

August 2008



Rio discovering grass

INTERESTING THINGS FOR LIVING AND GIVING

# Riversong Studio

## Soaking it Up!



Where has the summer being sliding off to? It seems that these last few weeks I have been clinging to each and every beautiful day that has come along, grasping every sight, sound and scent of summer. I am trying to capture every moment of enjoyment, committing them to memory before summer slips away into fall. Of course there are still great weather days ahead of us, however it seems as soon as the kids are back in school there is a defi-

nite change in the air as well as the schedules!

So while it's still here, I hope that you are soaking up some warming sun rays, listening to the buzz of the cicadas in the trees, the chirping crickets, and twittering birds, and breathing in the smell of freshly-mown grass, your favorite flowers and clean, fresh air!

Rio is a busy baby girl, now 7 months old. She is rolling

over both ways and enjoys being able to sit up on her own for a while. She smiles so sweetly when people pay attention to her, that you just want to call her "Smiley". She gets a little twinkle in her eye when she smiles that certainly captures my heart! Of course her big brothers are great entertainment for her as well! We sure have been enjoying getting to know this little person and feel very blessed to have her in our lives!

## Garden Time

If you love some things you've done with your yard, garden or pots this year, make sure to take a picture now. Also, make sure to write down anything you'd like to change for next year. Last fall I took a few moments to scribble down some things

I learned, and it really helped make improvements to this year's gardening attempt. Gardening is like life, a constant learning experience!

At this time of year, there are always some beautiful things blooming that I want to drag in and enjoy in-

doors. However, I am usually sick of the scraggly things by the time poinsettias and the Christmas tree come in. So this year I am limiting myself to taking cuttings of my favorite coleus to replant! I am also bound and determined to plant allium bulbs this fall!

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## Dates Of Interest:

### *Friday Nights, Wine Times*

4 to 6 p.m.

every Friday September thru December  
Sample the featured Wisconsin Wine and  
enjoy in-store specials.

**September 27th and 28**  
Autumn Glory Open House

**October (date to be announced)**  
Wine Tasting in the Arbor

**October 23-26th**  
Teacher Appreciation Days

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Watch for more details via future emails or  
check the website: [www.riversong-studio.com](http://www.riversong-studio.com)

### Riversong Studio's Autumn Hours:

Tuesday through Saturday (10-5);

Sunday (noon to 4 p.m.). Closed Mondays.

## Layered Spinach Salad

*This is one of my favorite simple salads to put together for a family gathering or potluck. I always get requests for the recipe so thought I'd share it again. The delicious cherry tomatoes available now will be especially tasty in it!*

1 (9 oz.) pkg. uncooked cheese tortellini

2 cups shredded red cabbage

6 cups baby spinach leaves

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1/2 cup sliced green onions

1 (8 oz.) bottle ranch dressing

8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Cook tortellini to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain and rinse with cold water. In a large clear glass bowl with straight sides or a glass 13x9 inch baking dish, layer cabbage, spinach, tortellini, tomatoes and green onions. Pour dressing evenly over top; sprinkle with bacon. Cover; refrigerate until serving time. 8 (1 cup ) servings.

This salad is best the day you prepare it. Otherwise the cabbage changes flavor after one day.

## New Stuff!

☀️Boy, I am so excited to now be carrying **Serenity Soy Candles and Soaps!** New in the shop this month, the Serenity Candles are 100% soy, made locally in Appleton, and have the most wonderful scents! Most people are already aware of the benefits of soy, but the fact that such a great product is locally made is an added bonus! As a lavender freak, I am pretty picky about what some companies try to call lavender! But the Serenity Soy lavender is a true lavender aroma! Other fantastic smells include:



Lemongrass, Cinnamon Bun, Hot Apple Pie, Green Apple, Lily of the Valley, Basil Sage, Chai Tea, and Cranberry Spice. In a cute lidded jar, the candle is \$14. The handmade Serenity Soaps are \$4. Wrap one up with a hand-knit facecloth for a great-smelling, pampering gift!

☀️Mary Beisner continues to amaze me



feels like Christmas opening her wonderful creations. This summer she has definitely uncorked the creative bottle! She has come up with new decorative panels with flowers, bugs, butterflies, kids, country scenes, etc! Now she is mixing glass with old jewelry for a unique look – we definitely need more of those!

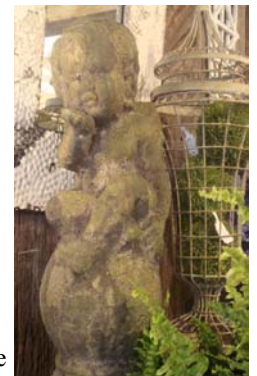
☀️Although the gardening season may be winding down, I just received some interesting **new garden gifts** such as stone-look statuary, pillar holders, finials and stepping stones. The stepping stones make a great gift for a gardener, house

with her creative expressions through glass! Each time she makes a delivery to the shop, it

warming or wedding. Use an easel for indoor display or hang on the wall with the keyhole provided on the back.

☀️I am busy preparing for the upcoming seasons, stocking the shop with **great**

**things for the home** or giving: new dish-towels, throws, rugs, pillows, mirrors, dishware, candles, jewelry, Wisconsin wines and more! And our autumn garden



selection is now arriving weekly!

