



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a great week! It is Spring Break, but I am still at work this week. Too much going on. I really need to take a break, but I am not sure when that is going to happen. Maybe April.

Hey! See my "Rip Tide?" I LOVE my "Rip Tide!" He is the mascot for the Norfolk Tides. This past weekend was the Grand Opening of a new Salvation Army Family Store here in Virginia Beach. I had gotten "Rip Tide" and a couple of other mascots to come and make an appearance for the event. The media was there, too, as was the Mayor who proclaimed it "Salvation Army Day." It was really pretty cool! I was amazed when I pulled up at 8:45 on a beautiful Saturday morning and could not find a parking space for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony! Packed! And look at this - the line (above) stretched around and towards the back of the building.



I would say it was a huge success, wouldn't you?

They were lined up like that most of the day - just a constant stream of folks coming in. And by noon, the store had already made \$15,000! Amazing. All of that money, of course, goes to support the Adult Rehabilitation Center and its wonderful work. Just awesome. Anyway, I wanted to share some of the photos with



you. It was a very special event. Just look at these two little girls - I told them to turn around and see who was waiting to have his picture made with them, and when they turned and saw Rip, they screamed and got the giggles like he was a movie star! Kids just adore Rip. I do, too!

Some of the other shots just show your how busy it was. And the ladies here are drawing raffle tickets. Very nice door prizes donated from local businesses were given away every 30 minutes. And below that photo is Lisa supervising the face painting. Lisa is also on the board and owns local radio stations. Several were there.



OK, Last week I promised to share my latest attempt at painting with you whether I liked it or not, so here goes.

- The top one is the sketch from last week, nothing more than sketched out with a pencil.
- The second one is of stage two, right after I had blocked in some colors.
- And the last two are of stage three - finished, framed, and on the wall.



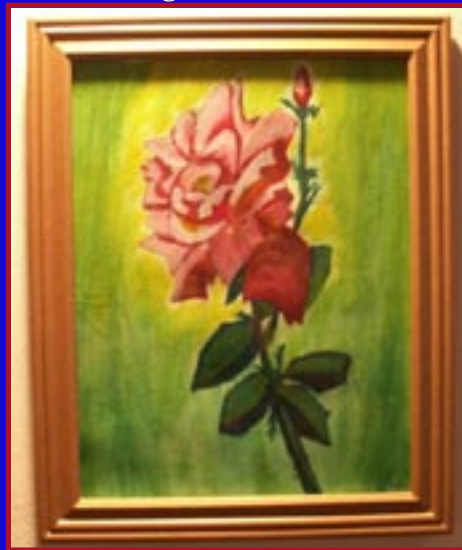
I actually like it a lot. I really wish it would show up better here. It just does not show you the detail at all, but I really did work on that. I cannot believe I did lace that really kinda looks like lace!



And last, but not least, I went back and "doctored" the flower I had been working on,



and I think it is in much better shape now. Again, hard to tell here. I can't figure out how to show you the detail in these photos. Maybe one of these days.



OK, gotta go. Still under heavy deadlines for the next two weeks.

Have a GRAND St. Patty's Day, and I will talk with you next week!

Pray for our men and women overseas - that they return home safely and soon! Love to all.



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

ES, 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!