

There are certain elements about downsizing that go across the board – whether you are moving to a smaller house, car or trailer. These elements really become clear when you are right in the middle of the process:



Step One: Yikes! I have too much “Stuff”!

Step Two: I should have measured – it won’t all fit!

Step Three: Well it is finally time to get rid of that old useless sentimental thing!

Step Four: Now, will I remember where I put everything?

Mr. Blogger and I recently decided to downsize our RV. We have successfully navigated the sale of our previous trailer and the purchase of the new trailer. We now find ourselves going through the aforementioned process, as we unpack and stow all our RV gear.

One of the key benefits of smaller space is that there are only so many places you can put things and this limits the possibilities of never finding them again! I have gone past Step One and Step Two and now am in the process of finally disposing of some sentimental but very very useless items (Step Three). Wish me luck on Step Four!

Quote of the Week: (Really a prayer but one that is a winner!)



Lord, thou knowest better than myself that I am growing older and will soon be old. Keep me from becoming too talkative, and especially from the unfortunate habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and at every

opportunity.

Release me from the idea that I must straighten out other peoples' affairs. With my immense treasure of experience and wisdom, it seems a pity not to let everybody partake of it. But thou knowest, Lord, that in the end I will need a few friends.

Keep me from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Grant me the patience to listen to the complaints of others; help me to endure them with charity. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains — they increase with the increasing years and my inclination to recount them is also increasing.

I will not ask thee for improved memory, only for a little more humility and less self-assurance when my own memory doesn't agree with that of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Keep me reasonably gentle. I do not have the ambition to become a saint — it is so hard to live with some of them — but a harsh old person is one of the devil's masterpieces.

Make me sympathetic without being sentimental, helpful but not bossy. Let me discover merits where I had not expected them, and talents in people whom I had not thought to possess any. And, Lord, give me the grace to tell them so.

Amen" – Anonymous



Happenings this Week:

Saturday, October 19th: Wind Symphony to Play Music of John Williams. The Northwest Wind Symphony will open its 22nd season on Saturday at Corbet Theatre on the Centralia College campus with a musical salute to one of America's most prolific composers, John Williams. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults. Children are free with a paying adult.

Saturday, October 19th: 'Planet of the Apes' Coming to Fox Theatre. Historic Fox Theatre Restorations and The Quickbooks Lady will present "Planet of the Apes," the next film in the 2013 film series at the Fox Theatre in Centralia. Showtimes are at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Fred Beeks will return to play the theater organ before both showings.

Pre-sale tickets for "Planet of the Apes" are available at Debbie's Boutique, HUBBUB, Holley's Place and Santa Lucia Coffee in Centralia and Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis. Tickets are \$7 for members, \$8 for individuals or \$20 for a family of 3-4 persons.



Thursday, October 24th: Potluck Night here at Stillwaters Estates. Dinner starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. so bring your favorite dish to share and your favorite plate to put it on. Silver and napkins provided.

Weather:

It is Thursday afternoon in October and I am looking out the office window at sunshine! Yes!!! The official weather sources say this will last into next week. Sunshine and temperatures in the mid-60's all week. Get out and enjoy this last big push of sunshine for a while.