



# News from the Nest

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## You have no idea.

It’s something that we hear often. These past few months I lived that little phrase, because I had no idea.

I had no idea that I was actually loved by so many of you. Now, that sounds really boastful I am sure. But, when you work every day at your job and you do the best that you know how, you don’t really stop to think about whether or not people love YOU, you mainly just want them to love your work and keep you employed.

I had no idea that people loved my store, especially in the way that they did. It was evident to me that people liked coming in to shop, as they kept coming back...but I had no idea that people *really* did get inspired and went home to create an idea sparked at Birds of a Feather, or that they were calmed on a harried day by being there or came to relive a happy time in their childhood.

I had no idea that the things that I loved and brought to the store were actually cherished and appreciated in your homes and by the people that you shared them with.

My life is pretty wonderful. I have a roof over my head in God’s paradise in a free country. My family is amazing. My friends are loyal, supportive, loving and fun! I am in excellent health (for an old lady!). My needs are few. I wake up happy and excited to take on the day. But these revelations mentioned above came to me at a real crossroad in my life and with God’s perfect timing.

As many of you know, my life has not always been a bowl of cherries, and just about the time I wondered just what *is* God’s plan for my life now? — and began the self doubt, the questioning of why am I here, what do I contribute to making the world a better place...all those things we let ourselves think on a gray day...and then...

I decided that it was time to close the store. Every time my grandchildren had something important in their lives, I was working. When my friends wanted to take a hop out of town, attend a matinee, a concert, a picnic...I was working. “I’m the only one that can change this,” I thought to myself. “Now, how can I make it work and still keep my boat afloat?” So with a certain amount of fear and excitement, I decided to close the store and just do antiques shows and my online store and estate sales. In my fuzzy brain, I thought I would announce the closing, we’d all have a week or so to get used to the idea and then we’d close out the merchandise and that would be that.

This is when I discovered what it feels like to really *feel* loved. Your calls, your emails, your visits, your cards...*every* day for four months—truly overwhelming! And so amazingly heartwarming and I shall never forget it. I’ve heard that phrase, “life changing” and now I understand it. At a time when I was, well, not at my best, you have truly changed my life and energized me to become my best “me” to live up to all those nice things you have said to me and to be able to accept your compliments with gratitude and feel as though my little store really has meant something to you.

It has been exhausting, exhilarating, and energizing all at the same time and I wouldn’t trade a moment of it. You, my friends, are inspirational and I really feel wrapped in a big fuzzy blanket of your love that will last me my whole life through! *You have no idea* what you have meant to me in my life. Thank you.

*Bonnie*

## Remnants of the Past

Antiques Show in Nipomo  
Saturday, April 30, 2011

9am-4pm

This will be the 8th "Remnants" show and it really promises to be a great one! Judy Watkins, the owner of the show just continues to outdo herself!

**I will just be home from my trip to Paris with fresh French Finds** as well as some really great treasures that I have been gathering at home for this show! I'll be in my usual place, just inside the barn door-- I hope you can make a day of it! There will be food available and some of the best dealers around--nice people with really great inventory! For more info go to [www.remnantsofthepast.com](http://www.remnantsofthepast.com)

### A Few Overdue Thank You's!

Thank you to my wonderful landlords, Ashley and Lucky Gracey from the Garden Shed for being the best friends a tenant could ask for! I love you both!

Thank you to my first grade teacher, Mrs. Little, for teaching me that blue and yellow make green. As I was baking my little Christmas tree spritz cookies, I discovered at 11 pm that I did not have green food coloring! I had blue, red and yellow, but NO green! Then I remembered from Mrs. Little's art lessons that I could *make* green. Hooray! What a great teacher she was.

Thank you, Tina, for convincing me to stop packing the store on Sunday afternoon, drive through the pouring rain to SLO to the Christmas Sing Along at the PAC. Wonderful music was just what I was needing to get me celebrating Christmas!

Thank you to Bonnie Parsons for being such a loyal, helpful friend who always seems to know just what I need at the moment, even when I don't seem to!

Thank you to Richard Grise for reminding me that I am NOT Wonder Woman and for loaning me his muscle power to move heavy boxes, etc.

Thank you, to my loving friends, family and customers who literally loved me through the closing of my store. I kept expecting to dissolve into a puddle of tears, but to my amazement, that never happened! Partly, I think because I was ready for this change, and partly because I felt so loved and so supported by all of you. I can't possibly name everyone, but you know who you are! Thank you!

Thank you, God, for the strength to be able to have my very full time store, for the talents you have given me to create my little store, for the constant care of me all my life! Thank you for what ever plan you have for the next chapter—I'm excited!

## Calendar

We are posting our calendar through June of 2011 so that you can mark the dates on your personal calendars.

Thursday, March 17  
**St. Patrick's Day**

Sunday, April 24  
**Easter Sunday**

Saturday, April 30, 9-4  
**Remnants of the Past Show/Sale**  
Dana Powers Barn, Nipomo, Ca

Sunday May 8  
**Mother's Day**

Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22  
**Three Speckled Hens Antique Show/Sale**  
Paso Robles Fairgrounds

Saturday-Monday, May 28-30  
**Memorial Day 3 day Weekend**

Tuesday, June 14  
**Flag Day**

Sunday, June 19  
**Father's Day**

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## ONLINE STORE!

I'm sure that you have heard by now that my online store is up and running! A huge thank you to all of you that have visited and emailed your sweet comments! It is going very well and I am back to adding new items regularly. If there is something that you would like to see listed there, please let me know and I will try to accommodate your request! I am still working out some "bugs" like combining shipping automatically, etc. but, if you have any questions, just give me a call or email me and we will work it out!

You enter it via the website:

**[www.2birdsofafeather.com](http://www.2birdsofafeather.com)** and then just click on the tab for "Online Store."

I am always looking for quality antique pieces. If you have treasures that you would like to sell, just email me at: [attic@thegrid.net](mailto:attic@thegrid.net)