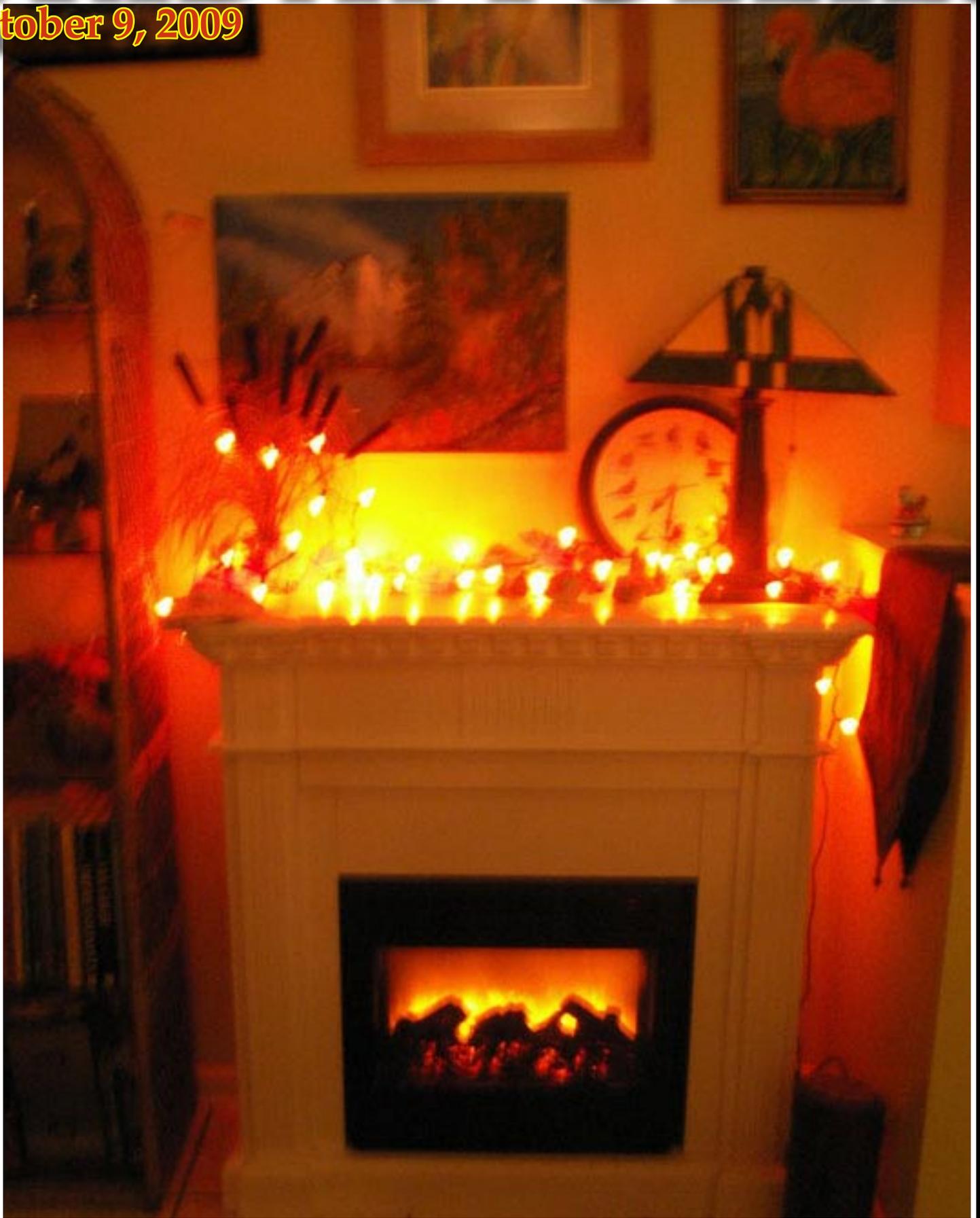


# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, as you can see, I did a little Halloween decorating this past weekend. Not as much as usual since I know I will not be having my traditional Halloween party this year. Still fun, though. And I am sure I will have a few people in from time to time this month.

Another nice thing about having the antique booth is that each season/holiday, I pull out tons of stuff to sell that I don't think I will use anymore. Gets snapped right up! Since this house is smaller than most I have lived in, I am slowly but surely whittling down my boxes and boxes of decorations from the garage. I get rid of at least one big box each season. Hey! That's a start!

I do love Halloween decorations, though. They are so much fun. I think I concentrated more on making it pretty this year than scary.





The house looks so warm and cozy with all of the autumn lights and flowers! Well, as you can see, there are a few scary things around. This head scares Ollie out of his wits each year until he gets used to it.



My alarm system is fixed! Ha! My alarm had been malfunctioning for weeks and I did not know it. It was going off in the middle of the night, and I would wake up each morning to weird codes on my alarm

box. They came out to fix it and there were three different things that had all broken at once. Feels better now, that is for sure. It was one of those things, though, I had to take off work to be here while they fixed it. While trying to check the windows, they knocked down all of my window dressings in my bedroom! That meant I had to climb back up and reinstall them all tonight. I have to tell you - I HATE installing window dressings!

What a ROYAL pain!





Went to a baby shower for KC, one of Jessica's friends since she was in the fifth grade. Just very cool. We had a wedding shower for Jess there, it seems like just yesterday. Now my babies are having babies! I LOVE it. The first shower for Jessica is in a couple of weeks. I cannot wait! Hee hee!

And I have decided on GiGi for my grandma name this week. We will see what I like next week. I did like NeNe because I liked the Housewives of Atlanta so much, but that show has really taken a turn for the dumpster. Don't think I like NeNe for a name anymore. (I know, Donna - you told me so! :-)



One night last week while walking Ollie, I saw some of my little "girl friends" in the neighborhood raking someone's yard! I thought it was so cute and told them they needed to come help me! Well, the next night, they rang the doorbell. I asked, "How much?" and they said, "\$3!" I said, "No way!" They said, "Yea! Your yard is small!" I said, "Yea! Small but a lot of leaves!"



There were only two of them so I said, "I will give you \$5!" They started dancing around the yard with their rakes. Sooo cute.

I went about my business (hanging \*&\$%#@ drapes) and then it grew later and darker - later and darker. Finally when I looked out, they had called in the recruits and there were five of them raking just as fast as they could. I could tell they were pooped, so I told them to stop for the night and come back to finish another time.

When I went out to look at their work, I discovered they had also

raked away ALL of my mulch from my flower beds!! I just had to laugh!!

Tonight when I got home, they were already out there finishing their work. All five of them! I had given them a ten dollar bill and told them just to bring me the change tonight when they finished. Well, when they tried to give me the change, I told them I had meant \$5 a day - that they could keep the \$10. There was another "rake dance" all over my lawn. Just absolutely adorable! I am sure they will be back in a couple of weeks!





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I wanted to include this cute photo of some of my friends on a fishing trip this summer. It was actually a fishing contest. I was supposed to be on the team, but for a variety of reasons, I could not make it. (Rough summer.) They sure look like they had a good time, though, huh? Maybe I can make it next year! I am an excellent fisher woman, by the way! You didn't know that, did you?

I have continued my week three of not dating! Ha! I have several friends I do things with occasionally, but I have just been laying low - and actually enjoying it for now. We will see. I will know when the time is right... won't I??? :-)

I guess this happened at a good time because October is traditionally WORK month for not-for-profits. Lots of fund raising events at night and on the week-ends. Whew. The calendar is FULL! Good thing I don't have a life! (smile) It is all good, though. So happy with my new boss...

OK! Buy antiques, canned goods, and cook books, my friends. Grand baby is gonna need new shoes!

Love to all!

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**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.  
**R**emember, 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!