

Day 7 – California Trip - Thursday



Guess everyone is probably tired of hearing how lovely the weather has been for us. Another 93° day, but with a nice little breeze. Another start to our day with coffee and toast on the patio.

Of course, Dobie and Beckett were there trying to mooch food off of us, but we held our

ground. Dobie decided he wasn't going to waste his time so he went off into the garden trying to catch the gophers. I actually thought he was going to get one, but nope, the gopher stayed in his hole.

I decided to experiment with my camera settings to see if I could do some nice portraits. I think I succeeded.



We were taken to lunch today by Linda, one of Sharon's friends. She took us into Redland and we went into the Orange Grove Alley for a wonderful lunch of wine, lobster roll and salad and home-made chips. Everything was so delicious.

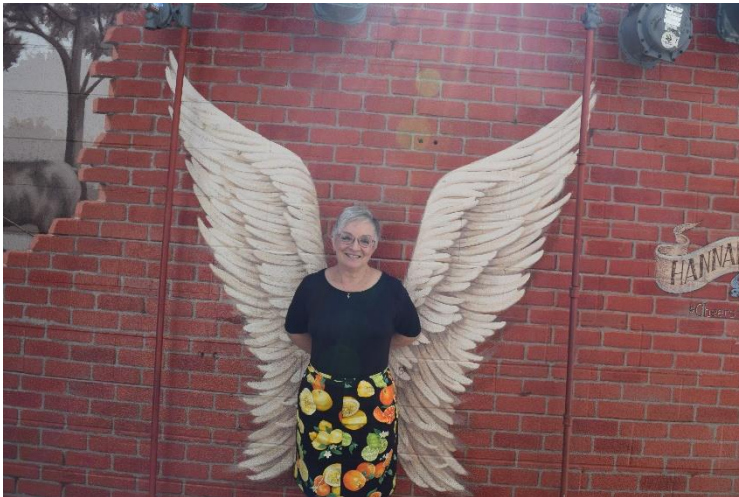
This is the alley where all the umbrellas are. It was a wonderful spot to have lunch.



The lobster rolls were delicious and I had told the waiter I was from NS, so they had some competition. He told me the chef was from New York and was very familiar with lobster and knew how to cook it to perfection.

When they came we were told that since I was from NS, he did up three of the rolls, and split a fourth one between the 3 of us. He gets a \$10 from us. OMG, there were so good.

As we were walking back to the car I remembered that Sharon had told me to get a picture of myself with Hannah's Wings. I guess on the way in I walked right pass them.



Hannah's Wings was painted in memory of Hannah Ahlers who was killed in the mass shooting Oct. 1 at the Route 91 Harvest music festival in Las Vegas. The painting is part of a mural artist Christine Coates is finishing up on the Orange Street Alley.

It felt a little strange standing there.

Also, on the way back to the car, I found the Redland Information Center

and was able to purchase one of the dishtowels of the city. I do like to collect them from places that I have visited.

Though we had only met Linda on Sunday at the church concert, we all connected very well and enjoy such a great time together. Linda also took us on a driving tour of the University of Redlands campus. Very impressive.

We spent the rest of the afternoon knitting and watching TV. Too hot to even take the dogs out for a walk. I think they were just as happy that we didn't try to take them out.

I made dinner for tonight, and had everything ready for when Sharon arrived home from work. It was a fairly rushed dinner as we had a 38-minute drive to Shirley's house, where the book club was being held. The book that they had read (and we reread since getting here) was Louise Penny's "Still Life".

I meant such lovely ladies at the Book Club –lots of good discussion on the book, and an overall great evening.

Another drive back to Redlands where we sat down and finished our glasses of wine from supper. Watched a bit of TV and then everyone headed to bed. We will be heading to Los Angeles tomorrow so we want to make sure we get our beauty sleep.

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