

Saturday Meanderings



Here are some random thoughts for this beautiful Saturday morning. Yesterday, I completed cleaning the other half of the first floor to the well tower. If you missed Tuesday's post about the potting shed, click [here](#).



Some fun discoveries in the well tower. I found a box full of old love letters and photos. A lovely trip down memory lane. I often wonder how we will capture the same slices of life with technology? Remember the days when you rushed to the mailbox to see if someone had written to you? Texts and emails don't seem to hold the same allure.



Young and carefree

I also found a batch of mail from November 2015, unopened. Apparently someone picked up the mail from the mailbox, detoured into the well tower and left it there. Fortunately it was mostly junk mail.

An unexpected well tower project

It is true that starting one project inevitably leads to another. During my well tower cleaning yesterday, I found more wreaths. Tired of having wreaths in multiple places (basement, garage, well tower), I gathered a few of them up. Protecting them in big black garbage bags, I made labels for each and hung them on a blank wall in the well tower.



Garden Update

The poppies are EVERYWHERE! During the day, their purple blooms are wide open. I didn't realize that poppies close their blossoms at night. Wish I knew how to do time-lapsed photography to capture this.



Poppies open



Poppies closed

It is a hollyhock jungle out there. These perennials have spread all over the yard and are in various stages of blooming.



Primroses are another perennial that provide such an elegant display of pink happiness.



Primroses

Preserved Lemons



I've made a 2nd batch of these delectable, delicious morsels. We are using them in nearly everything~~from tuna fish salad to roasted vegetables, fish, and pasta dishes. I cannot believe I have gone through most of my life without these. If you haven't made them yet, please do so. You will not be disappointed and they are super easy to make. Click [here](#) for the recipe.

Moving Forward?



I am excited that Arizona may be one of the states in Phase 1 of opening up our economy! My roll of elastic finally arrived so I am well equipped with masks. The best pattern can be found on the [YouTube video](#) from Hobby Lobby. This mask fits my face perfectly. I add pipe cleaners in the top seam so you can mold the mask to your face. It is two layers of 100% cotton fabric with a hole in the back to add a filter if necessary. Masks may become common in the future, so I'm happy I have a few to wear, just in case.

Still Washing Windows



Yes, I am still washing windows. My next big challenge is how to wash the windows at the top of the well tower. I will try [Windex Outdoor](#) where you attach the cleanser to a garden hose. The directions state you need to be within 5' to apply it. Perhaps if I hang out of one of the windows and aim the hose at the adjacent ones?

Birthday Gift



My sweet 99-year old aunt (yes, 99!) sent me a check for my birthday. Typically I just deposit something like this, but I decided I wanted to buy something special to remind me of her. My Instagram friend, [Tanya Lochridge](#) makes beautiful jewelry. I ordered the bracelet above. I think this is a very nice gift to myself.

To Do List Completion



Fixing the wall

This week went by so quickly. I almost feel like I did too much. Keeping busy is my way of coping with the lockdown and we accomplished many projects. But I am pooped and hopefully tomorrow, will be my day of rest.

I was so excited to receive this photo from one of my followers. I have rose envy!! Thank you so much for sharing!



Happy Saturday! Enjoy the weekend. Any special plans?

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