

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

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Yea! We made it to March! Spring is literally right around the corner!

I thought this week - since I am very short on time - and am surrounded by deadlines - that I would show you a couple of Irish paintings in the spirit of St. Patty's Day.

The first one is not mine. It is on exhibit right now in the gallery where I work. I really like it, though. The second is my very first oil painting ever and it reminds me of an Irish country side, for some reason.

The third one I sketched out late last night. I thought it might be fun if I showed you the different stages of one of my paintings. I obviously have not taken a lot of time with it, yet. I just had an idea and started sketching. This weekend I will try to find some time to start blocking in color, and maybe before long, if I like it, and maybe even if I don't like it, I will show it to you. You will have to tell me what you think.

BTW, thanks for all of the advice on how to paint flowers. My favorite was from "Phy" who said, "Flowers... Stay away from them! They are hard!" Ha! I laughed out loud!

Anyway, I thought this might be kind of interesting. I am thinking it will be watercolor and in white, with blue accents, and the Shamrocks, of course, will be green. (Use your imagination...)



You know, though, painting isn't the only art or passion in life. Here are a few of my favorite photos of some of my other art work. I did not make them, (smile) but I grew them. Aren't they beautiful! I cannot wait for spring to really SPRING!



Also, there are Irish recipes on the website. Don't forget about those. There's still plenty of time to hit the grocery store and try your hand at a couple of them. I truly love hearing back from you on how you liked the different recipes. It helps me know what works and what needs more explanation. www.judiwithani.com/recipes

Hey, I am going wireless this weekend! Aren't you proud of me? My webmaster helped me by picking out what I needed, and I am going to try to do it all by myself this weekend. It looks simple enough -- but we will see. If there is a way to mess it up -- I am sure I will find it!

Also, this weekend is the Grand Opening of a new Salvation Army Family Store here in Virginia Beach. I think I told you I am on the Board. Even though I do not have the time I would like to spend on it, I am still very proud to be a part of it. The store is fantastic, and they are planning a big event with mascots from local teams and radio stations and give-aways... it should be really cool.





The auction was last weekend, and Man! Was it fun! The final numbers are not in yet, but we raised record breaking dollars. It was amazing to see what sold and for how much. The vet went for \$52,000 (Several of you had asked) and the painted dolphin by local artist, Rick, went for \$16,000 - the most he has even gotten for one! At the beginning of the auction, the band started playing and several ladies got up to dance forming a "chain." I looked at my friend next to me and said, "I'm not gonna do that, are you?" She said, "Heck, No!" Well, when they came by and grabbed us - away we went. It really was great fun! I think everyone had a great time and we made a small fortune! Yea!



OK. I truly have TONS to do.

I will leave you with a few parting "Irish shots."

If I don't talk with you before St. Patty's Day
(DEADLINES, you know...)
have a Great Big, Green, Ole Time!

Take time to work,
 It is the price of success.
Take time to think,
 It is the source of power.
Take time to play,
 It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read,
 It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly,
 It is the road to happiness.
Take time to love and be loved,
 It is the privilege of the gods.
Take time to share,
 Life is too short to be selfish.
Take time to laugh,
 Laughter is the music of the soul.
 Anonymous.

Please pray for our men and women overseas -- that
they may remain safe and may return to us very soon.
Much love attached...



My babies -- from this morning while I was getting ready for work...

Going!... Going!... Gone!... Ha!...

I love them so!



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, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, 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!