

FRIDAY FOLLIES

June 19, 2009



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Hey!

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It's official!!!

Just Judi's Gallery and Antiques opens JULY 1! I'm serious! I secured the space this week and got a small business license at City Hall today!

You should have seen me tearing through this house rounding up things to sell once I made the decision to actually do it! I have WAY too much for this small house, but never thought I would live here this long, so I just kept hanging on to it. Looks like another year and I will probably have to be outta here, so rather than paying for storage to get my house "staged" to sell this coming spring, I decided to rent a booth at Barrett's Antique Mall to sell some of it.

I have tons of *nice* items to sell -- good stuff -- real antique-type stuff -- I have pulled out to sell. And the truth is, there was so much crammed into this little house that you actually cannot tell what I pulled out! If some of this stuff sells, I will do a second "go round" next month. Actually feels good and healthy to make a positive step towards trying to solve this. My house will be less cluttered; I will not have to get a storage unit right away; I might actually sell some stuff that I won't miss; and I can start to get my mind wrapped around "staging" this house to sell come springtime... barring a miracle. If stuff sells, great -- if not, well, I was going to have to pay for storage anyway and this will be a LOT more fun! I think this will really help me keep a positive outlook. I do not even have to "man the store." No electric bills, no worry about taxes or paying employees, etc. They simply take 10%. They do all of the marketing, the Open Houses once a month -- everything! I think it is a great idea!



I am excited. I cannot sell canned good there, though, so those will go to the Jewish Mother and maybe to the Farmer's Market. I will work on getting that secured next. I'll let you know more soon. I will take photos of everything for next week's Follies! Wish me luck!

For those of you who are local... I hope to see you there! I plan on being there a good bit in July while getting it started!

It is at the Barrett Street Antique Mall and Auction Center. They are one of the largest Auction Houses and Antique Malls in the Mid-Atlantic. There are over 130 dealers there with period antique furniture, oil paintings, collectibles, household goods, jewelry, sterling, art, pottery -- you name it.

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OK, I am excited, but I will move on.

I had to put this photo in this week! My first produce! Four patio tomatoes! Hahaha! I am surprised they even grew

with all of the rain we have had! I checked again today and I do have four nice yellow squash that are about ready to pick, too, so the garden is off and running! Fig tree

is loaded with figs, too -- the half that is still alive, that is!



I told you I was going to start a painting of a plate of corn on the cob to go with the "Holy Mackerel" painting from last week. I guess I was really focused because this one came together in a matter of hours. The Mackerel was harder because I kept getting so distracted with other things!

I really like this one and love the two of them together. I might keep these, but then again, I might put them in my NEW PERSONAL GALLERY! (smile) I guess if I really wanted to keep them, I could price them so that no one would buy them, right? I really have not decided which paintings to take to the gallery, yet.

Anyway, I took photos throughout the process with this painting to show you. It always looks so different at each stage.

I was off this week trying to use up some of my three weeks of vacation left over for this fiscal year. I did not rest, much, though. I was going to, but then this idea came up. I did take care of a lot of stuff like inspecting the car, etc. I hated that it rained, stormed, and was cloudy all week, but on the other hand, it forced me to get a lot done!

I did manage to get to Nag's Head for an overnight trip. I simply adore going down there. It is such a beautiful drive and it feels like you are just stepping back in time. I know I live in a resort city, but actually a lot of folks here like to vacation on the Outer Banks. Just a change of scenery. But it is also a great "family" destination.



Ricky and Jess go down there with Ricky's whole family every year. I went last year, too, but later in the week. When I was there this year, most of the other families were just arriving, so it was different this year. They also took their boat down this year and did a lot of deep sea fishing. Even brought their captain along.

We stayed in the same house as last year and the back of it looks out at the hospital across the main street. I remembered a horrible storm last year and looking out that window at the constant lightening and thinking, "Thank Heavens we are right across the street!" It was fierce!

But what an ironic twist and what an eventful year. There were several new babies there this year, only sweet thoughts last year. And since our last visit in that house, Ricky donated a kidney to his father, had a wonderful article in the paper on Father's Day, and also had a terrible surfing accident in the fall in Nag's Head and ended up in that very hospital for a week!

Life is strange, isn't it. It makes you wonder what this next year will bring. Good things for all of us, I pray...

I did not take many photos and most that I took were of the baby. I did take quite a few more, but they must have been erased. Oh well, it was a wonderful break from the routine. I might go down again tomorrow for the weekend. We will see. I still have a LOT to do, though.





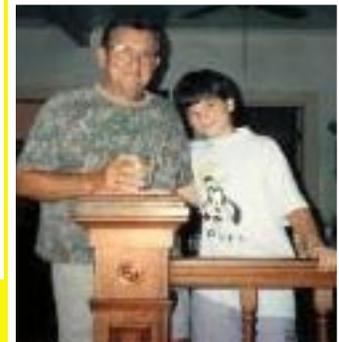
Ken made it home for one night with his hectic schedule. I swear, I do not know how he does it. Last year at this time, he had been home a good bit at this point, but their business is expanding in many locations and his team in New Mexico is in its first year of being affiliated with the Dodgers, so he has been there alot.



Anyway, instead of fighting the crowds and heading to the beach for dinner, we went out the opposite direction to Pungo. There is a place out there on the back bay that has been an institu-



tion for years. I had not been in years, myself, and Ken had never been. It is called Blue Pete's, and when I put a little blurb about it on my Facebook page, I got tons of messages and responses. Too funny. I guess most people kinda forget about it because it is in the other direction. It was fun. Ken is in town with his daughter this Saturday night and Sunday early for Father's Day and then he is off again for a week or so. Man...



Jeremy has had a great week and is moving right along with his plans. He is actually in Pittsburgh and Wisconsin this week.



OK. This is the first time I think I have sat down for three days! Suddenly I am very tired. I think I will turn in. Hope you have a great week and that you are enjoying your summer. Hope you have a fabulous Father's Day wherever you are.



Until next week...



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!