

Different agendas

Any day now I need to start on my spring cleaning. It's September? So I'm running a little late. When I asked my other half to help, he said, "Define spring cleaning."

He's so - neat. When I close my eyes and think "spring cleaning," I see sparkle. The glass gleams, the wood floors shine and the spiders are homeless. He sees piles with straight lines and even corners. He thinks it means I am going to clean out my laundry/craft/sewing storage room, clean off my desk and arrange my closet so when I pull out a skirt, four other things don't fall on the floor.

My plan is to restack my mending and put it in a bin, go for broke on a "washable" suede shirt and actually wash it, and make a decision on the 23 Lean Cuisine trays that I have saved for paint trays. My other half just informed me he found another stack of 17 trays. Wonder what they would go for on eBay?

New to the inventory is a lawn and leaf bag full of towels and blankets dating back to the early '90s. When the kids moved, they decided they didn't have room for old beach towels and the bath towels they ruined in college. My other half took some out

to the garage to use when we move furniture.

Speaking of garages, spring cleaning for the garage is happening as soon as it is cooler. Don't tell him, though.

Next to the lawn and leaf bag there are two grocery bags of office supplies that my overseas daughter was going to get rid of before she left. I just can't let things go to waste so I put the bags in my laundry room. Now I have to figure out what to do with two boxes of staples but no stapler, four packages of Christmas computer paper, a mini stapler, but no mini staples, and a huge paper clip with a calculator on it.

I rearranged the bags so they wouldn't fall over, and stuck them in the corner after I blew the dust bunnies away. The towels I dumped in the washing machine, and turned it on. At least that bought me some time before I had to find a place to stash them.

It's clear to me that we have different agendas. He wants my rooms, closets and desktop neat. I want floors, windows and the surfaces dust and sticky stuff free. I put him in charge of windows, and handed him the blue stuff in a spray bottle, a roll of paper towels and said, "Go for it."

While he was busy, I stashed my desktop piles under my desk, closed the door to the laundry room and declared my office "clean." As I walked through the great room he was just finishing the windows. Streaks. He should have said, "I don't do windows."

Now I was going to have to say, "You don't do windows."



Loose Ends
Susan Nienow

Mt. Malady officially opens on Sept. 16

Explore Henricus free on Publick Day

Mt. Malady, a reconstruction of the first hospital in the New World, will officially open to visitors on Sat., Sept. 16, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. during Henricus Historical Park's 20th Annual Publick Day. Rain date is Sun., Sept. 17.

Best of all, visitors can see it free. Normally there is a fee for visiting Henricus, but on Publick Day, the park will waive admission.

However, visitors are encouraged to bring a few dollars for food (especially for the ever-popular smoked turkey legs) and some of the craft projects.

In addition to Mt. Malady, kids can have Sharon Barrett, a professional Hollywood make-up artist, paint on free scars or Colonial-type battle wounds. There will also be Indians

demonstrating Native American cooking techniques, skin tanning and other crafts. Children can take part in numerous hands-on activities, including Indian bead work, rope-making and games.

Scouts from the Commonwealth Council of Girl Scouts and the Heart of Virginia Council will join with the Henricus Militia to open and close the park in a flag ceremony and will participate all day in merit badge work. During the day, the Militia will provide mock wooden guns to teach drills to youngsters. Tom Lori, professional musicians from Spottsylvania, will sing and play Colonial music and period sea chanteys.

For more information, visit www.henricus.org.

Volunteer Hall of Fame seeks senior nominations

The Chesterfield Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame is accepting nominations of senior adults who have made significant contributions to Chesterfield County. Three nominees will be selected for induction into the Senior Hall of Fame in October.

This is the 20th year that the county's senior volunteers have been honored by this program. In addition to the inductees, all nominees will be honored at the October ceremony.

Individuals, churches, and civic and community groups are encouraged to submit nominations. Nominees must be at least 65

years old and live in Chesterfield County.

Nomination forms and detailed guidelines are available at all county libraries. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 8.

For more information, contact Gail Sutler at 748-1706.

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