

Saturday Meanderings



Poppies are in bloom

Happy Saturday! Every time I type this I feel like each and every week is just flying by so quickly. It's been another busy week and currently we have a house filled with guests. Pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee or tea and let's chat about the week.

Some of my favorites

Even though I am always looking for ways to get off the computer and mobile phone, I am always inspired by these blog sites.

Cheap Old Houses



\$499,000 Chicago, Illinois

If you love renovation or want to move somewhere more affordable, [Cheap Old Houses](#) is a fun site. Called Instagram's most addictive rabbit hole this website shows affordable homes all around the country and world.



\$55,500 USD in Grängesburg, Sweden

I do sometime fantasize about purchasing a historical villa in Italy and restoring it. Cheap Old Houses is free to view. To get Cheap Old Houses Abroad is a \$6.00 per month, but worthy entertainment!

The Glam Pad



Just the opposite of Cheap Old Houses is [The Glam Pad](#). Andrea is a firm believer in timeless classic style with a generous dose of English sensibility, Southern charm, Old Hollywood glamour, and Palm Beach whimsy! According to Andrea's website, "I am passionate about historic preservation, antiques, and old-fashioned traditions such as needlepoint, tea, and handwritten letters." A person after my own heart. If you are looking for beautiful photos and design inspiration, check out The Glam Pad.

Getting Ready for Guests



As I mentioned earlier this week, my son is home with 6 of his friends. They plan to explore Arizona and Utah next week in camping vehicles. We get to have them for the weekend before and after~which, of course, is just delightful.



Lots of beds = lots of clean linens. There is nothing better than freshly washed sheets drying outside on the clothes line. I wish I could bottle that smell. This is also a good time for me to check the condition of towels and pillows and replace if necessary. In a later post, I will share what I do to prepare for house guests.

New Things Coming



Kim From Shiplap and Shells-Pacific Northwest

I am excited to join a group of other like minded bloggers who love gardening. Starting in May we will have a monthly blog hop talking about our gardens.



Stacy from Bricks 'n Blooms from New Jersey

What will make it interesting is that we are all located in different parts of the country and growing zones, so where I may be harvesting, others are just sowing seeds.



Chas from Chas Crazy Creations-Colorado

If you aren't familiar with my sweet blogging friends, I recommend you check them out. Kim from [Shiplap and Shells](#), Stacy from [Bricks 'n Blooms](#) and Chas from [Chas Crazy](#)

[Creations.](#) More to come!

Barbecue Tile



Last Spring, we added tile to the back of the grill area (see post [here](#)). Prior to tile, we had plaster and I shudder to think how skanky and dirty it became over the years. Last night we grilled steaks and here is what the tile looks like after one meal. The photo doesn't represent how dirty the tile is, but trust me, it looks filthy.



Krud Kutter did such a good job cleaning the kitchen cooking area (see post [here](#)) so I decide to try it on the very greasy and dirty tile. Again, the minute I spray this concentrated cleaner/degreaser on the tile, you can smell it working.



The grease melts away easily. The most difficult part is getting my butt up there to do this!



After using Krud Kutter

And here is how the tile looks after using Krud Kutter. I cannot recommend this product enough. Here is a [link](#) to this non-toxic, biodegradable product.

Do You Knit?

When my girls were younger, we took a knitting lesson. Well, I haven't really stuck with it, but my daughter, Julianna, knits.....beautifully. Now after seeing her latest project, I am inspired to start knitting again. Unfortunately, I just know how to knit and purl....nothing fancy and often with dropped stitches.



Check out this amazing blanket she is currently making with a garter, stockinette, and diagonal basketweave stitch.



Even the back side is attractive.



She is approximately half way through making this blanket. Perfect for her to do while you are using a head set and working virtually.

Please let me know if you knit or crochet. I've never done crochet before but I am thinking about taking up something to do at night while watching television.

That wraps up another Saturday Meanderings. Enjoy your weekend and hopefully there won't be any more snow back east! So crazy as we are in the 70s-80s here.

Mary

If you missed any posts this week, check out my birthday trip to Castle Hot Springs [here](#) and all about Raising Chickens [here](#).

Also, if you like this post, please pin on Pinterest.

