

A New Beginning

How do you handle making a big decision? Do you consult with your family and friends? Do you make a list of the pros and cons and then weigh them to reveal the best outcome? Do you “think” on paper and make a timeline and notes about “if I do this, that will happen?” Do you pray for guidance in making the decision?

Well, I recently came to a big decision and utilized all of those methods. At the end of the year I am closing Birds of a Feather. Please don't be mad...or sad, (or too happy! :0) but instead, please celebrate with me almost 11 years of fun and frolic and time in a business that I absolutely love. Celebrate the friendships we've made, the wonderful things that you have adopted from my little store, and hopefully, the inspirations that we have shared at Birds of a Feather! Also celebrate the **new** things that we will enjoy together!

My life will be beginning anew, as I go forward with antique shows, my online store and who knows what else? I call it **semi-retiring** as I will be spending time with my grandchildren attending special events in their lives. I will still be shopping for those really wonderful things for the online store and shows. I will be creating silly little things. If any of my creations become worthy, you will see them popping up on the online store under the “artists” tab. I will be cooking more, sleeping more, walking along the beach more, watching old movies more, volunteering more, writing more. Maybe organizing some workshops will be in my future--maybe some bus trips to flea markets...we'll see!

The timeline of special events leading up to this Birds of a Feather “Grand Finale” is as follows:

Now--Fall merchandise in the store and the Online Store is up and running!

10/2 “Remnants of the Past” Antiques Show in Nipomo

10/7 25% off everything in the store SALE! Silent auction begins on fixtures

New merchandise added continually from 10/7-11/2

11/3-11/28 50% off sale--CASH AND CHECKS only

12/15 Silent auction ends

12/16 call silent auction winners

12/21 All merchandise must be picked up

12/26 Clear out/clean

1/1/11 Take a NAP

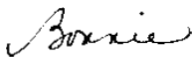
February--South Coast Historical Society Show in Arroyo Grande

April--Spring Break: go to Paris with Taylor, my granddaughter! Hooray!

April--“Remnants of the Past” Spring Antiques Show--maybe with a Paris flair??

Thank you SO much for your loyalty and your friendship over these past years! My life has been enriched by knowing you and my hope is that we keep in touch and still see each other whenever that special occasion presents itself. You can always email me anytime with special requests or just to “chat!” I hope your memories of Birds of a Feather will be fond ones and that your journey takes you to a new beginning when you are ready!

Fondly,





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News from the Nest

Fall 2010 Edition Free~Please take one!

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Hello My Friend,

Autumn.

Leaves drop to the ground. The days get shorter. The kids return to school and a routine once again sets in. Some people see these things negatively, but I choose to recognize and celebrate the positive!"

- A beautiful array of golden brown and rust leaves decorate the yard and "crunch" ever so beautifully as you walk.
- Even though there are fewer hours of daylight for working, cozying by a fire in the evening can be the best end to a day!
- Usually the kids are excited to be back in school ('tho they won't always admit it) and are full of exciting new things to share at the dinner table about school!
- Unscheduled time in the Summer is always a welcome treat, but the order in our lives that comes with a routine helps to keep us organized and feeling secure.

The promise of family times together and the excitement that comes with Fall and the holidays gives us something to look forward to.

My hope for you is that this season brings you cozy fires, beautiful Fall leaves, yummy nut breads, bittersweet and mums, hot spiced tea or cocoa and more love than you can possibly stuff in a bushel basket!

Warm regards, *Bonnie*

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 adding new items almost every day. 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.2birdsofafaether.com and then just click on the tab for "Online Store."

Remnants of the Past

Antiques Show in Nipomo
Saturday, October 2, 2010
9am-4pm

This will be the 7th "Remnants" show and it really promises to be a great one! Judy Watkins, the owner of the show just continues to outdo herself! Rachel Atwell, creator of Shabby Chic, will be the featured guest at the show!

I have been squirreling away lots of really great treasures for this show! I'll be just inside the barn door--here is a little tease:

- A BIG old wooden Halloween Cat bean bag toss game with the original bean bags
- A wonderful old black and orange print adult size Halloween costume from the 30's-40's!
- A c.1900 wagon with metal spoke wheels (filled with pumpkins, of course!
- Lori Mitchell and Melissa Tereck figures
- Abby Peterson Fall line of whimsical hand made ceramics
- Some of my early advertising display pieces that I said I wouldn't ever sell
- A collection of old silver jewelry
- Vintage linens
- Great old children's toys
- Who knows what else??!

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

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

Zucchini Bread

Quick--before all of the Summer's zucchini are gone--let's make Zucchini Bread! It is so easy~and sooo good!

Note: If you bake this in 5-6 little loaf pans you will have some to share, or if you like, 2 regular loaf pans will work!

2 c. sugar

1 c. vegetable oil

1 Tbls. vanilla

3 eggs, beaten

Beat until light and creamy, then add:

2c. sifted flour

1 Tbls. ground cinnamon

1 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. baking powder

2 tsp. baking soda

Fold in:

2 c. grated zucchini

1 c. chopped nuts

Divide batter among greased loaf pans (2 regular, or 5-6 small)

Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes small pans or 1 hour large pans--or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes in pan before removing from pans and then cool half an hour or so before serving. Bread can be frozen.

Big News! There's a new flea market to check out! It is the **San Francisco Candlestick Flea Market** and is held most often on the third Sunday of the month, unless a game interferes. If you would like more information, visit **their website:**
www.candlestickantiques.com

Do you love **Handmade Caramels**? Well then, you have a treat in store! Stephanie Mulroony of "Friday Carrot Cake at Lily's" fame has opened a little handmade candy cupboard inside the Garden Shed! She is making handmade marshmallows in a couple of flavors and caramels in 3-4 kinds--and who knows what she will come up with next? Her shop is called "**Mrs. Mulroony**" and is open most Saturdays. Just ask at the front desk at the Garden Shed and they will direct you!

Calendar

We are posting our calendar for the rest of 2010 so that you can mark the dates on your personal calendars.

Birds of a Feather will be closed 9/22-23 for repairs and will re-open 9/24 at 10 AM!

Saturday, October 2, 9-4 Remnants of the Past Antiques Show in Nipomo

Thursday, October 7

Semi Retirement Sales Begins

25% off everything in store! Silent Auction for store fixtures begins!

Saturday-Sunday, October 16-17

Three Speckled Hens Show

New place: Fairgrounds in Paso Robles

Look for my friend, Donna Lee from Hidden Gate Antiques here in Cambria at this show!

November 3-28 50% off sale

November 6-7

Christmas Open House at Hidden Gate Antiques in Cambria

Sunday, November 7 Daylight Savings Time ends

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving (store closed)

Thursday, December 2

Cambria's Hospitality Night 5-8 pm

Birds of a Feather will be closed.

Wednesday, December 15

Silent Auction Fixture Sale ends and winners will be notified by December 12/16

Tuesday, December 21

ALL FIXTURES MUST BE PICKED UP/REMOVED FROM STORE!

Thursday, 12/22-Saturday, December 25

Christmas with my family (store closed)

For the latest happenings at Birds of a Feather, visit our website:
www.2birdsofafaether.com

Helpful Hint:

When hanging pictures over a sofa, the bottom of the pictures should be 10 inches from the top of the sofa. If hanging a group, hang the lowest pictures first. Leave about 2 inches between the pictures.