

NEWS FROM ANNA

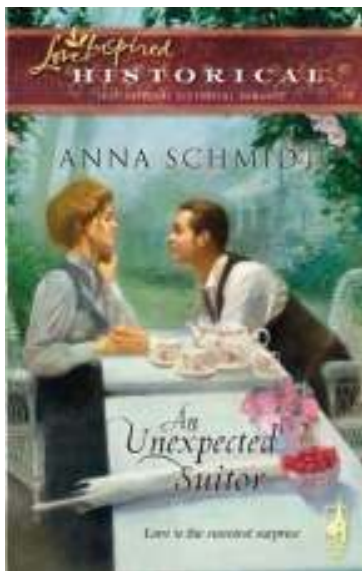
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HAPPY HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

I thought you might enjoy seeing some of our holiday decorations so go <http://www.booksbyanna.com/contest.html> for more pictures from a Florida Christmas season. Our traditions are simple and blessedly familiar – Christmas Eve church services, gifts exchanged with family and friends, and on the day itself a brunch I prepare for friends gathered here in Florida. My wish for all of you, dear readers, is a holiday season that carries enough peace and good will to last you through all of the coming New Year!



***GIVE A GIFT OF BOOKS - ONE OF ANNA'S IS
ALWAYS A GOOD CHOICE!!***

And speaking of reading, I have to tell you about a wonderful opportunity to help women in places where life is not great for them. Check out

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/help-women/online-store-supporting-women.php>

I have been supporting this organization for a number of years and was delighted to learn that I could give a gift of teaching a woman to read. We're all adults and do we really need another scarf or vase or crockpot? I think not. In these difficult times why not give a gift



that truly does keep on giving. You know what they say: Give a man a fish and you've given him a meal; TEACH him to fish and you've fed him for life (or words to that effect). Think about it and be sure to let me know the wonderful ways you and your family have found to give back or pay it forward!

BEHIND ANNA'S GARDEN GATE...

My Florida garden is the beautiful (and public) Marie Selby Botanical Garden. It's where I go to write, to think and to be in touch with the beauty of this world God has

given to our care. I suspect that sometime in the coming weeks, it will be the place where I consider my resolutions for 2010.

I just finished reading a wonderful book by Julia Cameron entitled *The Right to Write*. Her premise is that getting published is not what makes one a writer - writing is what makes a writer and in some ways we are all writers with stories to tell. I have been blessed to share my stories with many people in many parts of the world. I do not take that blessing for granted, but I also know that even if I had never published a book, I would still be writing.

Until next month - stay well, take care, and find the good in every day! **ANNA**

