

December 16, 2009

Dear Friends

I'm still here - healthy, relatively content, and occasionally even happy. Al's death was a profound shock, and it may be a new one for those of you who didn't get the news (apologies.) Without family nearby, I've come to treasure friends near and far - I'm *so* grateful for your help and support!

After some soul-searching, I decided to proceed with our plan to replace the collapsing aluminum back porch with a studio/sun room. The usual construction woes aside, it was fun to have so much activity around the house. The studio is finished, furnished (almost) and functioning (sort-of,) and simply beautiful (in a messy, ever-changing way.) The first piece completed there is pictured below, and seems totally appropriate. You can check lesly-ebloom.com for other developments.

Rusty, Tucker and Elmo are lively, funny, excellent bed-warmers, and have kept me out of trouble so far.

Have a joyous holiday season, and happy 2010. I've begun making baby-steps toward getting 'a life,' and I hope I'll be talking to and seeing you soon.

Love

Leslye



Now You See Him...
acrylic/encaustic/oil pastel/collage
11.5" h x 16.5" w
November 17, 2009

This started as a therapy piece, and as a tribute to Al, my husband of 42 years, executed on the first anniversary of his death. It's all by-hand - there's no digital in it!

It will be part of ***Redux*** - a solo show hosted by the Mountomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center, Christiansburg, VA during January-February, 2010. You're invited to the reception on January 8th 5-7 pm.