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# Welcome Home

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## Home is what you make of it

The end of April I took some time out to attend a ‘tiny house build’. The three day event was put on by "Deek" Diedricksen and his band of merry men (and women)

There were about 30 attendees and 15 experts who came from near and far to share their passion for living simply. Simple does not necessarily mean doing without though. Some of the places these folks have created have all sorts of creature comforts. The primary theme is efficiency. There are few single purpose items found in a tiny house. The staircase to the sleeping loft most likely houses books or drawers under each tread, the sink has a ‘hat’ that increases the kitchen counter area.

Most of the attendees were there to pick up tricks and find out what was new in this anti-McMansion niche. I went mainly out of curiosity.

When asked how do you like living in seventy-nine square feet, Lloyd H. responded, “I must live in an orderly fashion. One of the things that a small space requires is that decisions must be made and action taken now.

People who had been living tiny for more than two years were different. They seemed to have an uncommon clarity of thought and an ability to problem solve quickly and painlessly. They were matter of factly decisive. I am not sure which came first their personal clarity and bias to action

or their limited living environment; I just know it was quite an eye-opening experience for me.

I spend at least three days a month living in a space that is less than 170 sq. ft. It is technically a room with a bath, set up with hotplate and microwave and dorm-type frig. There is not even a closet, only one of those motel-type racks on a wall to hang a few things and put extra blankets on top --- this is not the Ritz, nor is it home. I am there to work and return ‘home’ as soon as the tasks are completed. My outlook on this space has changed since experiencing the tiny house build. I will spend a little more time designing this tiny space to support while I am there. I will practice enjoying

time spent there as oppose to fussing about all that has to be done.

Attending the workshop opened my mind to the fact function and beauty are not mutually exclusive. I have learned that small can be useful and supportive. The size of the house you live in is not important, what’s important is that your living space supports you both in practical daily ways and emotionally as well.



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Home is the place,  
Where it feels right to  
walk Around  
without shoes.  
-unknown

May wherever you go  
feel like home!

Steve



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### Referrals: The highest compliment you can give us!

We, like everyone, love hearing praise. Being complimented on a job well done is definitely the icing on the cake.

The evaluation form we sent out in last month's newsletter told us you were quite happy with our service, in fact some even thrilled.....so we wondered why we get so few referrals---and like a lightning bolt it hit us ---perhaps we should ASK for referrals! So this is us asking. If you have friends, family, business acquaintance (yes, we clean small businesses and offices) that could benefit from our services, please let us know.

We have decided that we could make this a whole lot more fun for everyone if there were prizes! So each month we are going to enter all our referring "partners" in a drawing (one entry/referral). We will be giving out two prizes, so your chances of winning are twice as good ☺

To start things off we're giving a gift card to Nick and Jenny G for the most referrals in May— Thanks so much for all your support!

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Where we ~~Love~~ what we do and hope you do too!



## Roxie & Friends

### It's me Roxie...

You may or may not know this about me---but I'm a bit of a party girl type. Because of that Steve keeps a very close eye on me. I'm never left in the truck with the windows rolled down enough for someone to unlock the doors. Therefore I'm never left in the truck in the summertime. Instead of my normal "met my friend" type article I wanted to remind you all of these Good Summer Pet Practices to keep your pet Healthy and safe this summer.

### Many of these I know you know, but sometimes it is good to be reminded of them:

- Plenty of fresh water available---so if poochy is left outside during the day, make sure there is ample water available for him.
- Again, if left outside make sure there is a shady area for those long, lazy summer naps. Also a sheltered area to get out of the rain should a sudden storm hit the area.
- Be sure to administer flea and tick medications on schedule---this is not the time to be hit or miss with this important pet care routine.
- NO HOT CARS!!!
- Morning walks are best, while the air is still cool and the humidity low.
- When venturing to the beach or hiking trails, keep Rover on a leash. He will be safer and you will be better able to take charge if a 'situation' arises.
- Visit the dog park regularly. Most dogs are very social and playful. A short car ride and a romp with friends will really make for a great summer!

Have fun, be safe and take lots of pictures and email me some! You can send them to: [Roxie.VIPHome@gmail.com](mailto:Roxie.VIPHome@gmail.com) --

--Yes, I have my very own email account-- I am that special ☺