common than words. Nice thought, anyway.

Two or three new baby canaries this week. They hatched on Sunday! I am not sure how many because I do not want to disturb mama. I know I saw two, but there had been three eggs in the nest, so I will let you know. Very sweet. If I see them, I will try to get a picture of them.

And last, but not least, Maggie, who will be 19 in July. Ollie adores Maggie, but she will not give him the time of day and hid for the first two weeks Ollie was in the house. It has been fascinating to watch her "train" him. He now knows SHE is the king of this castle and she now "allows" him to sit near her - occasionally.

The last photo is of them both enjoying the "warmth" of the deck. I give up! Ha! See you next week. Go to the site often. It is changing!

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 the 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. PS. I've used 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 has 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 every morning during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!