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Welcome to May!

Well, April was certainly a busy month for me. We started out the month welcoming the newest member of the family to his new home. Then came Easter festivities, and then my daughter received notification that she was nominated for an award in Languages--one of only 400 students to be eligible. Then she phoned to let me know she'd passed her driver's test with a 97%--yes panic ensued knowing that she was going to be driving on the same highway with countless drunks, idiot teens and other fools. My insomnia was spurred back in full.

We rounded out the month with everyone dealing with some form of stomach virus. It's decided that it likes me best as it's hung around for nearly a week.

~~BOOK NEWS~~

This is not to say I haven't managed to get some work done! Oh no! Actually I've been pounding away on **Morgan Creek**. What started as a simple little book is now finished, it topped out at 41,479 words (160 pages long) and contains some very interesting plot twists and turns. I submitted it on Wednesday, April 28th and HOPE! HOPE! HOPE! to see it on the calendar for a 2011 release date.

I have written the blurb and the tagline--although the tagline still needs a bit of tweaking. But here it is:

Just because you can doesn't mean you should...

In peaceful Morgan Creek Arkansas four people have been brutally murdered and it's up to Sheriff Alvarro Schmidt to find the killer, one that can't possibly be real.

Agent Sage Lee works for the DOSR, Department of Scientific Research and she's been dispatched to recapture a secret weapon that isn't supposed to exist.

Sage and the sheriff work against the clock to find this particular science experiment gone

wrong before anyone else dies--but how do you track something that was created for its agility, intelligence and strength?

As to other matters--**Demon's Fall** is *STILL* in limbo as to a definite release date. However! I have been in contact with the editor and things are moving along. I should have an answer in about two weeks and then I'll be able to share it with y'all!

Now, what am I going to work on next? Great question. I'm not certain. I have another book, this one about a man who's lived with a horrible curse over his life. Sort of a Beauty and Beast deal. But we're just going to have to wait and see what the muse dictates.

~~JINGER'S KRAFT KORNER~~

For this month's craft project I thought it might be fun to look at those beautiful gel potpourri gel jars.

This is the basic what you need list:

- ❖ Jars with lids
- ❖ 2 cups Distilled Water
- ❖ 4 packages of plain (Knox) gelatin
- ❖ 50 drops of essential oils (your choice of scent)
- ❖ Food coloring

The steps:

- ❖ 1. Heat one cup of the distilled water in a saucepan. Add the desired coloring. Remove from heat, add remaining 1 cup of distilled water and the gelatin, stirring to dissolve.
- ❖ 2. Divide the dropps of essential oil or potpourri oil into the jars. Add the gelatin mixture to the jars. Place jars in refrigerator for about two hours.
- ❖ Remove the jars from fridge and cover with plastic wrap or the jars lids. If you are using plastic wrap, consider using the colored wraps for as prettier topping.
- ❖ Store them at room temperature. To release the scent, remove the lid or plastic wrap. If you would like to decorate the jar, place a piece of fabric over the lid or plastic wrap and tie with ribbon or lace.

Variations:

- ❖ In place of jars why not try using a stray piece of stemware you've got hanging around or that you picked up from a rummage sale or the Goodwill.

- ❖ Before you pour the liquid gel into the container place pretty silk flowers, shells, buttons, stones or gems into the glass. The cover with the gel.
- ❖ Tie a pretty button to the base of the ribbon you've knotted around the neck of the jar.



Tips:

- ❖ If you put the Knox Gelatin in a cup of cold distilled water it dissolved very quickly then add a cup of boiling hot water with food coloring to it.

~~SIDE NOTES~~

Things are getting pretty wild here. My baby girl graduates in less than three weeks. Good Lord does that depress me! I knew she had to grow up one day I just never expected that day to come quite so fast.

She has made us so very proud by being nominated for an award in foreign languages. With the award comes scholarships and other forms of recognition. She's playing it off as no big deal but I know she's happy.

Then she went and passed her driver's test with a 97%. She now has a new to her car that she's running the wheels off of. It's really strange. I mean I feel like I went in one night, tucked her into her crib and woke up in the morning to find an 18 year old with her own thoughts and opinions. I didnt give her permission to grow up like **snaps fingers**that!

Dh is still in his quest for that elusive job. We're considering relocations to cities with openings. It's going to be sheer torture if we have to move away. Our daughter has her friends here and had plans for the local college.

Not to mention our son, his wife and our babies would be left behind. I'm sure there is a reason this is all happening. I've not seen it yet but I am positive it's all part of a larger design.

The hard part is waiting to see where it's leading us. I've never been a patient person.

Rather than wait for the last minute I'm taking advantage of the uncertainty to make some changes. Going through our belongings to determine what can be cast away, what should be packed "just in case" and what I absolutely can't live without.

~~IN CLOSING~~

I guess that's it for this month. Remember, I'll be letting y'all know by special announcement when **Demon's Fall** is available so I hope you'll be watching for it!

On August 10th I'll be a guest blog over at Book Boost Blog, <http://thebookboost.blogspot.com> I know that's still a few months away so I'll remind you again as we get closer to that day.

I think I'll close this newsletter with a bit of a laugh that comes with a moral:

The Pastor's Ass

A Pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The Pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and it won again.

The local paper read:

PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor not to enter the donkey in another race..

The next day, the local paper headline read:

BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS.

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey.. The Pastor decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby Convent..

The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day:

NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

The Bishop fainted! He informed the Nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10.

The next day the papers read:

NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild.

The next day the headlines read:

NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The Bishop was buried the next day.

The moral of the story is Being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery. It can even shorten your life.....Be yourself and enjoy life to the fullest.

So stop worrying about everyone else's Ass and you'll be a lot happier and live longer!

Have a wonderful May and I'll see you in June!

Hugz,

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