

Tuesday December 1, 2009

Most nights there is a beautiful sunset and the tall palm trees are silhouetted by the darkening sky.



All the streets have interesting names. Ours is Desert Wind Lane.

In the evening Maureen attended the first Genealogy meeting. A small group - but the discussion was interesting.



Wednesday December 2, 2009

Mike went to the workshop for an orientation session. He can now use any of the equipment for a small fee of \$1 per hour. No more excuses for not getting things fixed up around the rig!



Thursday December 3, 2009



In the morning Mike attended his first Stained Glass Class. He is excited about learning how to make a window hanging.

Mike emailed the Casa Grande Lions to see if we could attend a meeting. A quick response from the secretary invited us to come that evening.





The Lions club is small (like Stratford) but very active. They needed extra hands to sell Hot Chocolate at the Santa Claus Parade, so we volunteered to help put.

Lion Chief Dave and Secretary Jo-Ann conducted the meeting.

Friday December 4,
2009

Percy really loves the dog run which is only 2 short blocks from our place.

There is plenty of green grass to run



and play with his new friends.

There are also trees to pee on and provide shade.

Last year we had to watch Percy every time someone went in or out of the park, as he would try to escape. This park has a double gate system so none of the dogs can get away.



Saturday December 5, 2009

In the afternoon we drove uptown to help the Lions with their Hot Chocolate sale. We were amazed at how many people were lined up along the main street to watch the parade that wasn't due to start for 2 hours. We surprised Lion George and his wife Linda who are also from Ontario (District A12). They winter in Casa Grande and often attend Lions meetings here. It was fun to work with them again.



Once the sun set the temperature dropped quickly. That was very good for selling the hot chocolate and cookies. The floats and the bands were all lit up and were very entertaining for the 10,000 people who lined the streets. It lasted for 1 ½ hours and Palm Creek RV Resort took 3rd prize for their float.

Sunday December 6, 2009



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCOTT!



We decided to take a road trip to Mesa to see some of our friends at Viewpoint.

Had lunch with George and Joanne. Percy sure was happy to see his old buddies.



Monday December 7, 2009

Mike went for his stained glass class and Maureen attended a scrap booking session.



Tuesday December 8, 2009



Tried out the front nine at the golf course. It is an executive course with houses on both sides. Most of the holes are quite short which suits Maureen just fine, especially as there are no carts allowed!

By the end of the nine holes we were ready for happy hour.

Another Genealogy meeting for Maureen rounded out the day.

Wednesday December 9, 2009

Maureen went shopping while Mike attended his Stained Glass class. There is a great outside mall less than 10 minutes away. It does not have a Hobby Lobby, but there is a Michaels and lots of department stores.

Thursday December 10, 2009



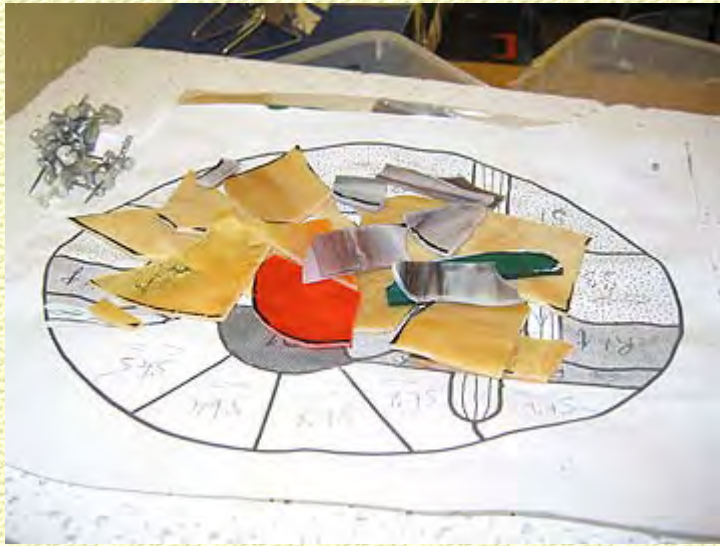
Thursdays are two-fers at the golf course. That means that after 3 PM 2 can play 9 holes for the price of one. We played the front nine again

and both did much better than the first time.



After golfing we attended a free BBQ put on by a local car dealer. Unfortunately the sky clouded over and it was too cold to sit and watch the entertainment.

Friday December 11, 2009



We spent most of the day scrapping and working with glass.

Here are the pieces that Mike cut.

machine

This is the grinding

Mike's work station



Fellow scrappers



Maureen enjoying the work and the camaraderie.



Sunday December 13, 2009

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARTY!



We put up all our
☐ Precious
Moments ☐ today.
Marty and Tina
helped by phone.





Monday December 14, 2009



Mike finished his project to day.
It will look great in our back window.

Thursday December 17, 2009

The Casa Grande Lions invited us to attend their Christmas potluck party at the President and Secretary's house.



The kitchen counter was covered with all sorts of yummy foods. Here Lion Jo-Ann and Lion Tim check it out.

Mike and the Pres in a serious discussion



Maureen and the Lion Chief



Dave, Betty and Mike enjoying the buffet.



After dinner we had a "goofy gift" exchange
Does this bow look good with my eyes?



Friday December 18, 2009



Now that the stained glass project is complete, it is finally time to install the chair rail in the dining room.

In the afternoon we

attended the New Home sales open house.



The Sales Center is quite large. The receptionist gave us info on the homes and then we wandered through the homes which are situated just

outside the sales center and across from the golf course.



There were lots of Lawn Bowlers out enjoying the beautiful sunny day. Hard to believe that winter begins on Monday!

Saturday December 19, 2009



Finished the Christmas valences and got most of them put up. Mike cleaned out his paper and computer cupboard.

Sunday December 20, 2009

Happy Birthday Matthew!

