



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

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Just look at those eyes!
The best friend - honestly - that I have ever had!

Happy Friday the Thirteenth!
What a week! What a week!!!
Hope your's was great, too!

Received several photos of Oliver from the professional photographer, Dee; got a glimpse of greatness (I am talking Picasso greatness) art-work from my neighbor who is finishing a contract to paint numerous HUGE paintings on wood covered canvas with neon backing for a "Very Posh" new restaurant in our Town Center, (Something I am proud to say I was a Board Member of for eight of its formative years); finished HUGE deadlines for work, (Yes!!!); semi-stopped the "mess" in the garden with the squirrels, rabbits, birds, snakes, and bugs; met someone new! (Hello!); helped Jess get her house together and address invitations to the multitudes; got enough produce from my garden and a friend's to make two great new recipes this weekend -"Banana Pepper Relish" and "Rum Plum Conserve"; went to three great parties, (retirement and otherwise); had friends over for dinner - both expected and "otherwise"; celebrated many friend's birthdays, and Jessica's 25th, (I might add!); got new exercise equipment - watch out! - *Fluidity!* - and am enjoying it immeasurably; and have had just a busy, busy, wonderful summer week!



My friend's art work is to DIE for! Just spectacular! She has never had formal training either, and only recently picked up a brush again after decades of - well - "life." She is phenomenal! See her work in my Friend's Links:

<http://judiwithani.com/links/>



I want to go see them in the restaurant, but with the "low profile" I have been keeping for three years, I may just have to settle for photos... NOT!

For Jessica's 25th birthday, I gave her my mom's custom designed diamond ring. Mama had a few, small diamond rings, and with the help of a family friend who was a jeweler, added a couple of diamonds and custom designed this beautiful ring.



Jessica was her only grand daughter, so she gave it to Jess for Jess's high school graduation in 2000! We all laughed and said, "Mom you can't do that! At least wait until she graduates from college!" So she gave it to me for safe-keeping until Jess matured.

I guess now at 25, graduated from college, engaged, a home of her own, and getting married in a few weeks, she is matured... don't you think?

Jess is very proud of it --- as she should be!

There are several parties in Jess and Ricky's honor



this next week, so that should be fun!
There is a Luau and a "Stock the Bar"
party - I have great gifts to give for
both!

Then next week, there is a lingerie/
bachelorette party for Jess. We were
told to wear black! Now what in the
world do you get your daughter for
that?!? Help is welcomed for that
one. I am at a loss...

Love you Kaigler! You are truly one
of a kind! I don't need to say more than that, my friend...

OK. Gotta go!



Pray for our Boys and Girls!
Let's bring them home!
Now!

Now for a couple of simply beautiful recipes...

BANANA PEPPERS (CANNED)

4 qt. peppers
10 c. of vinegar
2 c. water

Slit peppers and cover in salt water, 1 1/2 cups salt, 1 gallon water, soak overnight. Drain next morning and rinse in cold water. Repeat twice. Mix vinegar and water. Bring to boil for 10 to 15 minutes. Put peppers in hot sterilized jars and leave head space. You can add one to two tablespoons of horseradish, 1 dill head, 1 to 2 cloves of garlic, or 2 to 3 tablespoons of sugar. Use any or all of these. Cover with vinegar solution. Put in water bath and cook for 10 minutes for pints and 1/2 pints.



PLUM CONSERVE

4 lbs. plums (8 c. cut-up)
2 lemons, juice & grate rind
1 lb. raisins
6 c. sugar
1 c. walnuts

Wash plums. Remove seeds. Weigh fruit. Mix all together except nuts. Cook until thick. Blanch nuts 2 minutes. Drain. Chop and add to mixture. Pour into jars.

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, 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!