

Friday Five: Five notes of a hopelessly unskilled housewife



Other notes:

“Note found in fridge”

“Note found on the bathroom door”

Friday Five: Five things I did last night to avoid working



my deadline for BQ is this weekend so this is what I did last night instead of finishing my work***rest assured, my editor doesn't read my blog***

1.) Watched the entire Joe Strummer: The Future is Unwritten documentary on YouTube: The first of 11 (!) videos here.

2.) Felt so sad about Joe that I ate a massive bowl of Cheerios to make myself feel better.

3.) Ordered the movie “The Flamingo Kid” from Amazon. Planning to download the clip of Matt Dillon humming while eating dinner at his girlfriend’s house. So funny. Will share.

4.) Killed an hour searching the remarkable and bizarre clip art at CSA Images for possible artwork for Friday Five.

5.) Wrote four pages of dialogue for my sitcom treatment. Why is the pressure of “suppose to be doing something else” so inspiring? I suspect most great works of literature/art/music were written when the author/artist/musician was meant to be working on something entirely different.

The Sistine Chapel? Michelangelo was supposed to be painting his sister’s kitchen.



Other Friday Five:

“Five uses for those annoying magazine inserts”

“Five links to Jane Austen and Friends”

Friday Fives: Some Etsy

I’m not an artist, but I swoon at the sight of some of the talented artists at Etsy. Here are some of my favorites:

1.) My friend Annie’s shop Wexford Girl.



2.) Marisa’s store Creative Thursday.



3.) The greatly talented Elsitita.



4.) Nesta home.



5.) The fun and creative jewelry of So Charmed.



6.) (for extra credit) The haunting and beautiful photography of Elle Moss.



If you have some favorites at Etsy please share on your blog. I found a few of these through Blah Blah Blog. I will post more later...

Support handmade artists! Not ZGallery!

Friday Fives: Lyrics from '70s easy listening songs I hope aren't true

"It's hard to get by, just upon a smile." Cat Stevens, Wild World

"You can't hide your lyin eyes," The Eagles

"Lived nine lives, gunned down ten," Ride like the wind,

Christopher Cross

"Someone left the cake out in the rain," MacArthur Park, Donna Summers

"Suzanne the plans they made put an end to you." James Taylor, Fire and Rain

5 Things Which Are An Affront To My Husband's Masculinity Which I Don't Understand, But Have Learned To Accept

Alleged Affront: Using a staw.

His explanation: You never saw John Wayne use a straw, did you?

Alleged Affront: Walking a dog who is wearing a sweater.

His explanation: Is self-explanatory.

Alleged Affront: Checking Luggage.

His Explanation: Baggage Claim is for amateurs.

Alleged Affront: Shampoo and then condition.

His explanation: Why do in two steps what you can do it one.

Alleged Affront: Suggesting 4-year-old son dress as "Robin" for Halloween.

His explanation: There will be no sidekicks in his family.

Alleged Affront: Being issued a Disney credit card with Bambi on it.

His explanation: Mickey is the only acceptable character.

Alleged Affront: Taking a pain killer when in pain.

His explanation: No time. (huh?)

Alleged Affront: Attempting to talk about hilarity of old boyfriend's letter found in box in closet whilst he is watching UFC Championships.

His explanation: Too many affronts to explain.

☒ **Things I would *think* would be an affront to his masculinity, which apparently are not:**

Watching Jane Austen's "Emma" starring Gwyneth Paltrow (suspect it has something to do with Gwyneth's beautiful neck).

Friday five: Jane Austen & Friends

- 1) Get your daily dose at Jane Austen Quote of the Day.
- 2) To continue the age-old debate, Colin Firth or Matthew MacFayden, which is the real (better) Mr. Darcy? The Jane Austen Movie Club. Much too controversial for me to address...
- 3) Okay, this is for the die-hard fans of Jane. The famous Jane Austen Information Page has everything you ever wanted to know about our girl. My favorite part is this page (here) which has, Jane Austen's Top Ten Songs, including "Material" Girl for Lucy Steele. For the seriously demented, it also includes answering machine messages from an assortment of characters:

Mary Musgrove: "I am very ill today and quite unable to answer

the phone. If I had a visitor, I suppose that person could have spoken with you, but it does not suit the Miss Musgroves to visit the ill, and I dare not rise from my bed for fear that I may be seized in some dreadful way!"

4) How have we lived this long with out a Captain Wentworth or Edward paper doll? Gallery of Paper Dolls has them, plus Heathcliff: Here.

5) This is the table where Jane Austen wrote all of her books. No Mac, no spell check or Dictionary.com, just this table and her imagination—remarkable.



Me linking to myself again, "I Want My Jane Austen."

I have been working on a post called, "Jane Austen's Guide to Dating." It still needs work, but it is filled with tips like: Address the man you you like as "My Mr. Wentorth" and your friends fancy as "Your Mr. Ferrars." This will help establish who belongs to who's heart **AND, Plus** helps you practice saying your future last name.

Friday fives: Things I love that are English

Things I love that are English, the list...

1) **Morrissey**, The one and only...still

2) **Boden Catalog** never disappoints. It has the most charming clothes—see them here.



3) The Bronte sister. I have always been captivated, not only by their work, but by their sisterhood. Maybe because I don't have any sisters. I am intrigued by the emotional tethers that bind them.



(I know they don't look like very much fun in this picture, but I sure they perked up at a party. Really.)

4) Ernest H. Shepard, The illustrator of Winnie The Pooh...



I am intrigued by his life. Here is the "Pooh-ish" biography on him -Here- but, this is more what I think is the true story -Here-.

Oooo a conflicted grumpy, artist, my favorite (see Morrissey above and Ramsay below). I am stunned no one has made a movie about him yet.

5) Gordon Ramsay, the chef and reality TV star.



Not the mean Chef Ramsay from Hell's Kitchen, but the smart, passionate and caring one from the BBC's Kitchen Nightmares.

There are more: Lloyd Cole, Jane Austin, Monty Python, Bridget Jones, Boots Products, Addidas by Stella (McCartney) work out wear and shoes, and I am sure I will think of more...

Friday Five (in two): Things My High School Boyfriend is Doing Now According To My Mom's Predictions

These are the things my high school boyfriend is doing now according to what my mom thought he would do when he grew up. (There are only two.)

- 1.) Working at McDonald's
 - 2.) Disappointing his parents
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I just called to say I love you and also something I will probably regret later

Five phone messages I suggest you NEVER leave your husband at work.



- 1) "Honey, did you take the kids with you to work this morning? Oh, never mind, here they are."
- 2) "Me again, I know you said "no" to that Coach purse, but the gal at the purse counter at Nordstrom wants to talk to you about it. I'll leave my phone with her. Give her a jingle when you can. I also gave her your cell number and your email. Hope it's okay. Her name is Jen. She is like, such a sweetheart

and..."

3) "Hey babe, my husband is going to San Francisco tomorrow and...wait...what number did I call?"...click

4) "Yeah, hi, call me back. I want to tell you something horrible I heard about your stinkn', liar of a boss. Um, I'm not on speaker am I?"

5) "Hi, it's me. **stammer**You know your 1967 Mustang that you loved...I mean love...**deep sigh**...loved? Call me back when you aren't with people who are offended by cursing."

Friday Five: Some Internet themed links...One Speech-Centered Pet Peeve



1) It is disturbing to me that MySpace has a "Browse" option.

2) At some stage you have to take a stand: is Internet capitalized or not? If you are interested in this kind of thing...

3) My friend John sent me this stat for my blog, he works doing something related to the internet (no caps for me) and has access to this kind of information:

*highest ever rank was 3,383,853 (out of roughly 109 million 'distinct' websites)

*.000015% of the global online users have been to your blog (*I really haven't a clue what any of this means really. He says it's "decent."*)

4) The webcomic (left) is by “XKCD: A webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language.” Check it out [Here](#).

5) Watch Google Map Gone Terribly Wrong Video: [Here](#).

The Speech-Centered Pet Peeve of the week is when someone (especially twenty-somethings) use the word “actually” right before they are going to give you bad news...**Actually**, your table won’t be ready for another 1/2 hour”....**Actually**, we won’t get any more MacBook Air’s in until next month”...or just simply **“Actually**, no.” You get the idea, total abuse of the word actually. Stop it.