

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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I finally finished my "Holy Mackerel" painting! I have kinda just been playing with it until I could find the time to finish it. It has been very good practice for me, though. I actually kind of like it... It is shown on this page in various stages.

Next, I am thinking of painting a similar plate of corn on the cob to finish out my kitchen series. We will see. All I know is that it feels awesome to be painting again. It is so relaxing to me... frustrating sometimes because I do not know what I am doing, but relaxing all the same.

I've been a bit down this past week. Really did not want to go anywhere or do anything much. Really did not even want to talk with anyone! Not like me at all. I just needed some time to try to pull this all together. I am better now. Still don't have everything pulled together, but my attitude is better.

I have to tell you something I thought was funny this week, though. And it wasn't until I explained it to someone else that I realized why it worked, myself...



Last week when I was feeling so down, I had a friend call me with a problem pretty late in the evening. When he asked what I was doing and if he was disturbing me, I said "No! I am just polishing my silver!"

It was the truth! I cannot believe I admitted to anyone that I was up late polishing silver! I have no party planned, that is for sure!

But the funny thing is, sometimes when I get kind of "down in the dumps," I like to polish my silver. It is therapeutic for me. Think about it... it is all tarnished and ugly when you start, you get immediate gratification for very little work, and when you finish, it is absolutely beautiful!! You know what else? The entire time I am polishing, I think about how lucky I am to have and appreciate such beautiful things! Don't ask me why, but it works! I never did solve my friend's problem, and I think at first he thought I was nuts polishing silver that late, but when I explained why, he said he thought he might just go polish his silver, too! Hahaha!

Hey! Speaking of beautiful things! Remember my friend Brett who exhibited his work last month where I work? He got the job!!! He is now employed as a copyist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City! If you are there this summer, you will have to find him and say, "Hello!" His first project is to copy a painting by a student of Velasquez! How exciting is that?



I spent a lot of time this weekend repackaging all of my products, too - just to update their look a bit. I also made some displays to go in a couple of stores, if that works out. Fingers crossed! As it is, I sold three cases of stuff this weekend, just to friends who were running low on various things. It pleases me that they like it so much that they become repeat customers! Anyway, that is encouraging. AND, just in time for a new crop to come in. My little "farm" looks very healthy this year. I am playing with a few ideas for some new products, too. We will see.

Been thinking a lot about Mississippi lately. Partly because of Facebook! I have reconnected with so many from my past, it is amazing! I thought about trying to go home in July, but (1) I don't like to fly, (2) I am not sure my car is up for a 28 hour round-trip, and (3) I think I will be scrambling here trying to put things back "together! Nice to think about, though.

I *am* going to get some time on the Outer Backs of North Carolina next week, though. I am looking forward to that. I have no one to keep the birds and dog, but it is close enough that I can drive down, enjoy myself, spend the night, and come home the next day. I may do that two or three times during the week since Jessica, Ricky, and their whole family will be down there. It is always a lot of fun.

Jeremy may be gone next week, too. He has gotten yet another promotion! This makes the third one since November! I am so proud of him! He has also been told that he may get an even





bigger promotion before the end of the year which would mean a lot of traveling to meet with the company's clients. He is so excited.

PLUS, he turns THIRTY tomorrow! -- June 10! I simply cannot believe my baby will be thirty tomorrow! We have plans this weekend. I am driving over to the peninsula to be with him and do some fun things!

OK... I wanted to show you some photos of Ollie "talking to me." When he was a puppy, I did not want him barking all the time, just when folks came to the door.. so like with my Samoyeds before him, I taught him how to "talk." If he starts to bark, I say, "Ollie, no speak! Talk, but no speak!" He immediately yawns a very big yawn to take in air and then he "talks." It is the cutest thing you have ever seen! He reminds me of a great, white wolf howling at the moon! Just cracks me up!

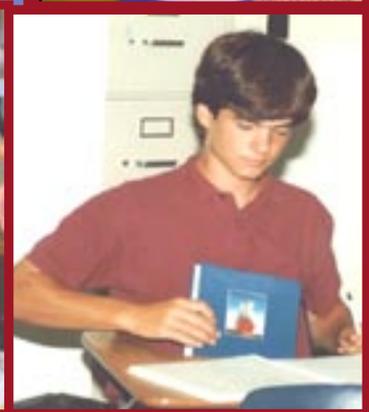
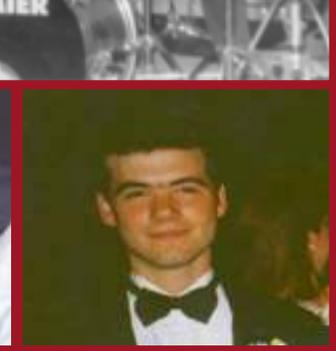
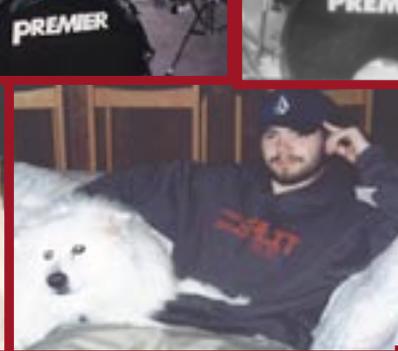
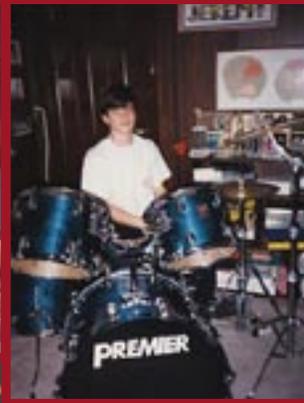
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Happy Birthday, Jeremy!
WOW! 30!
Hard to believe!!
I feel 30!
Have a Happy
Birthday, son!

Happy Birthday, Jeremy



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!