



# FRIDAY FOLLIES

March 2011



Hey!

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How are you? I hope your March was a good one! I have had better, but it was fine, really. Just thankful that April is here and the sun is finally starting to shine!

March was definitely "In like a Lamb" and "Out like a Lion" this year! We even had snow last week, and the past two weeks have been that bone-chilling, damp, spring cold. I used to say when my kids were playing spring sports all those years that spring was the coldest time of the year! I still agree!





During the “Lamb” part of the month, I got motivated and moved two enormous “Monkey Grass” plants and made a space for my garden this year. I split the two plants into enough “Monkey Grass” plants to create a border around my entire backyard. THAT is how HUGE they were. Then I dug up and cleared a 20’ x 6’ space for the actual garden. (Who needs a gym, right?) The soil is pretty rich, so I will just mix some top soil and garden mix in before I plant later in the month. I also went ahead and got my garden paper and some solar lights to fix it up and placed all of my stepping stones all the way around the back yard. With the garden, there is not a lot of room now on that side of the house, but the yard is really tiny, anyway. This way it will look neater, and I will have my fresh veggies to can this summer and fall! Can’t wait to get started, but with this strange weather, I am going to wait a good three to four weeks to even think about getting plants to plant.



During the “Lion” part of the month (which was most of it), I decided to try to “paint” some spring. I bought some new water-based oil paints! I had heard about them and thought I would try them. I started this painting of a Koi pond, and as you can see, it is far from finished. At first, just blocking in the colors (upper left), I liked the water-based oils. But then when I went back to try to tighten the image and add some depth to the colors (upper right), it lost some of its softness - just hard to blend.

I love the fact that oils normally are so vibrant and can be “moved around” and blended for quite a long time after you paint them. The beauty of this stuff, though, is you can actually paint in the kitchen! Everything cleans up with water and soap and there are no fumes. I will finish this and see if I like the paints better as I go in now and start on the detail and finishing touches. Once finished, I will show it to you. Obviously still a long way to go.



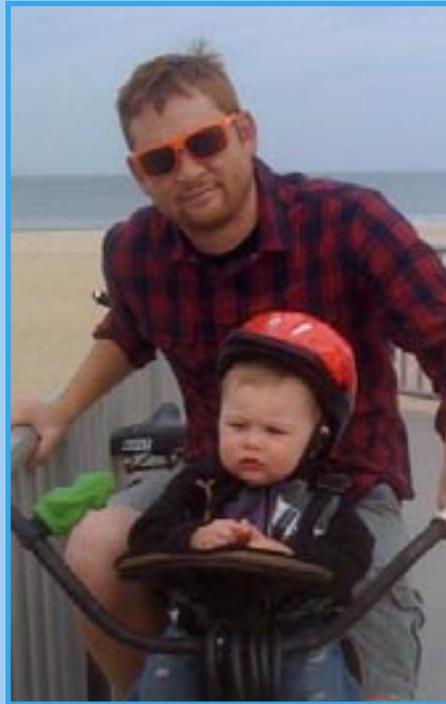
Decorated for St. Patty's Day and had a few friends in which was fun, but could not wait to get the "Irish" decorations down to spruce up for Easter! I love the soft pastels of spring! Plus, now with a grandson, the decorations are more fun... stuffed animals... Easter eggs, etc. He is loving them.



Oh, I also wanted to tell you that I sold LOTS of cookbooks in February and March! Thrilled me. Not sure why so many, but a nice surprise! Makes me want to get motivated and do the final five volumes of the series. Maybe that will be a good summer project.



I will finish up with a photo page of recent picture of Kai and at the end, some from the Shamrock Marathon which runs right by my neighborhood each year. Have a wonderful week, everyone, and I will talk with you all soon!



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!

**G**od bless.  
Remember, life is short!  
We need to make it a good one.  
Grow in peace and wisdom.  
Your Friday Friend,



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