



# News from the Nest

Fall 2011 Edition

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Hello My Friend,

What is it about Fall? Every year I feel an itch to decorate, bake, take a drive, reconnect with family and friends and this feeling of excitement comes over me laced with energy and enthusiasm for things to come. I sort of feel like a kid again--anticipating what is ahead and happy to now have some free time to plan and dream about the things on my bucket list!

Funny how that list seems to get longer and longer! I have actually done some of the things on that list since "semi-retirement" last December. Some I have shared with you in past newsletters (my crafting cottage, trip to Paris with Taylor, etc.) and some that I'm sure you have no interest in knowing about. After seeing that movie, "The Bucket List," I decided that I needed to write down my bucket list...I had one in my head, but I needed to actually list them and free up some of that space in my brain. Have you heard motivational speakers talk about the power of writing down your wants and desires and the positive results that come from that action? I think it is true. You tend to focus on your list of things (professional goals, family goals, prospective mate, personal things that you want to accomplish, even items that you wish to obtain, etc.) and as things, people, ideas cross your path, it allows you to immediately see what is in line with those goals and what falls short. Instead of a million scattered thoughts, you narrow your field and zoom in on things that really matter to you--and what doesn't. Somehow, those things on your list seem to come into your life--so you have to be careful what you ask for!

My list is pretty short. Certainly very few *things* that I want (or need), but there are people that I would like to meet, some people that I would like to spend more time with, art that I would like to create, places I would love to go, activities that I would like to do better, lose some weight--again, etc. Some of them seem pretty shallow I'm ashamed to admit, and perhaps some unattainable, but they are on my list anyway.

Today I am going to see another movie--this one sounds wonderful--"My Afternoons with Marguerite." It is a simple story about just spending time with a person, sharing life's ideas and lessons and learning from another's perspective. Now that is one of the things semi-retirement has afforded me...time to talk and listen...to share with friends what they have learned along the way. Quite a journey we are on in this life and I have learned so much from all of my family and friends, both from my business life and my personal life. One of the things on my bucket list is writing a memoir of being an antiques dealer...and oh, do I have stories to tell!

My favorite thing on my bucket list is something that I have really tried to do already: to enjoy every season to its fullest and be grateful for all it brings into my life. This Autumn season has already brought me joy seeing so many of you at the antiques shows, baking zucchini bread and apple pies, attending musical events, spending time with some of my grandchildren and decorating for Fall! My hope is that you will begin a list of the things you would like to do in the coming months and that you are able to do them all--and more--and that they bring YOU great joy!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bonnie'.

PS--an update--the movie was GREAT!

### **What is the difference between a tag sale, a garage sale and an estate sale?**

A tag sale contains merchandise collected by an individual or several people and presented in an organized way, and generally has higher grade items, both antique and home decor, but priced below regular retail prices.

An estate sale can be either a sale of the belongings of a living person (living estate) or someone that has passed and the items that the family cannot use are offered for sale to the public. It can be a collection of lovely antiques, mostly household items, or as is often the case, some of both.

A garage sale generally offers cast off items no longer needed by a family or individual and does not include the entire household, but rather selected items--sometimes garage sales are used as a fund raiser for an organization and can also be called rummage sale, moving sale, divorce sale, etc.

### **Calendar**

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

**Bonnie Parson's TAG SALE:** Fri-Sat, Nov. 25-26  
440 Drake St., Cambria

**Estate Sale:** December 3-4, 2404 Wilcombe Rd.,  
Cambria 8-noon (see article)

**Arroyo Grande Historical Society Antiques Show,**  
February 11-12, 2012, South County Regional Center,  
800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande

**Three Speckled Hens Show, Paso Robles, April 14-15, 2012**

**Goat Hill Fair,** Los Gatos, CA, May 19-20, 2012

**Remnants of the Past Show,** San Luis Obispo, June 2-3, 2012

### **Highway 41 Antiques Emporium**

Have you visited this antique mall? It is right where Highway 41 meets Highway 1 in Morro Bay (next to Miner's hardware store). I recently rented a case there (some habits are hard to lose!). It is case #78 and I am filling it with seasonal items (right now it is Halloween and Fall, plus a few other fun things) and it gives me a good excuse to continue buying select treasures, but on a smaller scale.

Our friend, Mark Graper, that used to have Seaside Cottage in Cambria has a huge space there and you will find his signature beachy look, affordable furniture and decor that he was known for in his lovely shop.

The mall is open 7 days a week--be sure to stop by on your next visit over this way!

**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).

### **Estate Sale!**

On the first weekend in December, December 3-4, I will be doing a living estate sale in Cambria. The address is 2404 Wilcombe and the hours of the sale are 8-1 on Saturday and 8-noon on Sunday. This is a charming home and you will find it by turning West on Ardath Dr. from Highway One and follow it to Wilcombe. Turn right on Wilcombe and park either on Wilcombe or Lucille St. Please be respectful of the neighbors and *do not block driveways*.

There is an assortment of antiques, collectibles and quality wicker pieces, lovely glassware, kitchen items, LOTS of nice old furniture, art, books, linens, lamps, clocks, mirror, Christmas items, clothing, and so much more! Hope you can make it--lots of treasures to be discovered!

### **Tag Sale!**

Many of you have come to follow my friend Bonnie Parson's tag sales and she has another one coming up Thanksgiving weekend! What do you do when you love to collect, but your home is already tastefully decorated? You sell the overages in a tag sale and Bonnie has a knack for finding the unusual, lovely and quality pieces that we all love! Her sale is November 25-26 at her home: 440 Drake St. in Cambria, 8:00 am sharp! Take Ardath Dr. West to Madison, then left on Drake.

### **Surprisingly Easy Hors d'oeuvre**

Need a tasty and easy snack to serve during the Fall season?

Try this attasty twist on ingredients!

Quantities of ingredients will vary depending on the number of appetizers you wish to make:

Smoky Gruyere Cheese  
Fresh pears--any variety  
Honey  
Flour tortillas  
Trader Joes Peach Salsa (or any sweet, mild salsa--mango is a good one!)

Wash and cut pears into 1/2" wide spears with core removed  
Slice smoky greyure cheese in 4" x 1/2" long spears  
Heat tortilla over stove for a moment to soften and then place 2 slices of pear and 2 slices of cheese in the center, drizzle with honey and roll up burrito style. Secure with toothpick.  
Place on baking sheet and brush with cooking oil.  
Bake at 400 degrees 10-12 minutes or until browned.  
Slice in half diagonally and serve with salsa! Yum!