Saturday Meanderings

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Tulips in the bulb garden

Can it possibly be another Saturday? Lately, I blink and a week has come and gone. I think the person who finds a way to slow down time could become very rich indeed! Welcome to Saturday Meanderings where we chat about all sorts of topics from the previous week.

Spring is Here..sort of.



Fireplace in my office

As I write this I am sitting in front of the fireplace freezing. Just two days ago I pulled out a pair of shorts (yes, the longer version) because the warmer temperatures. Today I have on multiple layers as this old house is drafty. March has come in like a lion and appears to be staying a lion! However, I am not complaining but enjoying the ups and downs of March.

Fresh Flowers



Daffodils in my tulipiere

Flowers have always played in important role in my life. I once worked for a company who had fresh flowers delivered to everyone's desk weekly. When I worked in San Francisco, I would buy fresh flowers every Friday afternoon from a street vendor on my way home.



The Bouqs.com

In the 2003 movie, Something's Gotta Give by Nancy Meyer, did

you notice the fresh flowers in every room on the set? I guess I'm a flower geek as I notice those things. For me, flowers are therapeutic. They give me joy and make me happy.

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Roses from South America

About 18 months ago, I subscribed to a monthly bouquet through *The Bouqs.com*. Eighteen bouquets later, I've been only disappointed twice. But the bouquet I received this month is so spectacular. Quite honestly, I don't believe I have ever seen such beautiful roses. Direct from a flower farm in South America, these roses are STILL gorgeous after 2 weeks. I need to figure out how to get a commission for promoting them so much!

Projects this Week



Lots of windows in the family room

Window washing is a spring cleaning priority and while my husband was out of town, I did start the tedious task of cleaning the family room windows. It is very hard to find a window washer who wants to clean small panes and this room has 254 of them. And that's only washing just one side.



Trim paint

Since the family room is shared with the animals~two dogs and a cat, some of the door and window trim is dinged or scratched. So after I wash the windows, I also do some touch-up painting where needed. In mason jars, I keep a small amount of room and trim color paint, so it is easily accessible for touch-ups.



Touching up the trim

Any over spill on the windows is cleaned up with a single edged razor. After two days of work, the family room windows are sparkling and clean. To see more about this room that was once an outdoor porch back in the 1940s, click <u>here</u>.

My neighbor's garden



Slugs love beer

My sweet neighbor, Dawn, sent me this photo from her garden. She uses a bowl of beer to attract the slugs that are eating her plants…a remedy I shared with her a few years ago. Since I just started noticing some nibbles on my new plants, I, too, am pouring beer in my garden bowls! Remember to put the bowl at ground level and fill with any beer you have available.



Strawberries are looking good

As you know I am coddling my new strawberry plants and it seems like the strawberry cage (see <u>here</u>) is doing its job! The berries are beginning to form and hopefully we will have an abundance of them this season.

Strange Behavior



Hoppy, our resident quail

We have a single quail near the garden who thinks he/she is a chicken. Since this quail seems to have a foot problem, we call him/her Hoppy. Hoppy is never very far from the chicken coop and is often found trying to get in to be next to his/her adopted siblings.



Hoppy bossing around the Chickens

This week we let the chickens out to roam the yard and Hoppy

tries to herd them back into the coop. I've never seen anything like this! Wanted to upload a video of bossy Hoppy but it wouldn't cooperate.

Mysterious Shadow



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Every morning I come downstairs and walk through the dining room on my way to the kitchen. I have never seen this shadow above the crystal chandelier that hangs above the dining room table. Never. So I snap this picture. Now every morning I look for this shadow and it has never appeared again. I noted the time on my phone when I took the picture and have been looking for this shadow ever since. Perhaps a once in a lifetime experience? Isn't that odd?

Animal Fun



Sox in Dad's chair

We have a Dad chair in the family room. No one sits in it but Dad. Ever. Except Sox. He gets a pass and jumps up in the chair whenever it is empty. Lucky dog.



Cooper looking over our South wall

Here is Cooper looking over our wall. This is a different perspective for me because I am outside our property on the street to the south. The wall is 6 feet tall, at least. Cooper is a very big dog and watches everything in the hood.



Andrea from Design Morsels

Inspired by my friend, Andrea from Design Morsels, I will be deep cleaning my range hood in the kitchen today. Andrea has a

great post about this and you can see it <u>here</u>. Truly, after you read it you will start cleaning!



Have a wonderful weekend! Easter is just around the corner~

Mary

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