



The Ram and Ewe

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A Tribute to LuLu Bird

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It all started about five years ago when Chilly, our little green and red love bird lost his mate. We decided that we would go to the Odd and Unusual Auction in nearby Innisfail to buy him a mate. Amongst all the birds that were being sold that day was a very shy little orange, red, yellow and green love bird with a splash of blue on its tail feathers. The hammer fell at fifteen dollars and I had Chilly's mate. We had no idea what was the sex or the age of the bird was but, like the other birds, it was frightened and bewildered. I truly cannot understand how someone can place a pet in an auction not knowing what will happen to them.

When we got home, "Lulu" was introduced to Chilly and the two chirped for at least two hours. A sort of "getting to know you" duet. Then they settled into Chilly's coconut shell house and went to sleep. And so the years passed, except there were monumental changes for Chilly. The sort of changes that a bachelor experiences when he changes his status from care free and independent to being settled down. The coconut, that had been his nest, was now under the command of Lulu and if he entered it without first seeking her approval he would be unceremoniously turfed out. Chilly was also seen taking far more frequent baths than usual under the watchful eye of Lulu. When you come to think of it the transition from single to partnered has the same perils in both the human and avian world. Hmm! However, to see them cuddling together and listening to their happy chirps always gave us pleasure.

Lulu had probably been an old hen whose breeding capabilities was of no more value to her original owners. Hence the auction. She developed arthritis in both her little legs that made it increasingly difficult to get around her cage. I relieved some of her pain by using a topical pain reliever that I used for my own arthritis.

She would lose her balance and end up at the bottom of the cage where she would be rescued. That was when I usually put on the cream. She appreciated the remedy and soon learned that if she was at the bottom of the cage she would get a treatment and would purposely flutter down.

Slowly she got weaker and the arthritis got worse but still she had a great zest for life. In her last weeks, Lulu would sit in my shirt pocket, happy and contented to be in a warm spot. A week ago today, a Monday, she sat in my pocket and watched You Tube movies of love birds. She bravely chirped back to them and was genuinely reciprocating with the other little birds.

Lulu was very tired that Monday night and could hardly keep her eyes open. She chirped goodnight, curled up and went to sleep for the last time. We found her in the morning as we had left her the night before. Her eyes were closed and she laid peacefully in her coconut nest. Although we were relieved that she suffered no more we could not help but feel that we had lost a member of the family. Darn it all, these little beings do get under your skin and become part of your life.



In all this the one who had the most to lose was Chilly. For the last five years those two were just like a married couple. They would have domestic squabbles but always cuddled up to go to sleep at night. Now Chilly won't go back into the original coconut but uses an alternate smaller coconut at night. However, during the day he sits on the perch beside their love nest and has long chirping serenades which I presume is his way of looking for his partner.

So, we are now on a mission to find a mature hen for Chilly. I am sure that in no time at all he will reoccupy the coconut and his world will return to normal and Lulu from her place in Love Bird Paradise will be happy too.

Ladies Night at PaSu Farm

**CELEBRATE CANADIAN STORYTELLING NIGHT
WITH MARY HAYS AND BETTY HERSBERGER
AS THEY PRESENT:**

Spinsters, Gossip & Old Wives

Folktales, Folklore & Folksongs
About the Work and Wisdom of Women

Saturday, November 1st, 2014.

Seating from 5.30 pm Dinner at 6.30 pm

\$45.00 (Includes Service, please add 5% GST)

Reservations Essential - Ticketed Event

Fashion Show

Fabulous Buffet Meal

PaSu Sunday Lunch

WHERE FRIENDS & FAMILY MEET
FOR A SCRUMPTIOUS FEAST

Roast Lamb, Beef and Chicken
Served with Hot Vegetables
Truffle Gravy

4 Fresh Salads, Gourmet Pate
Homemade Soup and Artisan Bread
Assorted Pickles and Cheeses
Four Original Homemade Desserts

\$32.50 per person

Children under 10 half-price

Two and under free

Sunday Seating from 12 to 1pm
Reservations Essential



Restaurant News

During the Week

We are open Tuesdays to Saturdays for lunch and afternoon tea. The full menu is available from 12 to 2, from 2 to 3 we serve light lunches and from 3 to 4 tea and desserts. Reservations recommended.

Private Functions

Let us cater your Staff Christmas Party

PaSu Catering creates warm, memorable and entertaining evenings with lovingly prepared dishes to please all ages. We would be happy to discuss your needs. For your convenience we also offer catering services at your location.

Meals To Go

Our freezer is loaded with delicious and nutritional foods ready to heat and eat. We cook responsibly and check for additives, preservatives and GMO foods. Our meals are packed in single or double portions and geared towards elderly couples, single people who neglect to cook wholesome meals and for those who have a busy lifestyle.



Victorian Christmas Dinner

at PaSu Farm near Carstairs, Alberta

FEATURING: Duck Terrine, Apple Stilton Soup
Dover Sole, Roast Leg of Lamb or Roast Beef,
Yorkshire Pudding, Traditional Christmas
Pudding with Hard Sauce and English Custard

Nov 28 & 29, Dec 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20

RESERVATIONS ESSENTIAL

403-337-2800

HOT OFF THE PRESS

We are madly unpacking our fall and winter collection of products. It's like Christmas here with delivery trucks bringing boxes and boxes of new and exciting merchandise. The assortment is eclectic, thrilling, and affordable.

Our line of woolen coats are warm yet stylish. We have gorgeous sweaters and cardigans from all over the world that will not only make you feel good but keep you warm and toasty. Match these with toques and woolen or sheepskin gloves. How about wool socks, soft slippers or a smart alpaca sweater for men?

Stumped what to buy for your wife? Ask our team. Or make life simple and stop in at the farm and buy some gift certificates while you enjoy our hospitality. Shop at PaSu Farm Boutique where you are treated like a VIP.

A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Years ago, before we had a shop, we used to hold an Open House at the farm on the weekends in December. This tradition still continues and we offer FREE Christmas cake and hot cider in the boutique only. Let us take the stress out of your shopping by pampering you in a relaxed environment far from the maddening crowd.



Christmas Shopping

EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS IN THE BOUTIQUE

For your convenience the PaSu Farm Boutique will be open on the following Mondays:

December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

From 11am to 4pm

AND

We are also open Friday and Saturday evenings till 9pm in December before Christmas

OTHER SHOPPING LOCATIONS

Spruce Meadows Christmas Market

Last three weekends in November

Nov 14, 15 and 16

Nov 21, 22 and 23

Nov 28, 29 and 30

Market on Macleod

7711 MacLeod Trail SW, Calgary AB

South of Chinook Centre and North of Heritage Drive

403-252-8300

THIS WILL BE OUR PERMANENT

YEAR ROUND LOCATION

IN CALGARY MAKING IT EASIER

FOR PICKUPS AND EXCHANGES

Parking is easy and free and there are

lots of other wonderful attractions

without the usual hype found in

shopping centres and malls.

This is a great market to explore!