



FRIDAY FOLLIES

May 2011

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Can't believe another month has rolled by! Soooo looking forward to this Memorial Day weekend and the neighborhood pool opening for the summer! I practically live by the pool during the month of June. As the summer grows hotter, I usually stay shorter times and maybe not as frequently, but the lazy summer days of June are spectacular there! Soooo excited. The weather has been so strange, that no one around here has a tan yet.

There have been maybe three good beach days all spring. Very cold, dark, and stormy spring, indeed. Bring on SUMMER!

On one or two of those dark, cool, stormy days, I got out my paints and painted this Koi Pond. In many of the houses I have lived in, I have had Koi ponds, but not anymore. I miss them. I started this painting out with a new type of paint called water-based oils. They are basically water soluble oil paints - real easy to clean up, but man, I hated them! I could not blend the colors at all because they dried so quickly. I have painted with watercolors before and liked them, but this was much thicker and very hard to use. So, once I blocked in the colors with the water-based oils, I pulled out my *real* oils to finish it. That was MUCH easier. I really like this painting, but I still need to find the money to take a few lessons. I simply cannot paint foliage to my liking. No matter how slowly or fast, no matter how many images I study... I simply cannot seem to get them "right." One these days...

My garden is growing by leaps and bounds. I am really pleased because I was not sure if it would get enough sunlight. It gets mid-day and early afternoon sun right now, but then falls into the cool shade in the late afternoon. Not a bad thing, actually. Oh, and I have not seen the snake again, thank Heavens.



Actually, I took these photos a few days ago and it has grown even more dramatically since then. I actually have three tomatoes growing now! Whoo Hoo! My herbs are doing well, too. I do SOOOOO love a garden!

This year I planted some flowers to go along with the garden. I actually bought and planted some Marigolds. I hate Marigolds, but





have always read where they “ward off” bugs. The funny thing is, my plants are all healthy EXCEPT the Marigolds! Ha! Something has eaten everything but the flowers down to a nub! So much for that theory. So now with planting though, the back deck is covered in colors, shade, and is so pretty. This is the first full summer I will have lived in this house, and even though the backyard is TINY, I love it. As you can see from these photos, Ollie loves it, too. He has several quiet, hidden places out back from which he likes to “observe the world.”





My sauces and canned goods are selling in the deli at the new Jewish Mother!! YAY! Those of you who are local need to go “check them out.” The girls behind the counter said they could not believe I grow all of the ingredients. They were very sweet. Sell! Sell! (Smile)

A business card for Judi Godsey. The top half features a cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue dress and holding a small object. The illustration is set against a yellow and blue oval background. Text around the illustration includes "JUDIWITHANI.COM", "LEMON-AIDE.NET", "JUSTJUDS.COM", and "FRIDAY-FOLLIES.COM". To the right of the illustration, the website "JUDIWITHANI.COM" is printed in a stylized font. Below the illustration, the name "Judi Godsey" is written in a large, serif font. At the bottom of the card, contact information is listed: "757.685.6300 text", "judigodsey@aol.com", and "www.judiwithani.com". On the right side of the card, a list of products is provided: "JUDIWITHANI.COM", "JUST JUDI'S PRODUCTS", "FRIDAY-FOLLIES.COM", and "JUST JUDI'S COOKBOOKS".

Right now, I have my Garden Fresh Pasta Sauce, Hot Banana Pepper Mustard, Jalapeno Jelly, Blueberry and Green Tomato Jam, and Fig Pickles for sale in the deli. That will change as I run low on some items and begin to can new ones from this garden. I need to get back out to the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market, too. I just have not had time. That will be on my “to do” list.

There were several fund raisers, lunches, and dinners with friends and other fun things this month.





Here are Jess and Kai with Jet and his grandma Edy.



Next are Jim, Ricky, and Scotty in the new sound booth at The Jewish Mother.



Here I am with good friend Mark and BFF Vicky, and a photo I love of Kai that Ricky took.





Now here is something to laugh about, if you are local!!! I found this photo the other day while cleaning out some old folders! Here I am with “Tree,” Richard Welton, and Jeannie Hardy at Tom Barton’s 50th birthday party. (I am talking, as usual...) I think this is so funny... especially since I can remember at the time thinking Tom Barton was OLD since it was his 50th birthday! Haha!

And this last photo is with Harmon Killebrew. Harmon passed away this month (1936-2011). He was the player used for the silhouette on the official baseball logo. Perfect form! He was truly an icon and had the strongest handshake of any man I have every met. What a nice, nice man he was! RIP.



Well, one last note. I am preparing to do some “repair” work to my website. My good friend Mike in Florida is going to help me restore all of the photos that were lost about a year ago when the photo website that was hosting it crashed without a backup. I will be sure to let you know when it is

completed. (Thanks, Mike!) After I get all of that straight (with a back up) I plan to start the next few volumes of my cook books.

I will close this month with the flyer I have in the market with all of my products listed. I am really not being self-serving here -- just sharing. I figure if I make these cards and flyers, etc., I might as well get some mileage out of them. Ha! Love to you all!



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



Judi Greenhaw Godsey