



# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Yea! October!

My favorite month of the year!!!!

Remember that old, ugly, wicker furniture I picked up from the side of the road a couple of weeks ago? Some of you teased me! HA! Well, take a look at it now! Awesome!

I forgot to take an "after" photo outside for you to compare. These from the antique shop will have to do - even though they are covered in cushions, linens, and things.

I had a three day weekend because of Yom Kippur. It was a beautiful day, but I worked my fool self to death! Hey, it is the last break I get until Thanksgiving! Long Haul! Just couldn't sit around!





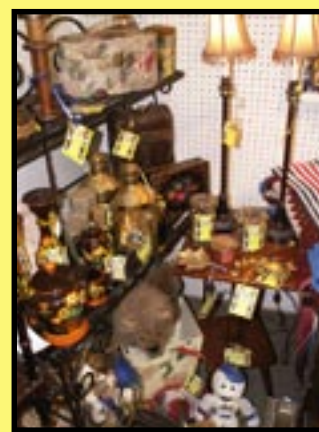
for a better display and to use the remaining book selves for “stuff.” It looks like a new shop now!

We will see what October brings. August and September were pretty grim, but at least it paid for itself. Heck, while I was there, several people stopped and bought books. I think I had only sold two books the whole previous two months! Just shows you how important placement and displays are. I really hope it continues to at least pay for itself. It is so much fun. Truly!

I have many friends who are designers and decorators. I am sure they would laugh, if they saw my space, but I also have had several decorators “discover” my spot and come back repeatedly. Two



I spent most of Monday completely rearranging the shop, putting in new furniture, and bringing home the two large, white wicker book selves that I missed terribly! This low piece is actually another “free” piece of furniture I found. It is a shoe shelf for a closet, but it allowed me to move all of my books there



friends who stopped by last week just went on and on about it. Made me feel really good! They could not believe how badly my couch had been slashed, though. They thought I just meant an old couch. They did not realize until they saw it that it was a true Victorian couch! Ouch!

When you first look at the booth, it just looks like a lot of "junk." But when you really start taking your time and looking at pieces, you realize there are some very nice things there. You just have to know what you are looking at! Another dealer told me that the secret was to have nice, big piece, but enough small items to hold you over. Man! I have sold the heck out of DVDs and VHSs, that is for sure!

I have only sold one painting thus far, but the truth is, I have them marked up *way too high* on purpose. I don't *want* to sell them. Just have them there for color. Ha!

I have also had some luck with the canned products at the Farmer's Market. There are a couple of show this fall that I should do, but they are really inconvenient with baby showers and all going on. Plus, I have a really hard time hearing at those thing... I'll just have to figure something out.

Speaking of babies, I decided to *BUY* a sock monkey quilt instead of spending a year and a half making one. I know that sounds awful, but I found one online that is adorable! **PLUS** it costs





about HALF what just the fabric was going to cost to make it myself from scratch. I thought I might buy it and then hand quilt it after I get it. If I don't like it, I can always take my time then and make a keepsake quilt for later. Jess and I are also thinking of doing some paintings together of sock monkeys for over the changing table. Now THAT will be fun! She is just so excited. It makes me so happy!



Speaking of happy - I have broken a total of five dates in the last two weeks! I can't explain why... I just have not wanted to go out. I guess it is time to be by myself for a while and enjoy some "me" time. I am sure I will be ready again to date at some point, ya know? But it actually feels *great*, since it is a decision I made for myself. Now watch! When I decide I *want* to start dating



again, there won't be anyone to ask me out! Ha! That's just life, I guess, but you gotta do what you gotta do...



Got some rather shocking news this week. A high school friend whom I had just reconnected with on Facebook since Christmas suddenly passed away this week. All of a sudden there was a message

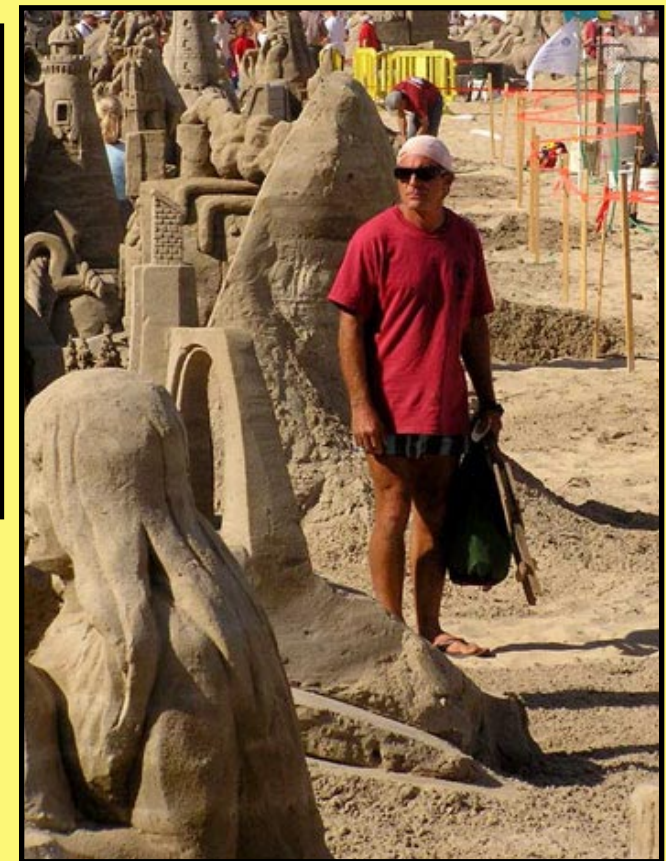


on his "update status" from his wife. Tony had been at a conference in Chicago and had a heart attack in his room all by himself - sudden and with no warning! They had just been to their high school reunion a few weeks back and everyone was so glad to see them. Just goes to show you how fragile life is and that we should not take a single day for granted. I DO know, though, that scores of friends from high school found each other again because of Tony. It was just a very sad thing.

The Neptune Festival's BIG weekend was this past weekend - a huge art shows on the board walk for twenty blocks, international sand castle contests, great food, and music. It was just one of those weekends that makes you so thankful you live in a place like Virginia Beach... Sometimes we get so busy, we forget we live in this beautiful place. That is why the Neptune Festival is so cool. It is when the "natives take back their beach!"

OK. I gotta run for this week. Maybe I will have something exciting to tell you next week, but then again, maybe it will still be silly, calm, minutia. Not a bad thing, really! I'm diggin' it!!!!

Love to you all!



**T**o 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!

**G**od 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!