



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Just a painting fool, here. At one point this weekend, I had four paintings going on in my dining room at the same time! I could not wait to finish one in order to begin another, so I didn't! While one was drying, I started another, and so on, and so on! What fun! I hope I have more time to do that soon. There is never enough time...

This one is called *Studying*. It is so "not finished," but it is getting closer. It has been hard for me, because the lines have to be so clean. And since I am basically only using black, white, and yellow, I am having to take it very slowly and mix and remix paints - something I am not good at - especially the going slowly part! I think I am going to like it once it is finished, though.

All of these paintings I have shown you recently are 24" X 18." Once they are dry, I will frame them and start another wall in my "gallery."

I asked each of the kids to show me something they wanted me to paint for them. Jessica and Ricky picked a rolling ocean wave and Jeremy picked a beautiful blue parrot. Well, waves are hard and I have never done one before, but I tried it this



past week. It is certainly not great, but it is far better than I *thought* it would be. I still have trouble with OVER painting, though. I get something where I like it, and then instead of stopping, I continue until I ruin it! Ha! See, I almost liked this wave better before I put more detail in the foam. I will go back now and try to add some “spray” to soften it a bit. I think they will like it, though. Hope so. All of these look ten times better in real life.

The parrot that Jeremy wants me to paint is going to be VERY difficult! Difficult to DRAW, much less paint! Lots of variations in colors on his feathers and, well, it is going to be tricky. I think I could do it in watercolor, but I am still going to try it in oils. Might be a disaster. If so, then I guess I will do it in watercolors.

I also wanted to show you that I finished *My Blue Cat* and *My Rooster*. Next I will frame them and they will be “good to go!” I am never finished, though. I still want to do more to the rooster’s face... Don’t let me!

OK, enough of all that.





The volunteers where I work fixed up a basket with all of my “goodies” in it and one of my smaller cook books that I put together for the craft show in the fall. I think they did a nice job. It tickles me that they liked it so much! They have it marked for \$100. I am anxious to see what it will bring. I put a few more, bigger jars of products in the basket to be auctioned than my normal baskets. Keep your fingers crossed.

I also did tons of work on my *Just Judi's Favorite Cook Books* these past two weeks. Honestly, I am about ready to go with volume one. (There are ten volumes...) I am now looking into doing an e-book which I could sell from my website, and others, but also publishing with one of those publishers where you can order copies as you need them. Man! That industry has changed so much. It is simply fascinating. I will be sure to let you know how that is progressing and when they are ready, prices, etc, since several of you already said you wanted to order some. A friend of mine actually has several products that have just been picked up by all the Sam's Clubs and all of the commissaries on the East Coast!

How jealous am I? Maybe I will get to that point, someday. It is pretty much just a hobby, right now, but since I have produced and marketed food products before, it is not that unrealistic for me to think about.

With all of this comes more changes for my website. It is definitely time to update the site with new opening photos, adding some new pages with new things of interest, and even updating my logo! You will get a kick out of this.



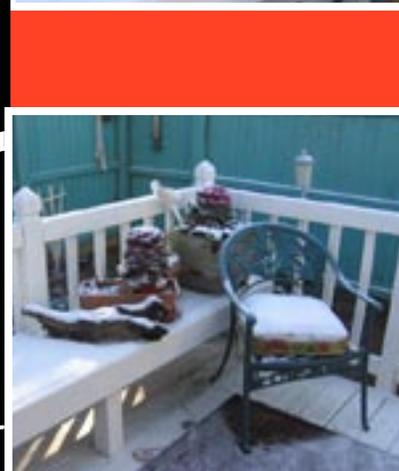
Here she is, right? Well, I am having a sun dress put on her!

Hahaha!

I figure she is too old to be running around in a bikini these days. Pretty funny, huh? I will let you see her as soon as she is dressed.

We had snow this week! Just a dusting. They had predicted up to 6 inches. Around here, we have learned that when they predict accumulation, we don't get any, and when they say it is going to just be a dusting, it *accumulates!* Ha! Even a dusting is fun, though.

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



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, 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!

*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!