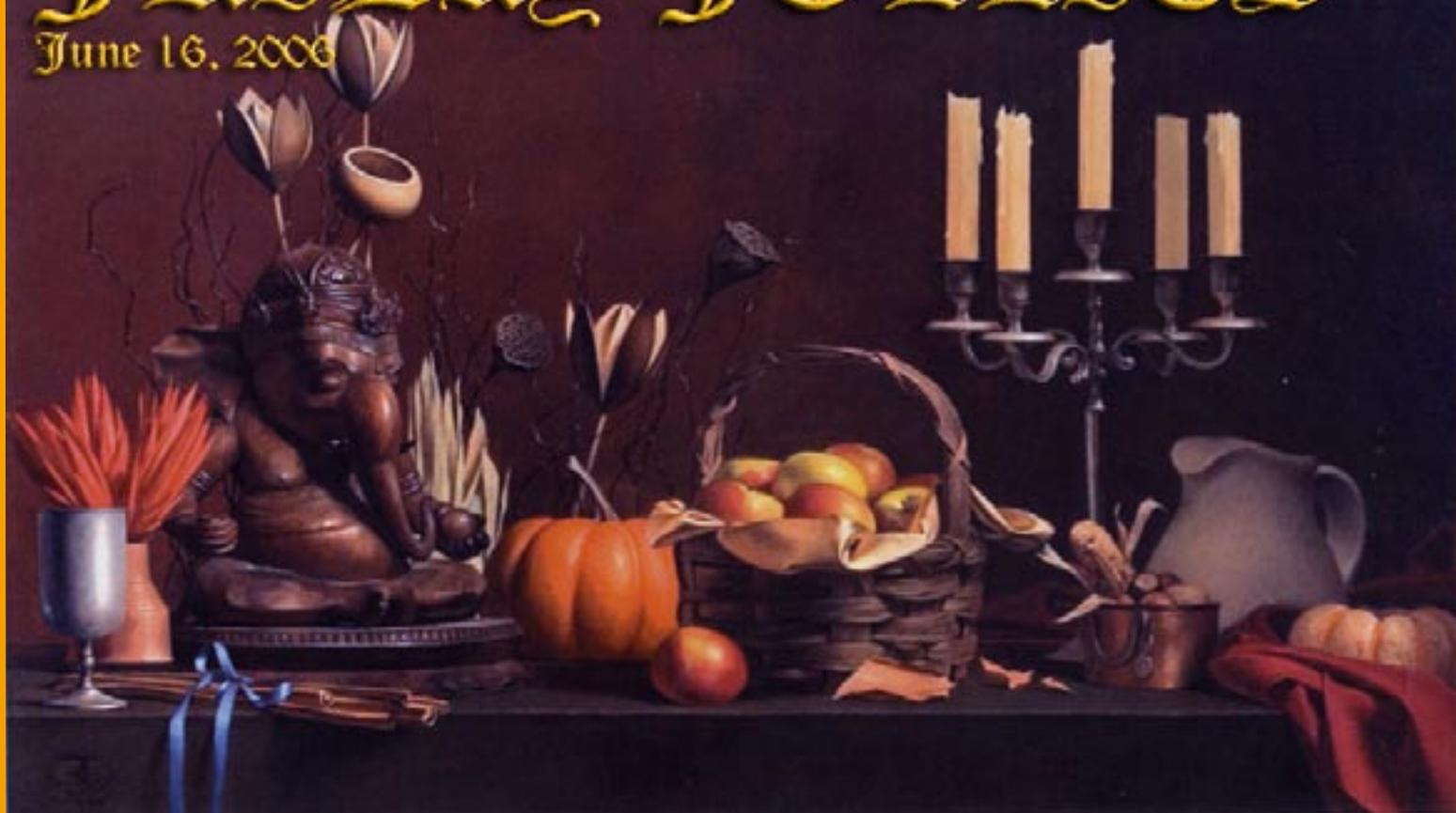


# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Oh, My! Look at these paintings!  
No... Of course I did not do them! Hahaha! Not even in another lifetime... A bright, handsome, 30-something-year-old, young man I once taught did. Can you believe them? LOOK at the detail! Brett has his own studio in Philadelphia, and I saw him recently when he came back for his high school reunion. Amazing, aren't they? I am truly speechless and exceedingly envious!



OK - the website. I want to bore you with some statistics - and, no, they are just numbers. I cannot tell who did what. (Ha!) But there have been over 49,500 hits since June 4 when it launched. The average visit is 99 hits... (not bad at all). Lots and lots of folks are coming back time after time, many have book marked it, and even more are staying for an hour or more when they stop in. Very cool! Most of the visits are from the US right now, but a few are as far away as Canada and Saudi Arabia. (None from Indonesia yet, though.) That is what I had hoped... I was hoping folks would want to come back often and see and read some things they did not see before. I hope to always have something "fresh" there.

OK, one quick thing. Several of you wrote concerned that judiwithani.com does not "pop" up on Goggle or whatever when you type in the search. Right now, all you get is some lady on myspace.com. (LOL!) Heck, I didn't know the answer, but I asked my webmaster, and he said it takes 30-60 days for a new site to show up on those search engine. (See! I am learning all kinds of new stuff!)

Recipes (a few) are up now. They take me a long while to do. I am going to do one for every holiday and then add some favorites,



and perhaps some menus for dinner parties, etc. But later, there is going to be a page for “guest” recipes, so be thinking which ones you want to post and swap with folks.

The links page is up, too. I was too tired after I did it to see if I posted them all right or not. Let me know if you find a broken link. I will also go back and check. I know I have left some of you out. I just have not had enough time to breath lately. If you have a site and want it linked to my page, send me the address.

Above are some photos of friends at recent events - My buddy, Kaigler. Linda and Dr. Mark. Someone sent me this one of me and Amy at the art show with my violin. *(Hey! The article should be in the paper this week. If it is, I will show it to you.)* And the last is of Dr. Susanna holding up the first eggplant from my garden. *(Look at my eggplant! It is HUGE!)*

Jeremy’s birthday was this week, and we talked several times. Then I got up the morning of his birthday and he had written me a long, absolutely beautiful email. I simply sat at the computer and cried while I read it. Very special, young man. Very proud of him. He said it was his birthday present to me. Talk about melt your heart!

Then there was “Pearl” this week! Man! What a fiasco! She broke down Memorial Day weekend while Jessica had borrowed her. I had her towed and last Thursday at lunch I went to pick her up. The fuel pump had burned up and they replaced it. She was on dead E when I got her, so I filler her up - and before I had gone ten miles, I sat at a stop light and watched in disbelief as the gas gauge went from F to below E. ARRGGHH! You know how expensive gas is right now! I thought I was seeing things....

She also stalled right in the middle of one of the busiest intersections in all of Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Blvd. and First Colonial Road - at noon - on the hottest day we have had so far! I had to get out in high heels and a dress and push this \*@#\$\$%#@\*! truck to the 7/11 on the corner. Oh Thank Heaven (get it...) some

nice, young guy with a brown bag full of booze (nice area) ran over to help. He actually pushed her so fast that I had to run and jump in the seat to steer her. I tripped - and she got away from me. I had to run and catch up to her before he pushed her into the curb! It was a sight to see. If I hadn't been sweating so badly (excuse me - perspiring), I would have laughed!

Anyway, they towed her again and later that afternoon they called to tell me that I was “lucky”. I said, “What do you mean - ‘Lucky?’” Jimmy said, “All I can say is, you need to go to church Sunday and be very thankful to still be alive.” He was serious. Long story - short - the switch had blown and had totally fried all of the electrical stuff and had melted the fuel pump almost all the way through the tank. He said that if I had continued to try to crank and drive her, a few more minutes and the whole truck would have exploded! No lie! He showed it to me when I picked her up. Melted into a GLOB! Scarey! I am serious! I thought that kind of thing only happened in the movies, but this was some *serious* meltdown. Anyway, she is home after two weeks in intensive care, and they did not charge me the second time since they mis-diagnosed and did not “check her out properly” before sending her home the first time. I MISSED her! So did my neighbors and all the folks that borrow her!



OK. Enough of all of that.

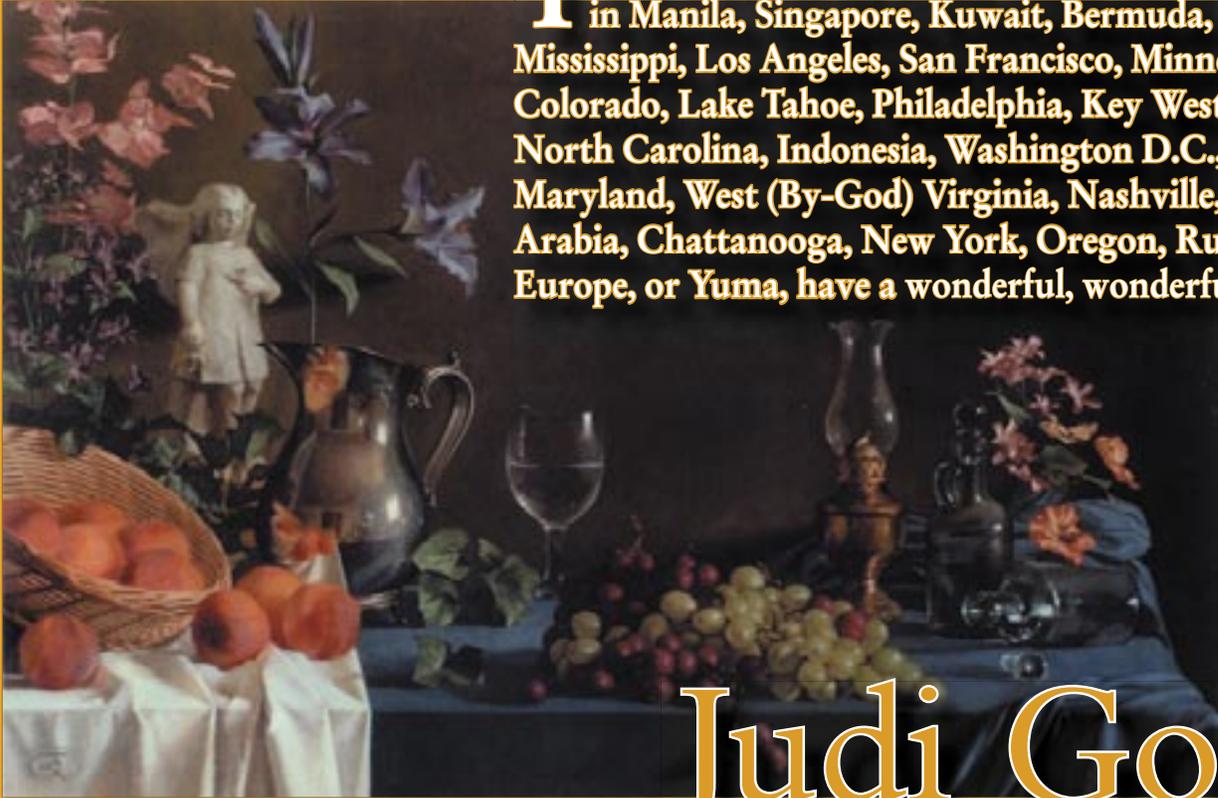
I will close this week with some amazing shots of my first fruit off the vine. I have literally hundreds of tomatoes on the vine, but none are anywhere near ripening yet. Look at this baby! Isn't she a beauty!

I am pooped. Gonna turn off the computer now, go walk Ollie, and join some friends for dinner.

Have a wonderful, safe week, all, and...

Happy Father's Day!





**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, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

**G**od bless.  
Remember, life is short...we need to make it a good one.  
Grow in peace and wisdom.

**Your Friday Friend,**

**Judi Godsey**

P.S. 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. P.S.S. 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!