

# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Gee! Where to start this week! Thanksgiving was great and then it was "dive right into Christmas!" Here is my pretty little house right after I decorated it. I would like to say the house on the cover is mine, but alas, it is just my favorite house at the beach. I really should take a photo of my little house at night. It shows up beautifully!

The same day I decorated the outside of the house, I got a call from a friend who had a tree fall in his yard during the big storm. He had split all of the wood and did not want it. He said if I would come over in the truck, he would help me load it up. Well, we loaded it up alright! It was over a cord of wood and loading it was not the problem. The problem was when I got home and there was no one here to help me unload it and stack it! Yikes! I sure got my work out that day.



None of the neighbors were around, Jeremy was out of town, and Jessica, is, of course, pregos. Needless to say, I was HURTING the next day. The wood is an awesome gift, though.

The rest of the week was incredibly busy, as well. I worked three nights last week and am looking at another such week this week. It is OK, though. Just makes the week seem so long.

I finished decorating my little "cottage by the sea," but I did not do HALF of what I usually do. Just no need to with things so rushed this year. Pretty, though!

Not as pretty as the party I went to over the weekend, though. Every year I tell you about the lighting of 43rd Street. I used to live on 45th Street, and each year the whole neighborhood gets together and has pre-lighting parties where everyone gets "lit," and then they all pour out onto the streets, head to 43rd, and watch as one-by-one the houses on 43rd Street turn on their lights. What a FUN tradition! It is also quite the competition! Realtors even tell folks about it when they show houses for sale on that street. Good thing, otherwise folks would simply be blown away the weekend of the lighting!

The folks who moved into the house I was in became good friends and invite me back for the festivities every year. Just too much fun! What an awesome way to start the Christmas season! On the following pages, there are tons of neat photos!





We actually look like we were smashed here, but we were not in the least! We had just gotten started and had poured a glass of wine for the tour! Just happy and being silly!



(Sorry I did not get your photos Page and Brooke!) The lady above and I had never met before. We started talking and could not believe all of the mutual friends we had. We also had heard each other's name over and over, over the years. Once introduced, we just laughed and could not stop talking!

Next you will see some of the incredible houses and lights. All of the houses on these streets are connected by alleys. Just magnificent. It really is like a small Williamsburg by the sea.





**Just look at this!**

**I remember one year it had rained briefly before the lighting, so the streets and sidewalks were all wet. THOSE photos were incredible with all of the reflections.**



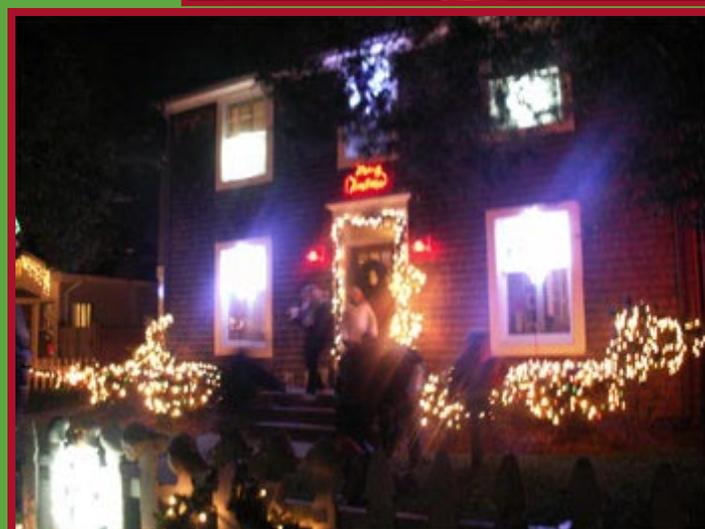
**Anyway, it truly is amazing - even for an adult! The children simply walk around with their mouths open and sparkles in their eyes! True Christmas magic!**



**On the next page you will see a group of people with lights all over them. It was hilarious! When the lights came on, instead of white, plastic deer, with moving heads, there were real people decorated with lights and waving at the crowd. Very cute!**



**The shot below that is of a house where an angel comes floating out - all smiling and graceful. She is followed by the guests from that house. Then they start a snowball fight. The kids loved that.**

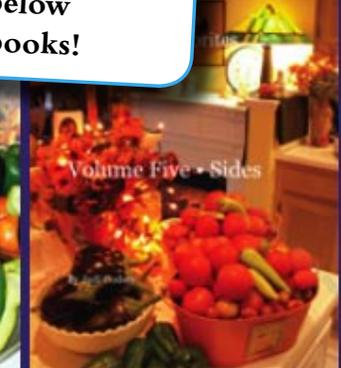
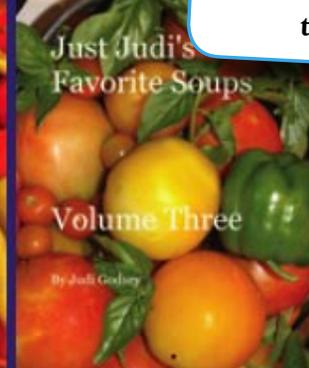
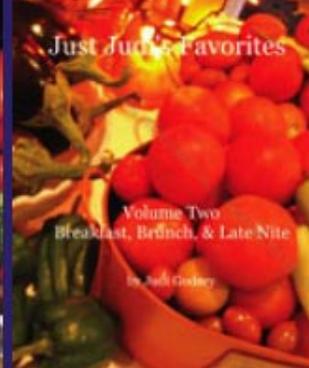
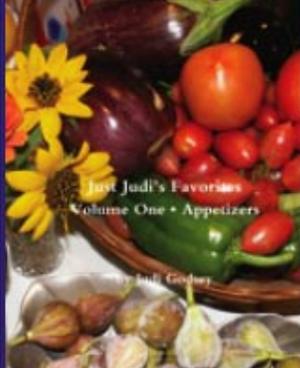
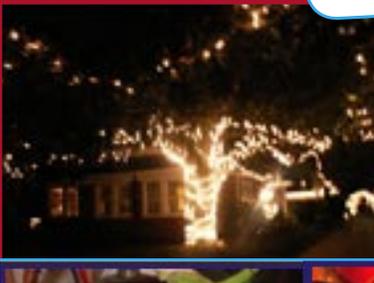




And this last one here is a bit hard to see because it is so dark. But this one house, before they turned their lights on, had this one, lone lamp on in the front window! YUP! The lamp from "A Christmas Story!" Just hilarious. Cracked me up!



Well, as for the rest of the week, I missed another party I had really been looking forward to because I just did not feel well. I also ran my usual errands. Get this!!!! My products are really selling well at the Farmer's Market, and they have asked me to bring a lot more next weekend for the holidays. Also, lots of things are flying out of the Antique Booth all of a sudden - even my couch that some one slashed has sold! I am so excited! Just that much



“stuff” I do not have to bring home or throw away! YAY!

The votes are in and most of you liked “Grammy” for my Grandma name. I think I will stick with that for a few weeks unless something else hits me. Hey - it won't be much more than a few weeks! Can't wait to meet my little Kai Maxwell Miller!

OK. Click on the recipes page here to view a lot of Christmas recipes. And if you click on the cookbooks at the bottom, you can go to the Blurb Bookstore site and preview those. They are a bit expensive... I love them, though. The soft backs are not too pricey. Take a look.

Barretts is having two Open Houses this month - One on December 12 and 13 and another on the 19th and 20th. Come by, grab a bit to eat and drink, and shop with me! Love to you all!



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**G**od bless.  
**R**emember, life is short!  
**W**e need to make it a good one.  
**G**row in peace and wisdom.  
**Y**our 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!