

# Saturday Meanderings



Pretty photo of the week. Bracelet from [Holland and Birch](#)

We are already at the second week in June. Not sure I remember where March, April and May went, but they certainly flew by. Welcome to another Saturday Meanderings, where we discuss all the fun and good things happening around us this week.

## Flag Day on June 14



Betsy Ross showing the United States flag to George Washington  
Growing up, I remember celebrating Flag Day. Does anyone do that anymore? If not, I vote that we should. We have such a beautiful flag which is so symbolic of our country's freedom.

So what is Flag Day? It is the celebration of the adoption of the American Flag on June 14, 1777. In the midst of the Revolutionary War, the first American flag was designed to represent the 13 colonies with 13 white stars on a blue field and 13 alternating red and white stripes.



in 1782, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation chose the colors for the Great Seal of the United States with these meanings:

- white for purity and innocence
- red for valor and hardiness
- blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice



Personally, regardless of political differences, our flag always deserve respect and honor. If you need flags for Flag Day or July 4th, there is a good selection [here](#). Happy Flag

Day!

## Vacation Dreams



Beach Hut, Cornwall, England

Even though I love living here in Phoenix, I long for a vacation (or vacation home) by the water. There is just something calming about staring out over an ocean, an inlet or a large lake. Literally for years I have been dreaming about the perfect beach home. And then I saw this....



Beach Hut and 40 acres

For sale in Cornwall, England is this tiny historical cottage on 40 acres and 1.4 linear miles of coastline. If I only had a mere 1.75 million pounds laying around.



Beach Hut in the Spring

Called the Beach Hut, it is a vacation rental currently. In the 1920s it was a tea room as this is one of Britain's top 10 geological sites. Once it is sold, who knows what will happen to it. Below is a picture of the interior. The cottage is one room with an open kitchen and wet bath.



Interior



View to kitchen

How charming is this! I do love how the current owners decorate the space.



Stone fireplace

In looking up the rental schedule and it is not available for

several months. It also comes with a boat house.



the boat house

The Beach Hut is used for photoshoots, TV commercials and for film locations. It's also a popular stop for surfing champions. If you saw the Demi Moore 2006 movie, Half Light, this location is the star of the show. To read more about this cottage, Cote de Texas does an extensive review of its history and rental information. Click [here](#).

A girl can dream, right?

## Moths

I do not know if there is a correlation between the COVID lockdown and the increased population of bugs. In addition to the pests in the garden, I now seem to have an increased moth problem in the master closet. In a previous post I featured the Cashmere Protection Pouch I found on Amazon to protect my sweaters. You can see that [here](#).



But I did want to take a more active role in reducing any future infestation of these pesky critters. BugMD Clothes Moth Boss traps use pheromone-infused glue to capture closet and cabinet dwelling moths that chew holes through your clothing and linens.

Using a nontoxic and pesticide-free method, insects are trapped in this cardboard tent for reliable, mess free control. Folded design keeps the pheromones from sticking to surface garments, shoes, or people.



The Moth Boss comes with a hanger so you can easily place them inside your closet near clothing. Add to linen cabinets, laundry rooms, and other areas where you suspect a moth

infestation or if you want to prevent one.

These traps last 12 weeks and I've had them up for about 4 weeks. So far they seem to be working. I hope to order more for our cabin where I know we have lots of moths. You can order them [here](#).

## Moisturizer



Peter Thomas Roth Water Drench

I seem to struggle with finding the RIGHT skin care products. Personally, I wish there was a resource who knew all the products available, could assess my skin type, and then prescribe the right lotions, cleansers, masks, etc. When I go to a department store, I know the employees are incentivized to sell certain products and often, find they are just not right for me.



A recent American Express offer put a \$50.00 credit toward a Peter Thomas Roth product. Needing a moisturizer for our hot summers, and being practically free, I did order the Water Drench Hydrating Moisturizer. This concentrated 30% Hyaluronic Acid Complex cream provides up to 72 hours of hydration—even after cleansing.



I have been using it for a week now and I must say, I am so pleased. It is as if I can hear my skin gulping it up. The product is so hydrating and its description of being a “cloud cream” is spot on. Will keep you posted on this, but I can honestly see and feel a difference. If you are interested in this product, you can find it [here](#).

Does anyone use Peter Thomas Roth products? If so, please let me know if I need to purchase others.

# Apricots



Apricot tart with almond crust and Amaretto custard

Typically this is the time of year I would be harvesting LOTS of apricots. But after a significant whacking off of the branches in the late winter, we had minimal fruit this year. The trees look healthy but I'm sure reducing them by 50% is a shock to their system. However, the few I harvested are delicious.

Apricots are in season and this recipe is one of my favorites. It is a Martha Stewart one and the combination of the almond crust, Amaretto flavored custard and sweet, juicy apricots is a winner. Made two of these tarts this week. See the recipe [here](#).



Another very simple use for apricots is a rustic tart using pie crust. If you don't want to make your pie crust from scratch, I love Trader's Joes frozen pie crust as it is the next best thing. Just toss the fresh apricots with some sugar and a pinch of salt. Place in the center of the crust.

Pinch the pie crust up and over the edge of the apricots and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 45 minutes or until it looks like this.



Serve warm or cold with whipped cream or ice cream or a drizzle of Amaretto! So easy, simple and delicious.

# Cooper



Patrolling over the 6' perimeter wall

Our sweet and very large dog, Cooper is recovering from an injured paw. His right pad is raw and tender. Of course,

excessive licking hasn't helped either. We tried cleaning it out, but all 120 pounds of Cooper did not enjoy that. Currently, we have ointment and a gauze pad wrapping the area. Trying to keep him from removing it with a white athletic sock. He is not happy about any of this. Cooper is the all white version of the Anatolian Shepherd, called an Akbash.



Cooper and his boo-boo

This week Cooper ran to our south wall to see his dog friend next door. When he was out of sight, I heard this loud body slamming noise. I ran to see what happened and Cooper looked disoriented, dazed and kept shaking his head. I don't know what happened, but we are keeping an eye on him. Wonder if he flipped over and hit his head? He does seem much better but dogs are like children, you constantly worry about them.

## This Week's Posts

If you missed any posts this week, here they are:

How to Make a Garden Obelisk [here](#)



Father's Day Gift Guide [here](#)



Have a wonderful weekend. We are enjoying lovely morning and evening weather here. However the prediction is that our true summer heat will be making an appearance next week. Summer is upon us!

*Mary*

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