



# News from the Nest

Summer 2011 Edition

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Bonjour, Mon Amie!

It's newsletter time again and there is SO much to share with you!

Are you feeling a little overwhelmed with all the graduations, weddings, Summer travel plans, guests visiting? 'Tis the season and what a difference "semi-retirement" makes in being able to enjoy all of these things to the fullest! I'm just sayin'...not to make those of you gainfully employed feel badly...but this new schedule, or lack of one, is certainly allowing me the freedom to take it ALL in!



As you all know by now, in April my now 15 year old grand-daughter, Taylor, and I went to Paris for her Spring break. Oh, what FUN we had! First, let me brag for just a moment about Tay...come on, bragging rights come along with being grandma! She just finished her 3rd year of French, is an honor student, saved almost all of her own money for her trip, is an art and art history student and had wanted to go to Paris for a long time.

This was my fourth trip to Paris, but my first trip to see all the sights (museums, galleries, monuments, etc.) and for the first time, only ONE flea market and a few antiques shops--such restraint!! But this was a trip for Taylor and I just can't tell you how wonderful it was to see the city of Paris through her eyes and to see the things I had been missing before!



The weather was beautiful every day and we didn't leave any patisserie or chocolate shop un-visited! We saw fun things like the Fashion Museum and the Chocolate Museum along with all the famous, well known Paris attractions. Lots of clothes shopping--after all Taylor is a teenage girl--and we did **lots** of walking! Our photos of our trip are mostly food, boutiques, and amazing places like the Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Musee d'Orsay etc. We literally fell into bed every night--weary but happy with another day of lovely memories to relive over and over again.

My antiques shopping was somewhat limited this trip as I mentioned, but I still managed to bring home some wonderful French treasures to share with all of you at shows and on my online store. The last three days of my trip were spent in Utah with my family and more antiquing there--sent home 2 big boxes of great old pieces from that area!

After a wonderful birthday trip to Northern California, doing 2 estate sales, going to my grandson Jarred's high school graduation in Utah (yay, Jarred!) and a couple of out of town antiques shows, it's time to settle down and update the website and prepare for two shows coming up SOON! **September 17-18 is a new show, Goat Hill Fair** in Los Gatos and the **Remnants of the Past Show October 8-9** at it's new location at the Madonna Expo Center. (More details on page 2.)

Thank you, my friend, for being my friend! I am blessed in so many ways, and family and friends are at the top of that list and I will never take you for granted.

I hope you have a wonderful Summer and let's keep in touch--I don't miss having to be someplace at 9:30 am every day, but I do miss you and visiting with you and hearing what is going on your life! Au revoir,

*Bonnie*

## Remnants of the Past

New Dates--TWO DAYS! Oct. 8-9, 10-4  
New Place--Madonna Expo Center, San Luis Obispo  
As many of you who attended the last show are aware, it was amazingly successful--almost too much so! Judy Watkins, show owner, has made some big changes to accomodate shoppers more comfortably, allow for climate control, have more parking--all the things that make it shopper friendly. With her usual flair, it will be beautiful and exciting and feature the best of the best dealers and merchandise around! I'm not sure of my space assignment yet, but I'm sure you'll find me--just look for my Birds of a Feather banner! Think I am going to be all OLD CHRISTMAS booth this time!  
For more info go to [www.remnantsofthepast.com](http://www.remnantsofthepast.com)

## Calendar

Here are some dates that you might like to add to your calendar!

Friday-Saturday, July 1-2, 8am

**Bonnie Parson's Tag Sale, 440 Drake St., Cambria**

Monday, July 4--Fourth of July!

Saturday-Sunday, September 17-18

**Goat Hill Fair Show, Los Gatos, CA**

Saturday-Sunday, October 8-9, 9am-4pm

**Remnants of the Past Show**

Madonna Expo Center, San Luis Obispo

## Goat Hill Fair Antiques Show

I'm venturing out of my neighborhood (Central Coast) and participating in a brand new show, "Goat Hill Fair" in Los Gatos September 17-18! Cyndi Garofalo was a customer in my store and invited me to join in on the fun at the picturesque farm in Northern California. It will be wonderful to see friends from that area again and my hope is that many of my fellow "birds of a feather" will join me there! Cyndi has a website with directions: [www.goathillfair.com](http://www.goathillfair.com) and you can also see the other vendors that will be participating. I have been putting treasures aside just for this show and I will be in the garden under the big shade tree!

**Don't forget to visit the online store--just go to [www.2birdsofafaether.com](http://www.2birdsofafaether.com) and click on "online store."**

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

On our trip to Paris, Taylor and I had dinner one night at a lovely little restaurant in our neighborhood and the evening feature that night was Beef Bourguignon. As a nod to Julia Child, we decided to order it--followed, of course, by a yummy French dessert--a fancy chocolate mousse! Julia's recipe is quite long and complicated, but I've found that Ina Garten's version is just as yummy and contains a few shortcuts! You can access it on the Food Network website: [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com) and in the search box type: Ina Garten Beef Bourguignon.



This is my favorite chocolate shop in Paris (background). It is called "A La Mere de Famille" and this one is in the Opera district. There are 4 other locations throughout Paris and they have a website: [www.lameredefamillee.com](http://www.lameredefamillee.com)



Oh, how I would love to take you with me on a tour of the markets of Paris! This is just one little vendor at Vanves with these wonderful old books...all in French, of course!



This is Pauline--isn't she adorable?! We met her at the Vanves Flea Market where she sells her artwork from time to time. I bought a darling little chicken picture from her and she shyly agreed to pose for this picture.