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# News from the Nest

Fall 2009 Edition Free~Please take one!

For the latest happenings at  
Birds of a Feather, visit our website:  
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Hello My Friend,

Survival. A familiar topic these days with so many jobs pink slipped, money lost in the stock market, businesses failing. In the past couple of years I have survived turning 65, a recession and a divorce. From these experiences I've come to realize that I can survive just about anything! And you can too.

#### **This is what I have learned from these experiences:**

- I could not have survived without the love and support of friends and family.
- Just how much I appreciate my loyal customers--not only for supporting my store, but for their friendships and joy that they bring to my life.
- How much I love being in my little store and having that outlet for creativity.
- How blessed I am to have a natural optimism and love of life.

#### **Other things that I've accepted along the way:**

- It's OK to have moments of sadness (even hours) and self pity.
- It's OK to be afraid.
- It's OK to doubt yourself
- It's **NOT** OK to give up.
- How you handle challenges say a lot about who you are.

#### **Suggestions Going forward:**

- Take time to be alone. When you are ready, make time to be with friends.
- Take care of yourself. Eat, exercise, sleep and do things that fill your soul.
- Take stock of what you really believe and find a way to be connected with your faith.
- Find fun things to do that don't cost a lot of money--picnics, walks, art shows.
- Take inventory of you. Make a list of your strengths and take time to brainstorm how you can best use your talents--then start doing something with them!
- List your weaknesses and then decide how to change them or live with them. No, I am not giving up desserts! And, yes, I will always have shortcomings.

My hope is that these notes will help someone else who is feeling challenged this year and that you, too, will find a place of peace, hope and happiness as I have-- thanks to all of you!

*Bonnie*

#### **What's New at Birds of a Feather?**

FALL! Fall leaves, dried anise, quince rounds, acorns, pods, wheat, pumpkins, branches, feathers...and Halloween candy all add to the feeling of Autumn! Halloween also has popped up with darling figures from Lori Mitchell, Bethany Lowe, and original pieces from Melissa Tereck. Other new artists include Kim Kostka's handmade velvet flowers, more of Cindy Farris' fabulous felt purses and have you seen her journals? Amazing! Each one an original with her artwork throughout and pockets for photos and keepsakes, pages for journaling...you will love them!

Old Halloween pieces have been so hard to find this year, but there is one case filled with fun and scary old stuff to delight and amuse...and help you relive your Halloween experiences!

Please visit our website for photos of all of the latest additions:

[www.2birdsofafeather.com](http://www.2birdsofafeather.com)

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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Meet our new neighbor

### **The Hidden Gate Antiques**

My friend, Donna Lee, has opened the cutest shop just down the street from us at 2086 Main Street. Her little shop, The Hidden Gate Antiques, features primitives, toys, quilts, old silver, baskets and all kinds of wonderful old Americana. You will love the way she has transformed her tiny little space utilizing every inch in the most creative ways! Her hours are 10-4 Thursday-Monday.

## **Remnants of the Past Antiques Show**

This October Fall Show has to be one of my very favorites. Everyone is getting in the mood for fall and all the festivities that go with this wonderful time of the year. The air is sweet with the scent of the citrus groves that surround the Barn and all of us pull out all the stops to make it our best show of the season.

Judy Watkins personally hand selects all the vendors for the show. The criteria are that they have a sense of style, creativity and have a kind spirit. What great company to be in! Expect to find troves of treasures from 37 vendors to include jewelry, notions, linens, primitives, art, French antiques, Carol's wonderful real pumpkins and many things in between.. April Cornell will be joining us and sharing her new collection of table linens!

Show Producer, Judy Watkins says, "As many of you know, giving back has always been very important to me. In addition to Ovarian Cancer Awareness, this show I am adding the Giving World Foundation. This wonderful foundation's mission is to help the disadvantaged become self-reliant. Both will be recipients of part of my proceeds and I am very honored to help these amazing causes."

So...grab your friends and come make a day of it on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9 am and be sure to stop by my booth-- "B" just inside the front door and say hello.

**Saturday, October 10th, 9am to 4pm**

Dana Powers Barn in Nipomo  
[www.danapowershouse.com](http://www.danapowershouse.com)

## **Calendar**

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

**Saturday-Sunday, Sept.26-27**

Three Speckled Hens Antique Show  
Templeton, CA

**Saturday, October 10, 9-4**

**Remnants of the Past Antique Show**  
Nipomo, CA  
please see article this page

**Sunday, October 18**

Cayucos Antique Street Fair

**October 22-23** North County's Artist's  
Open Studio Tour

**Sunday, November 1** Daylight Savings Time ends

**Monday Nov.2-Friday, Nov. 6** store closed to  
prepare for Holiday Open House

**Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8**

Holiday Open House, 10-5 both days  
Birds of a Feather

**Thursday, November 26**

Thanksgiving (store closed)

**Thursday, December 3**

Cambria's Hospitality Night 5-8 pm

**Friday, December 25**

Christmas (store closed)

**Thursday, December 31**

New Years Eve (Open 10-5)

**Friday, January 1**

New Year's Day (store closed)

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## **Blog • Blog • Blog • Blog**

Funny--never knew the word blog and now I have one!

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It allows me to post something that has just arrived at the store, a great place that I have just found and want to share, or some little something on the spur of the moment, instead of waiting for the next newsletter. I will try to do a better job than I have so far at adding new posts...and I hope you will have a moment to take a look!

# Bonus Page!

## Annual Holiday Open House Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8, 10-5 both days!

Once again I am having so much fun finding special old Christmas and stashing them for this fun affair! Lots of darling old toys, wonderful old Christmas ornaments, new artist's pieces from Julie Whitmore and other talented folks! There will be special new lines of Christmas sweets for gift giving, new candle fragrances, new cards, new home decor as well as lovely vintage items for decorating your home for the holidays. Please mark your calendar to join us for the fun and remember that I will be closed the week prior to prepare!

I wanted to make these cookies just so I could tell my Grandkids they could have *cookies for breakfast!*

### Breakfast Cookies

1/2 cup butter  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 cup smooth peanut butter  
1 1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 cup water  
1 egg  
1 tblsp. vanilla  
1 cup oats  
1/2 cup raisens  
1/2 cup Craisens  
3 cups Cheerios  
1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In large mixing bowl beat butter and peanut butter with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar, baking soda, salt. Beat until combined scraping sides of bowl. Beat in water, egg and vanilla until combined. Beat in flour. Beat in oats, raisens, Craisens and nuts. Then by hand, mix in Cheerios so as not to crush them. Drop by spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet forming balls about 2" across. Pat down slightly. Bake for 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack. Cookies can be frozen, but not the raw dough. Makes about 36 cookies.

### Favorite Swap Meets or Flea Markets:

**First Sunday of the Month:** Alameda Point,  
Pasadena City College,

Irvine Valley College, Santa Monica Airport

**Second Sunday of the Month:** Rosebowl in Pasadena, "Under the Bridge at X St. & 21st" in Sacramento

**Third Sunday of the Month:** Long Beach Flea Market

**Fourth Sunday of the Month:** Santa Monica Airport

**Every Sunday:** Alemany St. in San Francisco

Tell Them "Birds" Sent You!

So many of my favorite haunts have closed, but here are a couple of new finds:

### Fishy Finds

4680 Los Angeles Ave, #JK  
Simi Valley, CA

An antiques/collectibles store with something for everyone!

### Ici

Wonderful homemade ice cream in gourmet flavors!

2948 College Ave, Berkeley, Ca

### Scrap

801 Toland St, San Francisco  
[www.scrap-sf.org](http://www.scrap-sf.org)

This is another creative reuse cooperatives where people donate art materials, paper, fabric, you name it--and then this non-profit group sells it at amazing prices for teachers, artists to use to create. Go to their website for specific directions--it's worth the hunt!

### Hidden Gate Antiques

See page two for details

Rumor is that

**Ball and Skein** yarn shop is reopening under new ownership here in Cambria--stay tuned for details!

See--not everyone is closing--I'll try to keep you posted on new places as I find out about them!