

Labor Day...Summers End

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I guess we have always thought about Labor Day as the official end of Summer since we were young. During childhood it represented going back to school and the end of the vacation months. Up North, the weather would cool down for a bit and then we looked forward to what was referred to as 'Indian Summer'. Then of course cold weather and Winter! Burrrr!!!

For Bob & I, we now look forward to Fall as well as Spring. The Summer vacationers are gone which means less traffic, and the weather is at it's best! Naturally, the month started out with Labor Day Celebrations. We all get together in our Club House for some socializing, great deserts, drinks, and dancing if you wish, with live music.

After Labor Day, Bob & I headed to Bethlehem, PA to visit our dear friends, John & Barbara. We spent a week with them before returning home. When we rang John's door bell, I said, "Service call here!!" Everyone laughed at that. The day before we left SC, John called because of a serious computer problem. It could not have worked out better if it was planned. Bob brought what he thought he needed to fix the problem, and as always, it worked out well! Needless to say John's computer problem could not have happed at a better time!! Bob said crossing over the Blue Ridge Mountains again was a thrill after spending close to 3 years in FL and SC where the closest thing to a mountain was a speed bump.

At home, we did some work in our yard. I spent some time working with my potted plants, experimenting and learning what does well in the Carolinas. Then there is the third Saturday of the month, when we have a small group from Lakeside attending the *Rivertown Blue Grass Society* at Horry County Technical College Auditorium. They always have such a great show! Finally, we took a comfortable day and spent it at *Brookgreen Gardens* - even bought a membership. We have traveled all over the country and these are the most beautiful gardens I have seen anywhere. We plan on going again during the Christmas Holidays for their presentation of 'the night of a thousand candles'. We have the Huntington Family from NY to thank for what we have now. They purchased adjacent plantations which make up the current gardens. The gardens include a multitude of beautiful sculptures (many by Mrs. Huntington), a river boat tour, and a small zoo.



The above picture was taken at the end of the show, when all performers came on stage to play a few Gospel songs in closing. We are talking about four hours of playing with an intermission in between for only twelve dollars!



I hope you enjoyed the sample of pictures I have put in page 2. The picture right above is of workmen getting ready for the Christmas Holidays, putting up Christmas lights, etc. We actually visited here in October as well, but I included pictures from both trips.