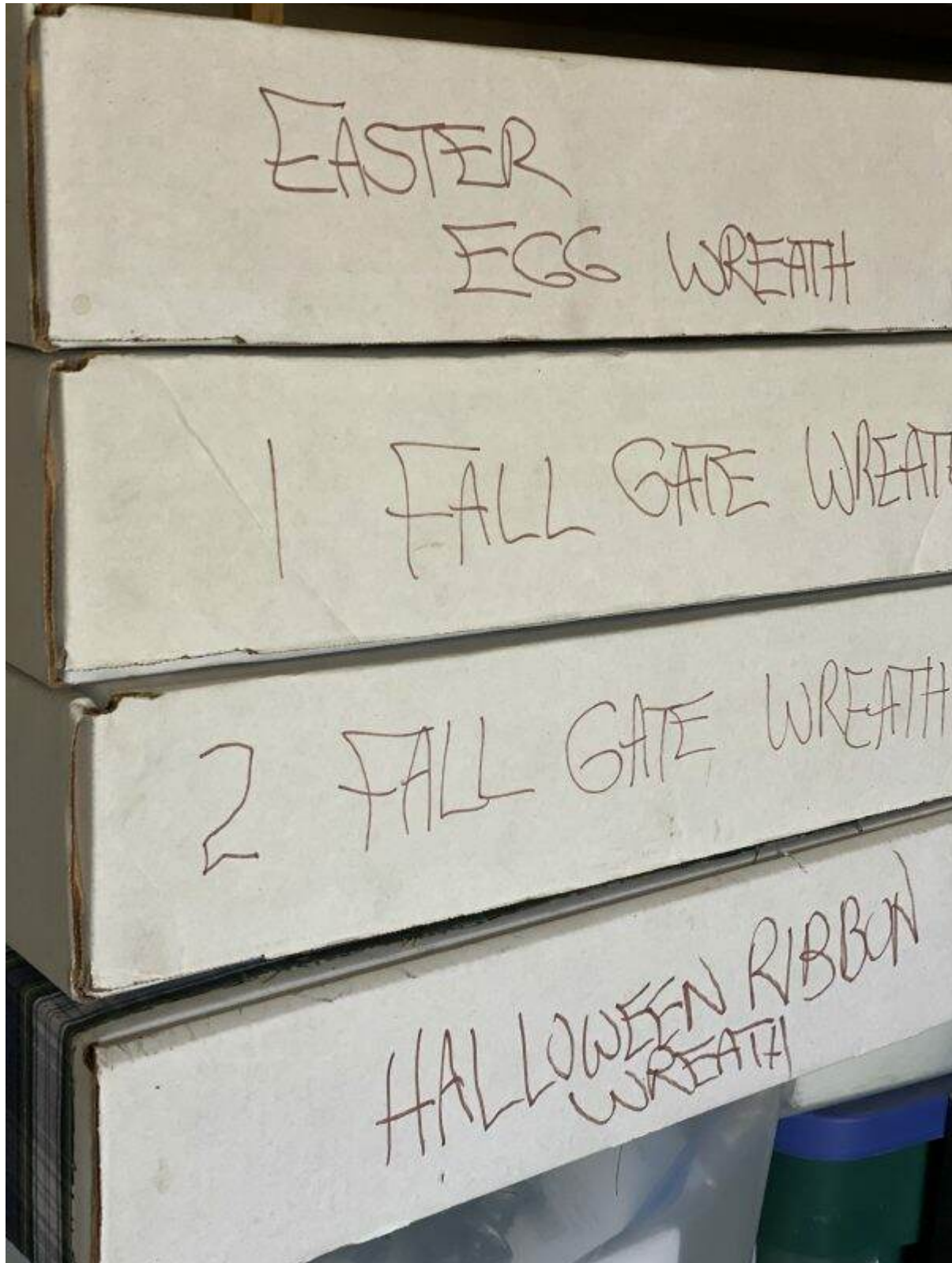


All About Wreaths



In addition to showing you beautiful pictures of the many wreaths we hang at Bella Terra during the holidays, the purpose of this post is the “behind the scenes” about wreaths.

I am often asked where we put all our “things”. If you invest in a well-made, substantial wreath you know they can cost a pretty penny. By accident, I found this storage system works for most of our wreaths.



Many years ago I was in charge of the grammar school memory

boxes, you know those containers where the teachers put a year's worth of student work and give it to parents on the last day of school. I found these large ["pizza" style boxes](#) measuring 14" x 14" x 3" which worked perfectly for collecting all that paperwork.

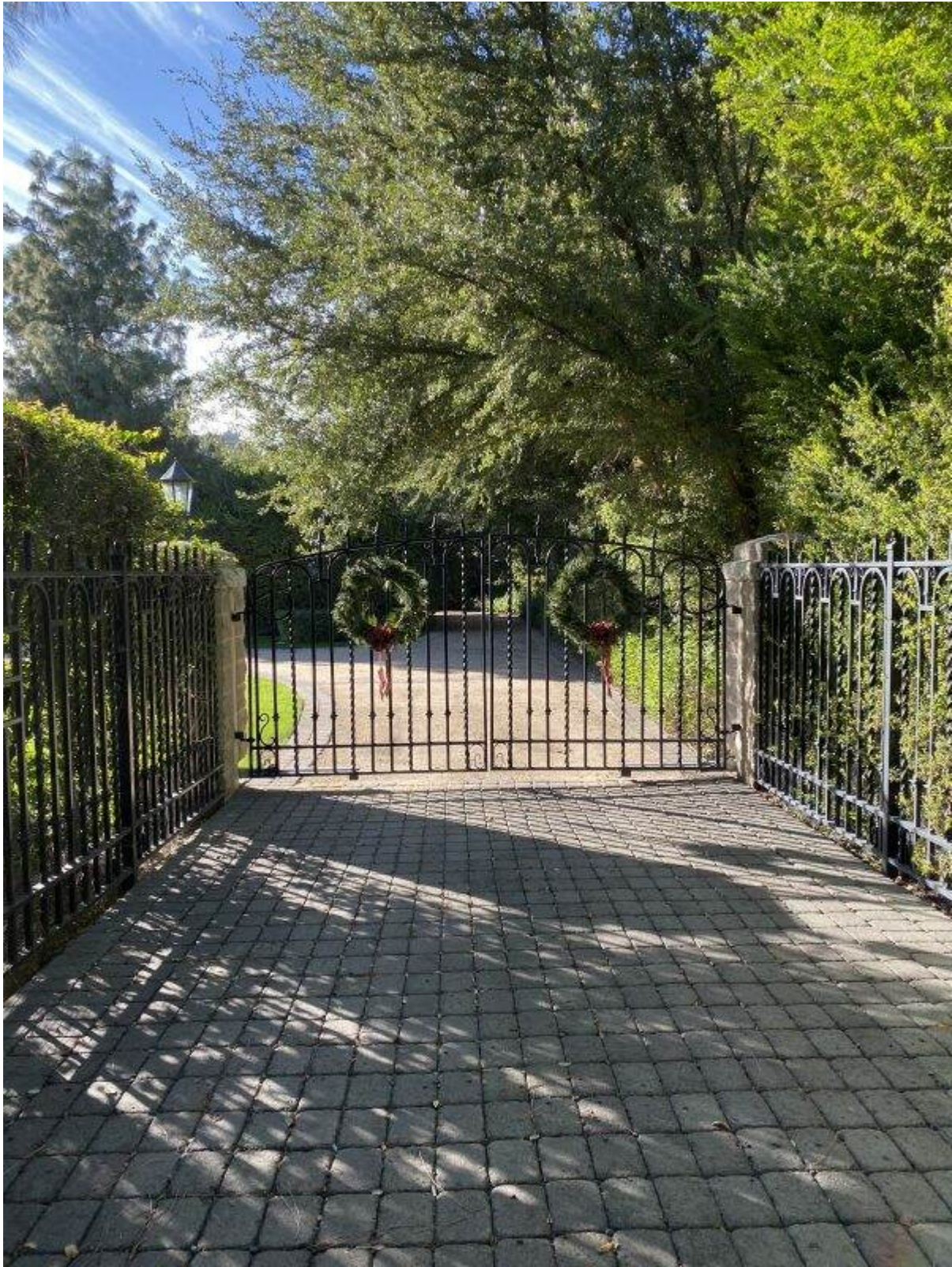


With several boxes leftover, I found they also work well for storing our wreaths. I bought them in bulk and am not sure they can be purchased in small quantities. However, if you live in Phoenix, maybe we can get a small group together and split a bundle.



I use so many pipe cleaners in my decorating. I still have many left over from all those school art projects and this tip came from my friend, Janie. I use pipe cleaners to hang my wreaths and also to secure bows to wreaths. They are also great for hanging garland on bannisters because their fuzzy exterior protects the surface. Pipe cleaners are perfect for securing ornaments to tree branches too!







What did we do before Command Brand hooks? It has only been in the last few years that I have hung a wreath on our Dutch door that leads from the mudroom to the back porch. That Command hook is still strongly affixed and now it is so easy to hang seasonal wreaths.





On the much larger wreaths, like the one on the well tower, those are just wrapped in plastic and hung in the garage.



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The wreaths in the family are hung with small hooks (that we leave up all year). My husband added grommets to the ribbons which are left attached to the wreath. With this easy system, the wreaths are up in under 5 minutes.





Wreaths are an easy way to transition from season to season. Generally, it is the first decoration we tackle to start the holidays.

Any fun holiday decorating tips/shortcuts you would like to share? December is quickly upon us and now it's a dash to Christmas! Happy decorating and have a wonderful Tuesday!

Mary