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News from the Nest

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Hello My Friend,
Happy 2009 to you!

After the hubbub of Christmas was over, the store was changed to Valentine's Day, my home undecorated, cleaned and redecorated, I decided to give myself a post-Christmas present. If I inconvenienced any of you in the process, I am truly sorry, but this is something that I have wanted/needed to do for awhile. I try to be available to my family and friends whenever they might need me. They have my store number, home number, cell number, fax and email info. I try to keep the store open as much as possible, answer phone messages and emails promptly and be the responsible person that my parents taught me to be. But one week in January I did it. No looking back, no regrets, no apologies (well, not too many)...I just did it. I took a break from opening my emails from either email address! It was grand having that extra 1/2 hour or so every morning. It seemed to fill quickly with other stuff, but I felt absolutely NO guilt or pressure to even peek at what was piling up in my inboxes. It was freeing to realize that life goes on just fine without email. People call on the phone if it is an urgent matter. The chain letters die a natural death and nothing bad happens like they promise it will. The gazillion last chance offers to save BIG expire and life goes on. Evidently the big opportunity to make a fortune by investing in the obscure company in Algeria was snapped up by someone else--oh well.

I realize that I do need the internet to send photos quickly to customers, follow up on auctions, keep in touch with my family and friends and place orders for supplies, but that little break was heavenly. Promise I won't do it again for a year or so!

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Spring Open House

Our 9th Anniversary!

Amazing! Nine years since Birds of a Feather was born! This is the occasion that I use to debut the Easter lines, the Natural History oddities and curiosities, the latest in Spring ribbons, gardening treasures, wonderful old books on nature, wonderful old wheelbarrows, toys, linens, and interesting pieces for your home and collections. This year I have gathered some old Easter themed chocolate molds, old Easter baskets and things that used to fill children's Easter baskets in days gone by. There will be Easter treats on the deck and the amazing work of Julie Whitmore plus a few new artists' work for your pleasure.

Please join us:

Sat-Sun, March 7-8
10-5 each day.

(Remember that the store will be closed the week prior, 3/2-3/6 to prepare.)

We are always looking for quality antique pieces for the store. If you have treasures that you would like to sell, just call Bonnie at the store~ 805.927.2391.



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What's New at Birds of a Feather?

Close your eyes and imagine a quaint New England cottage, decorated with fabulous old pewter porringers, chargers, coffee pots and tankards. Lovely old paintings of local scenes are hanging on the walls. Woven coverlets and quilts are on the beds, tin molds hang in the kitchen alongside butter presses and molds. Stenciled chairs, old signs, hooked rugs, tins and toys complete the picture and represent some of the items you will find at my booth at the Arroyo Grande South County Historical Society's annual Antique Show, to be held Valentine's Day weekend, Feb. 14-15. I recently purchased some amazing primitives from 2 local estates and can't wait to share them with you at that show! It is at the same location, South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch in Arroyo Grande, and the hours are Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4. Come by the store for a free map.

Maybe your Valentine would like to take you to this show for *your* Valentine treat!

Meet Cindy Farris!

Cindy is an amazing artist from SLO and she creates in many medias. Her one-of-a-kind purses and journals are featured at Birds of a Feather and literally "fly" out of the store as soon as they arrive! Her purses are made of felt and embroidered with stitched birds, nests, eggs, etc. and are embellished with buttons, beads, felting and curious findings. Each has her trademark soldered charm on the fabric cord handle. They are lined with complimentary fabric and each is fun and unique and priced from \$38-48. Cindy's journals include blank pages for journaling interspersed with original artwork, interesting fabric and paper specimens and pockets of all descriptions to hold collected treasures. Each features a 3-dimensional cover with added beads, ribbon, lace and bits of art. Journals are priced at a bargain \$48.

Ribbon!

So much great ribbon I can't stand it!! Every time I turn around there is more to choose from with new orders arriving weekly! Lots of new Valentines designs, also Easter/Spring ones and fabulous gros grains and satins, good for all year round. Many are reversible and there are a few new vintage finds. I am on my way to order more in a couple of weeks--yippee!

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Calendar

We are posting our first half of 2009 calendar, so that you can mark the dates on your personal calendars and join us for
FUN! FUN! FUN!

Saturday & Sunday
February 14~15

**South Coast Historical Society's Antiques Show in
Arroyo Grande**

Saturday~Monday, **February 14~16**
President's 3 day Weekend
We're open all 3 days

Monday~Friday
March 2nd~6th

Store closed this week to prepare for:

Saturday & Sunday
March 7 & 8
Birds of a Feather
9th Annual Spring
Open House
10-5 both days!

Sunday, March 8
Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday, April 12th
Easter Sunday

We will be closed to celebrate Easter with our families.

Saturday, April 25th
9am~4pm

Remnants of the Past Antiques Show in Nipomo

Friday, May 1st, May Day

Sunday, May 10th, Mother's Day

Saturday~Monday, May 23~25th
Memorial Day Weekend

Once again, Birds of a Feather will be at the
**Remnants of the Past Antique Show in Nipomo this Spring! The date is
Saturday only, April 25th from 9-5.** This is such a fun show--lots of great
vendors with interesting, unusual things, nice people (both selling and buying!), great
food from the Old Edna Cafe, beautiful setting and ambiance, clean bathrooms--
what more could we want?!

Please join us (we're just inside the barn door to the right) for a day of fun in
Nipomo. For directions go to www.remnantsofthepast.com

Bonus Page!

Some of you requested this recipe from the Holiday Open House. (It was cut in bite size servings, served in cupcake liners.) This was one of my mother's favorite cakes!

Dorothy's Fresh Apple Cake

4 c. diced unpeeled fresh apples

2 eggs

2 c. sugar

1/2 c. salad oil

2 tsp. vanilla

1/2 tsp. salt

3 c. sifted flour

1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

2 tsp. baking soda

1 cup chopped walnuts

Dice apples and place in bowl of cool water while you prepare the following:

Beat eggs in mixer. Fold in sugar and salad oil. Add remaining dry ingredients. Drain apples and pat dry. Fold apples and nuts into batter and spread in greased 9" x 13" pan and bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees until browned and toothpick inserted into center comes out dry. Sprinkle each serving with sifted powder sugar for presentation.



“Bonnie, don't you ever make anything anymore???”

I've been hearing that a lot lately, and I really DO miss creating things (I always say I live vicariously through my creative customers!) so, I have decided to do something about that! A new line of rubber stamps is in the works...I love to use them to decorate my mail, add a touch to a creative page, on gift wrap...too much fun! I made a living doing little drawings for part of my life so now I will try to translate my crazy ideas into something you, too, can enjoy--I hope! Right now, I am shopping for the right company to make them up for me and polishing my little designs...we'll see how it all comes out.

Ed Fred

Are you familiar with this product?? A wonderful friend of mine was listening to my lament that some old bathroom fixtures just would not look new again and she slipped into the store, disappeared into the bathroom and surfaced a short time later, smiling and inviting me to visit my powder room. Amazing!! Clean, shiny, like new (except for the chips and dings that ancient fixtures seem to have) and all thanks to my generous (and not afraid to get her rubber gloves dirty) friend, a pumme and Ed Fred. I know, I'd never heard of it either--evidently not a big marketing machine behind them--but it really does work! Available at OSH, and I've been told that Miner's Hardware carries it too.

May Day

It's an old time tradition that when May 1st rolls around, you gather some of your best garden flowers together, make little paper cones and hang a bouquet on the front door of your neighbor's home as a token of friendship. In my neighborhood, we would ring the door bell and run away so that our neighbor would come to the door to discover their surprise! I want to see these traditions carried forth for the next generations, so I am going to be making paper cones to wrap your purchases in towards the end of April with the hope that you will recycle them and use them for May baskets for someone special in your life.

New Artists:

Bob and Marsha Goss

What a treat to find more wonderful artists and, once again, right in our own back yard! Bob and Marsha are wood working artists and have made the most amazing hand carved and hand painted bird and feather brooches for Birds of a Feather, as well as some wooden bowls with pine needle basket tops and the bottom of the bowl itself has a hand carved or wood burned and painted design with bird related themes. Pins are \$22 and the basket/bowls are \$65. I'll bet you will love them just like I do!



Eggs, Eggs, and more Eggs!

As Spring arrives at Birds of a Feather, the interesting and beautiful array of eggs make their debut! This year I am adding some new and different specimens to the mix! Australian Black Swan eggs are the most delicate blue and are larger than goose eggs, but smaller than emu eggs. These are in very limited supply, but amazing! I will also have exotic eggs from all sorts of birds and fowl...so beautiful! Put them in jars, tuck them in nests, add them to a Spring wreath...some of nature's finest creations, these little eggs!