

From Helen Hutchings:

well, this may not exactly be news for your webpage but certainly is news for the two of you, Bob and Shannon....it's kinda in the form a one of those "mass mailing" letters but i'll add a few more personal notes to you two at the end....

wishing you a Glorious Fall, Happy Halloween and EARLY Joyful, Beautiful holidays...

So why? are you getting this now ... waay early for holiday greetings?

Simple: i'll have a new address by the time the holidays roll 'round. Am still in Topeka. Much as i liked my little funky country-rustic house, it being situated on a waaaay toooo busy road coupled with a lawn that was a fulltime career to maintain (especially mow!)...knew from the get-go it wasn't a "forever" place.

Thus once again, for the third time in as many years i packed up the in-excess of 150 linear feet of books, numbering somewhere north of 2000 titles — the library that is both my joy yet quite the "anchor" — and all other household goods plus critters and me and moved about a ten minute drive from here into a house of newer construction with more square feeties due to having a real basement, fully finished at that, and a less spacious yard.

Wondering how that makes it "three times" packing books? first was moving from SoCal to here, then about a year into being here decided it really was time to get rid of the carpet (neither attractive or new or even cleanable) that was in some rooms...and had laminate wood-look flooring put down which meant needing to get books off of shelves so shelves could be moved around...that was number two...and now this move.

The egg-laying ladies come with as does nearly 20-year-old Cinnamon (meow!) and approaching four Jack Russell Hidie plus we'll be joined by another. A longtime friend in SoCal made the hard decision she couldn't afford to stay in her native state which she's never lived outside of. Having visited here, she thot it might be a good place for her too. So Kathy (Kat!) and her canine SnowFlake become my downstairs tenants (2 bedrooms, bath, plus add'l large "living room" area AND part of the 20'x20' detached heated/a/c'd well-insulated shop) while my living space is/will be main floor of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living, dining and kitchen. We both like to cook so kitchen is truly shared space. Add on two car garage, outbuilding for da chicks' henhouse plus a couple of modest sized storage spaces in basement. There's ample space for each of us plus rooms/furnishings to welcome visitors...

All else is, quite simply, fine and well with each and every day a wonderful gift to enjoy to the utmost. So the enclosed card has the "magical" new address. (ignore the return address label on envelope for that place is earmarked to soon belong to someone else.) Phone, address etc all transferred, so remain the same as you'll note/notice if you compare.

With that i wish you the most joyous, fine and healthy extended holiday season and look forward (as I do every year) to hearing from you....

*bestest as ever and always,
helen*

*here's the new address (phones, landline and cell, e remain the same)
3907 N W Krysten Street]
Topeka, Kansas 66618-2743*

...move is being done piecemeal but getting there.... Weather finally brought real fall and that's nice too.... so all in all, i'm a happy ('tho a little extra tired each day) camper.

news from ya'll would be welcome...

helen