

FRIDAY FOLLIES

April 4, 2008



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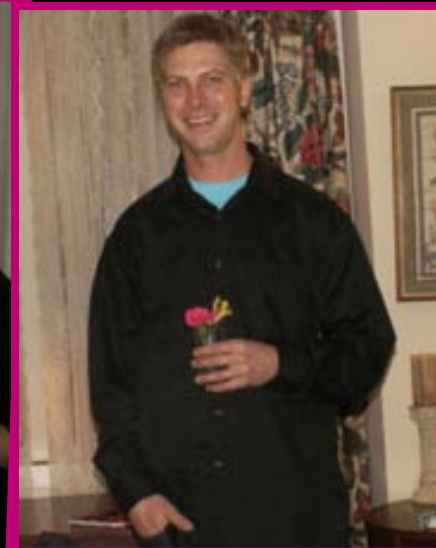
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Well, it was without a doubt one of the nicest parties I have ever hosted. I mean from start to finish - it was really nice. And it was so much fun to have Jessica there to help. I had told she and Ricky to play host and hostess, and I would do most of the scurrying around since I did not think I would know many people. They pitched right in, and in addition, I ended up knowing tons of folks there. We ALL had a great time!

There were just over 50 in attendance, and luckily, they all brought their appetites. There was plenty to eat, drink, talk about, and tons of presents for KC and Greg to open.

My Jessica came up with the cutest party favors I have ever see! She went to Pier One and bought these nice sets of shot glasses (tall ones) and we lined the divider between the kitchen and the dining room with them. Then she filled them all with water and placed fresh, cut flowers in them, just so the head of each flower touched the rim of the shot glass. It was BEAUTIFUL! And how appropriate for a "Stock the Bar" party!

Everyone LOVED them!





It was just the perfect evening for a party, too. The rain held off and it was actually in the 30s, so I had fires going inside and out.

The only thing that went wrong the entire evening was the one thing I simply did not have time to finish checking - - the propane tank for the fire pit ran out about halfway through the party! Dang! You know what, though, many folks sat out there and talked anyway with just the twinkling lights and torches going. The garage was a huge hit, too. It always is. Oh, and I cannot tell you how many people said they loved my turquoise fence. Hahaha! AND they meant it!

The menu (for those of you who do not like cooking - skip this paragraph) was almost entirely from my garden! We had Italian meatballs smothered in my garden fresh red and yellow pasta sauce, asparagus vinaigrette, a spiral ham with biscuits accompanied by my banana pepper mustard, Mediterranean roasted eggplant and red pepper spread, an incredible broccoli and rice casserole (thank Heavens I made two HUGE ones) a fig, Gorgonzola, and pecan terrain, hummus and garlic bagel chips, Jess's famous pasta salad, and the usual shrimp cocktail, cheese, fruit, veggie, and relish trays. There was a desert buffet and a coffee buffet - just tons and tons of food, fine wine, and top-shelf beer on tap.





No paper or plastic - all my silver, crystal, and china was used. Even used linen dinner and cocktail napkins. I ended up borrowing a case each of wine and really nice beer glasses from the Jewish Mother. I think I am going to buy a case of nice beer glasses to have on hand for parties... It was just NICE for folks to go out to the keg and have a beautiful, classy beer glass to fill up.

You know what I have discovered? When you do that - put out all your really nice stuff - make a little extra effort - people actually appreciate it and they actually behave differently! It just makes everything kinda special, ya know? I honestly think it makes food taste better, too!



As usual, I did not have time to take photos of the table and all before it started. There is just never enough time. But I did take a few photos from the landing above the party while KC and Greg were opening gifts. Most had cleared out to the other room and you can kinda see bits and pieces of the decor. The lights were low, there was a nice fire, nice music, and there were plenty of fresh cut flowers from my yard. (That is always so much nicer than “store bought” flowers - to me, anyway.



I will end this week with even more shots from the party. I think you can sense that it was a good time.



Remember to pray for our men and women overseas - that they return home soon, safe, and successful!





To all of you on
my Friday Follies
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Virginia Beach,
Mississippi, Los Angeles,
San Francisco, Minnesota,
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West, New Jersey, North
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