

Saturday Meanderings

Thank you all for such wonderful and insightful comments to my post this week on Kindness. If you missed that post, you can see it [here](#). Welcome to Saturday Meanderings where we chat about all good things that happen this week. So pull up a chair, grab a beverage and let's get started.



The Fall wreath is up!

Though it is still SO hot here (107.5 degrees as I write this), I put up our Fall wreath this week. Surprisingly I still had the Spring wreath up on the front door, as this summer flew by so quickly and never really felt like summer to me. The autumn colors of the wreath against the blue door works somehow and just makes me happy. "If I build it they will come" is my mantra for hoping if I do some decorating, the season will change.

Grapefruit Peel Vinegar Cleaner



Inspired by Lisa, from Fresh Eggs Daily, I am trying my hand at making a cleaner that I could use in the hen house. Since chickens have sensitive respiratory systems, using bleach or other harmful chemicals would not be a good idea.

Apparently, the Orange Peel Vinegar cleaner is very popular on Pinterest, but at the time I didn't have any oranges, but lots of grapefruits. Combining grapefruit, white vinegar, cinnamon sticks and vanilla beans, the concoction is ready to use.

I am trying it for a few weeks to see if it's worth sharing with a longer, more detailed post. But I can tell you, it smells divine! Now let's hope it works. To see Lisa's post on this, click [here](#).

A Great Haircut



Hairdo by Roscoe at [Pucci Salon](#)

What is it about getting a haircut that just makes you feel fabulous? I was so long overdue and looking a bit shabby. But my favorite stylist and long-time friend, Roscoe, just does his magic and voila! I have a fantastic haircut. I swear, if I could bottle him up and sell him, I'd make a fortune...he's that good! Also it's hard to take a selfie of the back of your head..ha!

New Shows to Watch

This movie, Gunsmoke Milkshake, reminds me of Lemony Snicket due to its interesting editing. With a strong cast of female characters, it has humor, relationships and a bit of violence. I did think it is well done and for someone who doesn't watch movies often, it is entertaining. It can be found on Netflix.



My preference is to watch a television series, where I am only sitting for an hour at a time. Professor T on PBS is about eccentric criminal psychology professor with a brilliant mind, but also several neurological disorders, which makes him very complex and unpredictable. Enjoyable, so far!



Professor T on PBS

My Next Home?



Unknown

I am always dreaming of a home with a view like this. There is something about the water that I crave, which is interesting as I live in land-locked Phoenix. When I saw this photo (place and photographer unknown to me), I said "this is it!". Does anyone recognize this photo or where it was taken? A girl can dream, right?

New Products



Trader Joe's Chocolate Coconut Almonds

I did find these Chocolate Coconut Almonds at Trader Joe's and quite frankly, I am afraid to buy more. It is very easy to consume the entire container. If you love Almond Joys, then this is the treat for you. You probably didn't know that I used to work for Cadbury U.S.A. and we owned Mounds and Almond Joy. The fastest 5 pounds I ever gained was my first month working there~consuming candy bars fresh off the production line. These delicious morsels, that taste just like the candy bar, are good frozen, too.



Pepper Jack Crisps-Costco

Never go to Costco starving, which is what I did this week. In search of a new television, as ours was fried at the cabin due to a lightning strike, I grab this bag for something to nibble on during the ride home.

They are delicious with 10 grams of protein per serving and naturally lactose free~10 crisps equals 150 calories (but the crisps are rather big).

Made by Sonoma Creamery, there are other flavors too! Highly recommend as they would be delicious on a charcuterie board.

Dreamy Vacation Rental



The living room

Check out this dreamy English cottage which is available to rent in Devon, England. If making travel plans wasn't so sketchy right now, I would be booking this for next Spring/Summer.



Owned by Elizabeth Hay

It looks like something out of a fairy tale. This cottage is owned and decorated by [Elizabeth Hay](#), an interior designer who trained at [Colefax & Fowler](#). Immaculately restored and bursting with quintessential English country charm, the historic Grade II thatched cottage is surrounded by two acres of private grounds boasting orchards, a babbling brook, and a secret garden.



Kitchen/Dining

The cottage sleeps five, and guests have optional access to a beautifully decorated annex, a former livestock barn now converted to further sleeping accommodations. The annex provides ancillary sleeping space and will house an additional four guests. You can read more about this little slice of heaven [here](#) and learn more about booking reservations.

Well that's a wrap! Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend, my friends!

Mary