

## Tea Table update

Since last writing there have been no more "incidents".

The poem/message cards have grown in number and I now have a June stack and a 'recent' stack. It's now common that if someone stops and has a glass of tea that they will leave a message or a drawing (or both). Sometimes the idea I have about all of this is quite different one once someone left some \$ (there's now a sign saying "Free Tea" which was up before the \$ was left) and someone else left a salacious message that is the alphabetic translation of my phone number (which I have destroyed). Another person left the woodchuck riddle (see examples of all of this below). Which doesn't seem like a poem left for other's to ponder but it did to them.

The teenagers have not been by as much, it's possible that it's too hot and with summer school they are too busy. A- brought some roots to make tea with- he calls it Huskus (see below) which I've not found a description of online. (he spells it this way) The tea is a sweet spice kind with those kind of aromas and flavours. A pleasant change from the Jasmine and Assam I've been making for everyone. I now in the evening have a glass of it before going to bed- beats hot chocolate in this weather.

Another neighbor donated a chair to replace the one the people broke and recently a person who has come and chatted and lives nearby bought an orange teapot to replace the one broken. So there is a pot of brown tea and a jar of light colored root tea.

The table is getting crowded or I need to make a bigger table (joke – I'm not doing that). Sometimes cyclists will stop and ask for lemonade, that's something else I'm not going to do.

I did make a 'holder' for the cards one place marked 'last month' and the other end 'recent' to keep them apart and because the June stack got so high.

I haven't understood how this is all going to work out yet. Making some of it as I go along (a cyclist passed yesterday and said 'it just keeps getting more complicated' – not really I think but I understand why he said it as he doesn't stop).

So here's the 'June' cards.....I've deleted names and addresses when they are given as I don't think people will *assume* that this isn't at least sort of private and as you can read some of these messages are very personal.

I should have a translation of the Vietnamese card next week and I will add that then.

Jay

### THE CARDS

The card I put out "If so moved , please use a notecard for a poem or a message to someone far away. And leave it for all to ponder.

What follows are the set of cards written on (words) from May 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of June.

They are not in order- too many people have gone through them scattered them and most have no date (not the point anyway) so I am just going to type them out in the order they are in today 07/09/15 .

1) lie empty, open, choiceless, like a beach waiting for a gift from the sea.

2) a drawing of a woman's legs (lower part of skirt to grass)

3) this whole night has felt like an absolute dream. It is now 1:10AM and, as we walk

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around happily lost, we stumbled upon this table. Magical. Spencer & Lena

4] I am not a poet but the mountain! (and a drawing of the mountain)

5] Thank you for saving my lost hat! (heart drawing) *she had left her hat (who ever this was) on the table at least 4 days before returning here to reclaim it.*

6] [something in Vietnamese – soon to be translated]

7] It's a painting, It's a photo, it's a postcard- no- wait- It's real- magic.

8] Fun place to enjoy? Thanks (signed by my landlords)

9] "in the absence of an open heart there cannot be a fully open mind."- unknown *yes they signed it 'unknown'*

10] Mother moon, Father mountain, sister sun, and brother grass, pencils chair and tea in Glass.

11] Jasmine brings up Japan and soaking tub one summer long off where the humid air made it wetter than the soak. (drawing of person in a soak tub)

12] 07/27/15 (*it should be 06 but doesn't matter*) How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

13] Dear Mom,

Because you are gone, I am adventuring for you now.

I know you are having a great time with me in spirit.

14] (drawing of 2 bicyclists) on reverse (drawing of a man in flannel and a hat and a dog- 'old dog haven *desperado*)

15] my eyes can only tell the truth.- A Poncho (drawing of a skateboard) butter balls 70mm [*I'm pretty sure this is from one of my teenage skateboarders- again I never asked- not the point.*]

16] headphones on eyes down. Chatter from another's world. Almost missed this. Now: birds. Planes. Mountain. Air. An inspired thought a generous act deftly done. Thank you.

17] Thanks- your generosity is inspiring *signature deleted*

18] a tangle in the trees. What does it help to hold on? Let it go. It's time.

\_\_ \_\_ the view leaves and returns anew capture no moment, no place just fleeting time.

Grace.

19] (drawing cold even be of me then a stick figure) 80's Jeff! Great tea! Party Funs

20] (a drawing of the scene from the table of the lake and the forest before it)

21] .83 longest ride to Mercer Island Rob...not my favorite ride leader (frowning icon)

22] A broken heart is an open heart

23] a drawing of a squirrel)

24] What a gift to stop and share a moment of beauty with all who've been and will enjoy this space. Many thanks (signed but can't read)

25] Hey is A (smiling face) I left Huskus roots for some tea. (*this is perhaps a native root for tea very spicy in a clove cinnamon way- I have found no information on white people's internet search i.e. google or duck- but it's a good tea and now a jar of it is also on offer*)

26] Thanks for the invitation to stop and absorb more of the natural amazing beauty

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around me-! Great tea.

27] nice deal thanks check #22

28] I've been asleep for awhile now. Thank you for waking me up. l-

29] Came by to see if you were holding court (drawing of male and female symbols joined by a peace sign.

30] Kind of sick of this warm weather, but honestly on a day like today how can I complain. What. A. Place!

31] *(this card appeared with the one in Vietnamese)*

Pajarillo eres bonito

y de bonito color

Pero mas bonito fueras

Si me hicieras el favor

de llevarle un papelito

a la duena de me amor.

32] Dear Jay- This is great we like it from (names deleted)

33] I love tea that is free (smiley face)

34] Visiting from Australia and this view is picturesque but the free tea & notecard is divine ~ I'm in love (smiley face name deleted)