



FRIDAY FOLLIES
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I did a little more work on my two new paintings this week. Now I just need to go back and smooth some of the rough spots out and add some details.

The ghost is just a silly little painting I want to put in my garage. You remember that I decorate my garage for Halloween, right? So I am not taking a lot of time with him...

But the autumn water scene, I am really trying to go very

slowly with and do a decent job on it. I am pretty pleased with the way the colors are shaping up. Still a ways to go, though. Maybe I will have some time to work on it a bit more this next week.

I celebrated my birthday this week! It was really very, very cool. Even though it was on a weekday, I had a great day! Actually several days... The night before, the kids took me out to dinner. All of them are broke right now with -- still being in school, being newly weds, paying for new places to live, etc. -- so they took me for tacos at their favorite Mexican place at the beach. On Monday nights, the tacos at this place are only a \$1, and I promise you, they are so large you can only eat one! Yum!!! Hahaha! We had a really good time. Just very special...

I had to laugh, too, at what they gave me - well - don't take that the wrong way -- not so much what they gave me - but that someone my age would still be getting stuff like that! Jess and Ricky gave me a really cool, very feminine, black cowboy hat to wear when I drive my 1990, white F150 named "Pearl!" The kids all know how much I LOVE my "Pearl" on the weekends! And they love to borrow her.



They also gave me a gift card to iTunes! Whooo Hoo! I have not used it yet, but I am going to download a couple of my favorite movies to my iPhone! Hee, Hee! See what I mean? Maybe that says something about me... not sure what... but I like it! A cowboy hat for my truck, an iTunes card for my iPhone, and \$1 tacos! I LOVED it!



Tons of friends called, or emailed, or stopped by to see me at home and at work. I am always truly amazed at who remembers. I am the absolute WORST at that! I am lucky if I remember my own kids' birthdays! Seriously! I can even write birthdays down on the calendar and I still might forget them! (Certainly not my kids' - but you know what I mean...)

These folks were so very thoughtful... A couple even took me to lunch and dinner over a couple of days' time. And look at all of these cool things folks gave me! That is one fun thing about having a birthday right at Halloween! No one is at a loss for what to get you! I got a cat that

cries out when you walk by, two huge, twin, talking skeletons that I adore, a beautiful pink, hand-blown glass bud vase, a leopard-print koozie cup fringed with ostrich feathers, a witch's hat and matching gloves, again trimmed with bright orange feathers... just fun, fun stuff!



Thanks, all!



Then, two really NEAT things happened this week!

My brother's oldest son had a baby boy! Yea! I have a new grand nephew! (I have seven! - well, eight now!) They named him William C. after my father but instead of William Curtis, his name will be William Cale. He will be called Cale. I told them I liked the name, but that I am going to nickname him "Turnip" -- especially since the first syllable of his last name is "Green." (Cale - Turnip - get it?) I joke, but I simply cannot wait to see him and hold him! My brother is so proud. It is his first grandson.



Amanda "goofing" with her new Nurse's uniform on.

Then, another great thing this week! Amanda, another "daughter" of mine (smile), graduated and received her Nurses' pen.

She invited me to the ceremony and it was awesome. It truly was moving. There were 61 in the class - the largest they have had in two decades. That is amazingly good considering this area has had a HUGE shortage of nurses now for years. Anyway, I was very, very proud of her.

More picking and canning this week! LOOK at all of the stuff I canned and then the very next day went out to the garden and collected the produce you see here. Truthfully, I think the tomatoes are just about finished. The eggplant still has probably twenty blooms, though. Very cool since I created the Mediterranean recipe for eggplant that I love. Because of all of this, I have decided I really will exhibit in the show around the corner right after Thanksgiving. Just mark the Saturday after Thanksgiving on your calendar and in the next couple of weeks I will send you specific information.

I have even created cookbooks to hand out with the products I sell. Well, I hope I finish with them!

Short and sweet this week. Too much to do!

Pray for our men and women overseas! Don't forget about them! They have not forgotten about you and your loved ones for one second!



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



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!