

FRIDAY FOLLIES

June 23, 2006



Hey!

June 13, 2006

This was a very busy and "social" week for me. I loved it, but just didn't take enough photos! Here are a few, though.

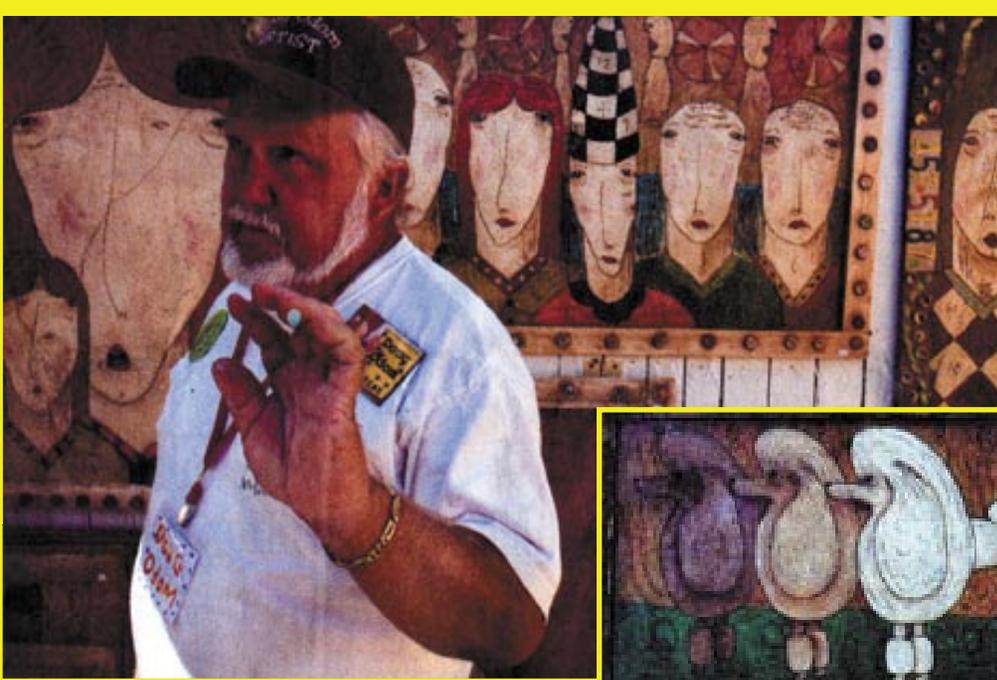
This first one from the cover is at a great new restaurant in Town Center where my daughter is one of the hostesses. I had a couple of friends I wanted to meet one another for business and for pleasure reasons, and even though Jessica was off that night, while Amy, Susana, and I were having dinner, in she walked with her good friend, Laura. Then, later, Amy's husband popped in, too. We tried to get a group shot, but nobody would be still. HA!



Then Saturday was a spectacular day at the beach. It was in the high 80's with a cool breeze blowing off the water. It was also the 51st Annual Boardwalk Art Festival. What an absolutely perfect day for that! It was great to stroll up and down the Boardwalk and bump into tons of folks we knew while admiring all of the spectacular art work.

And I just had to show you this little fellow. His owner was an artists who did sculptures in blue, so little poodle here was dyed to match the art-work. Sure got a lot of attention! Cute, huh?





And this gentleman, I had read about in the paper on Saturday. He made it to the front page with a long, two page article following. What an interesting man. Doug Odom is from Alabama, and he won the art show award this year - \$25,000 in prize money.

He actually paints a thick coat of cheap paint on his canvas and then places it down flat in his barnyard to dry. The dogs, cats, and chicken all walk across it. Leaves and dirt get tracked on the surface and stick as well as paw and claw prints. After it dries, he then begins to paint over it giving it the nicest, most unusual texture. You can actually see chicken scratches in his paintings! Very cool. He was fun to talk with, and he loved pointing things out to us and telling us how he did them.

The three poodles above won best in show. I am not sure I agree with that, but it was neat art work. The funny thing is, he applied to be in the show last year and was turned down! This year, he not only got in, but won! I guess you just never know, do you?





I also went to an incredible dinner party on Saturday night. My friend Michelle always has the nicest parties with the nicest folks. Plus, she just knows how to entertain, ya know? Some folks just come by it naturally. Anyway, it made me want to get started entertaining again... well, maybe not. (smile) No, seriously, I will again soon.



I looked at the calendar this week and realized that if I was going to enjoy my Fourth of July decorations, I had better get them out and up soon. Man, summer is sliding right on by! I have flags in all of my plants in the front yard and here is the back yard all spruced up. I love the Fourth of July!



After all of the socializing and working around the house, Sunday I decided to simply hang out by the pool and get my work done there. It is amazing how peaceful it is sitting by the pool working and dipping in the cool water every once in a while. And the neat thing is that if the kids get too noisy, I simply take out my hearing aids and it is blissfully quiet. If I closed my eyes, I would not know there was another soul around. It is really pretty handy sometimes.





OK, now I have to show you my first harvest of yellow squash! This does not do them justice, because the white bowl they are in is huge. I needed to put something else in the photo for comparison, but oh well. Aren't they beautiful? Truthfully, I have never had squash plants this big or healthy. There must be fifty baby squash and still more blossoms on the vine. They are so large, I have had to move the "Keep Ollie OUT Fence" three times! Each plant is about the circumference of a patio table. Just beautiful.



Then, I think I told you I had baby birds hatch two weeks ago. They popped out of their nest on Sunday. Two birds, two separate eggs, but look at them! They are like identical twins! I think I will call them Twiddle Dum and Twiddle Dee. If you look very closely at the dark photo, you can see Liberty hanging upside down from the curtain checking them out! Ha!



OK, go to the website and check it out. New recipes, more photos and newspaper articles, and new links. Lots and lots of awesome feedback, and now it even appears on Google and other search engine. Cool! OK. Later...

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!

