



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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I've been counting down the days to the Highway 127 yard sale and of course, school started the same week as the sale! I tried hard to leave work on time Friday so we could make a bee line to Russell Springs, which is on the 127 corridor, but one thing led to another and we didn't leave town until 7:00 p.m. We stopped in Junction City to say hello to Corky's Mom and by the time we were driving the 127, the fog had rolled in and I couldn't see ANYTHING that was set up! It was well after dark when we reached our destination and I have to admit, I was just a little put out about it!

Saturday morning I was

up bright and early, dressed and ready to go by 6:30 a.m. central time. I had my fishing vest packed just right for a day of bargain hunting. I have found the vest is the ideal thing for junking, all those little pockets on the front I fill with my cell phone, a handkerchief, measuring tape, magnifying glass, snacks, money and the back has a cute flap that I can toss small purchases in so I don't have to carry a bag.

When we turned onto Highway 127 and saw the cars bumper to bumper, I clapped my hands and squealed with delight! It was like the line of traffic to enter Disney World! Corky laughed at me as I craned my neck to check out treasures in the yards we slowly drove by. Finally I found an area where sales were jammed together in a huge field, "This One!!" I yelled and pointed. Corky pulled the truck over and off we went!

Now in the old days when my buddy Denise and I junked together, we'd generally stay together and oohhhh and aaahhh over the things we liked. Not Corky, he heads one way and I go another. He searches for hunting and

fishing equipment and I tend to search for...everything! There's no certain thing I scour the aisles for, I just enjoy looking at all the stuff and discovering that a piece of driftwood (like the one I drug into the boat two weeks ago) has a \$150.00 price tag on it! Gee, I had no idea the treasure I had propped up in my front yard at the campground! I do keep an eye out for flatware with US stamped on it, simply because Corky was in the Army. I unearthed a knife but the price was \$6.00, I let them keep it for that kind of money.

By 1:00 we were getting hungry but this year the food vendors were few and far between. Usually we find country ham sandwiches and pork tenderloin. This year we had to settle for a hot dog. We stood in line forever at the pulled pork barbeque stand only to be told they were sold out of everything but the barbeque bologna. Now I've had bologna a lot of ways in my life but never barbequed: that's why I got the hot dog! Anyway with a little food in our stomachs, we hit the 127 again and made it all the way to the Convention and Expo Center in Liberty, KY. Lots of vendors were

crammed inside and I suppose I must have been tired because nothing, absolutely nothing, caught my eye. Oh No!!! Was I losing my touch? Was it because I didn't have my trusty friend Denise with me to share in the excitement of uncovering a vintage, Christmas tablecloth with no iced tea stains? Was Corky ruining my ability to wheel and deal and come home with something I absolutely loved but had absolutely no need for?

I crawled back into the truck and immediately Corky could tell I was upset. "What's wrong?" he questioned me. "I didn't find anything I wanted", I said glumly. "And that's a bad thing?" he raised an eyebrow as he drove out of the parking lot. "It's just not like me", I said pouting, "I always find *something*". He started to laugh and we made our way back towards Russell Springs.

We stopped at a few more sales and it wasn't quite 5:00 o'clock yet when I declared I was ready to go home. "Go Home?!" said Corky, "you do realize it's not even 5 p.m.?" I'm in the habit of staying until the lightning bugs come out but I was unusually tired, my feet hurt and I wanted to go back to our little place on the lake. So Corky being the good soul that he is, took me out to dinner and

back to our little place.

I had managed to pick up a few things at the sales and after we unloaded them, I inspected everything one last time and fell into bed. Sunday morning I jumped up, well rested and ready to go! We made our way down 127 towards Jamestown and that's where I found my conversation piece! The last stop we made before heading to Irvine, was at a field I frequent each year. They always have a nice selection of glassware and oddities. Everyone was more than ready to pack up and 'Get out of Dodge' because the week had been unusually muggy and rainy so one vendor called to me, "Hey pretty lady let me make you a deal!" He walked towards me carrying a rectangular piece of wood, "I'll make you a real good deal on this right here" and he held out for me to take from him.

"What is it?" I asked while I looked it over. "I think it's a great, big, whistle!" he replied.

"Where did you get it?", I dug deeper for information. The piece had caught my attention!

"I got it in Michigan, up next to the lake. I thought the carpentry work was nice on it but to be truthful, I don't wanna pack it up and haul it around. I'll come down \$15.00 on it if you want it," he offered, "it'll be a real conversation

piece".

That brought the price down under my budget and I walked away with a large piece of...something made of wood. Corky and I walked around a few more minutes and I happened by the gentleman that sold the piece to me. He laughed and asked, "Hey pretty lady, whatcha got there?" and he pointed at my 'whistle'.

"Well, I'll tell you. This here whistle is very old. It came off a ship that sank in the Great Lakes, I do believe the name of the ship was the Edmund Fitzgerald. I'm carrying it around because it's very valuable and I know someone will want to buy it from me", I said with the most serious face I could muster.

Corky and the man both looked at me with their mouths open, "Sister", he said, "you could sell ice to an Eskimo!"

I grinned from ear to ear, "I'm ready to go home", I informed Corky as I held my antique ship whistle.

"You know it's not even 3:00?" he questioned.

"Yeah, I know, I'm getting too old for this", and I drifted off to sleep before we even got out of town.

Anybody know anything about big, ol', whistles?



Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories

Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories The Kentucky Craft History and Education Association (KCHEA) will be presenting "Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories," August 25 through October 10, 2015 at the ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street in Lexington, M-5, 10-5.

The exhibit features the works and stories from 21 of the state's most recognized craft artists, including Mary Reed and Robin Reed of Irvine, representing basketry, furniture, weaving, pottery, glass, quilting, wooden folk art, and stringed instruments.

Kentucky has a strong and rich craft history representing a diversity of artists working in traditional, folk, and contemporary forms. It

also has a national reputation for the quality of work the state has produced and strong leadership and support for the artists who are part of our unique culture and heritage. The purpose of this exhibit is to affirm KCHEA's leading role in documenting this history, bringing the stories to life, and making them accessible to the public in an educational format. The exhibit features just some of the artists who have been interviewed over the last seven years as part of KCHEA's Craft Luminary Project. The video interviews, which also include organization leaders and public officials, focus on their important contributions to Kentucky's craft movement. A video presentation featuring a sampling

of these interviews will be presented in conjunction with the exhibit. Many of the interviews were conducted in artist studios and with examples of their completed works. Craft Luminary artists included in the exhibit are:

Area schools are invited to attend and will be offered an Educator's Guide based on themes that will provide teachers with pre-visit, on-site, and post-visit activities that are standards-based and grade appropriate. The exhibit is funded, in part, through a LexArts 2016 Program Grant and with support from UBS, and numerous private contributors. For more information, including artists' images,

Mary and Robin Reed are pictured at left on Page 2.

ESTILL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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AUGUST 24-27, 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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MONDAY August 24	TUESDAY August 25	WEDNESDAY August 26	THURSDAY August 27	FRIDAY August 28
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ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Apple	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cantaloupe	Pancake Porky Applesauce	Toast, Cereal Peaches	Pop Tarts, Cereal Mandarin Oranges
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SOUTH IRVINE & ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken pattie/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pears Milk Choice	Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Bread Corn Grapes Milk Choice	Corn Dog Grape Tomatoes French Fries Tropical Fruit Ice Cream Sandwich	Asian Chicken Chow Mein Noodles Stir Fry Vegetables Pineapples Milk Choice	Pizza Munchable Marinara Sauce Baby Carrots Raisins Milk Choice
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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple Ketchup	Round Cheese Pizza Corn Romaine Salad Oranges Ranch Dressing	Mini Corn Dog or Chuckwagon/Bun Baby Bakers Baked Beans Grapes	Asian Chicken/Chow Mein Noodles or Turkey/Wrap Stir Fry Vegetables Celery Sticks/Dip	Pizza Munchable Pepperoni Mozzarella Cheese Carrots/Dip Marinara Sauce
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Dutch Waffle Cinn. Toast Curnch Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Apple Juice & Milk	Scrambled Eggs & Toast Coca Puffs Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart Pineapples Juice & Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Raisin Bran Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Peaches Assorted fruit Juices Milk Choices	Trix Yogurt & Scooby Snacks Frosted Flakes Reese Puff Cereal Brown Sugar/Cinn. Pop Tart, Pears	Chocolate or Cinn. Muffins Apple Cinn. Cheerios Chocolate Pop Tart Mandarin Oranges
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Chicken Nuggets Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes CA Blend Vegetables Tropical Fruit Apple, Milk or Juice	Pepperoni Pizza or Ole El Paso Gordito Romaine Salad Corn Pineapple Tidbits Grapes	Cheeseburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Potato Wedges Lettuce & Tomato Diced Peaches Banana	BBQ Pork on Bun of Fish on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Slaw Applesauce, Pears WG Cookie	Taco w/shell or Chicken Fajita w/Shell, Salsa Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Oranges, Pineapples
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Muffins, Cereal Pop Tarts Applesauce Juice, Milk	French Toast w/syrup, Banana Cereal, Pop Tarts Juice, Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal, Pop Tarts Pears Juice, Milk	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Jelly, Cereal Pop Tarts, Peaches	Pancake Porky w/syrup Cereal, Pop Tarts Orange Slices
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Ravioli w/Breadstick Gordita Chipotle Chicken Wrap CA Blend Veggies Carrot Sticks Broccoli Bites Mandarin Oranges	Cheeseburger or Spicy Chicken Pattie on Bun Potato Wedges Normandy Blend Let./Tom./Pickles Watermelon, Peaches	Chicken Pattie or Mr. Rib on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Side Kicks Tropical Fruit Milk and Juice	Mini Corn Dogs Grilled Chicken on Bun, Baked Beans Glazed Carrots Applesauce Mandarin Oranges Ice Cream Sandwich	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Fish on Bun Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Peaches Pineapple
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