

I know it's mid March, "So where is the February Newsletter?" Well.....its like this, we got home on the 5th of February, a bit fatigued from our 20 day cruise seen in the January Newsletter....and we were busy getting unpacking and back to our old routine. Therefore no pictures were taken, even when we went to the Carolina Forest High School show! So, what now....well how about a few cat pictures and maybe some wild life pictures in our pond.

We spent the last couple of months watching the wild life on our lake, with much enjoyment. We have one white Egret, one Great Blue Heron, a pair of Cormorants, and about a dozen ducks. I call them the 'gang' because at times they hang out together. What happens is the Cormorants will dive down for the fish they like and in so doing both the Egret and the Great Blue seem to follow them for an easy catch as the Cormorants stir up the bottom. We have watched them do it. Now the ducks eat plant life in the water, so maybe they follow just for the company, I don't know. I have a picture of most of them together, minus the Cormorants....who may have been diving or possibly on the other side of that hill.

The next picture is of one of South Carolina's Blue Birds making a major effort to come into our home via one of the windows!! No kidding, this little one comes around every morning, tapping at many of our windows, driving the cats crazy! It does this for a couple of hours before giving up. Last year was the same thing. Sometimes I wonder if it could be the bluebird I rescued last year when it flew into our screen door. I checked it out for a broken wing, but it was just stunned and able to fly away after about 10 to 15 minutes. I doubt it though. Who knows?

Next are our two cats, Minnie and Gracie. For Christmas they got a long tube they could crawl in and hide, sleep, or play with a toy. It makes a crinkle sound when they move in it. There are 2 openings at the top also. Minnie loves it and Gracie is more hesitant. Then Minnie decided it was hers and she has chased Gracie when she attempted to check it out. To this day I have not seen Gracie in it.

No, it isn't Christmas again! Can you believe it, my Christmas Cactus is blooming better than it did for Christmas!



