

The Great Clear Out - Part 3

We are on the downswing in the great Clear Out. Yesterday we moved out some old stuff (mostly for a rummage sale), moved in some family pieces, and down I've got the last bits to do. Today I carted off my e-waste and shredding to my amazing credit union that is having a free community event.

One sign that things are good is that the master bedroom, which had been the best room in the apartment organizationally, is now the worst, because we loaded spare boxes into a now-empty corner, and there's a headboard that needs to be attached.

So, what's new/old at Casa del Revknits? First up, these beautiful Mexican tile tables were made by one of my cousins on my Dad's side - I don't know which one:



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I love how my knitted afghan is a perfect complement color-wise.

There's a lovely washstand that now holds photos, with a cat bed below. Ignore the painting behind, I'm working on the furniture before I get the artwork hung and centered. This is a family piece on my mom's side.



Then there's my maternal grandfather's original Mission style rocking chair - Thomas Evans was his name, and he read Emerson. I think I would have liked him.

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But there's something missing. Oh, this is better!

Finally on the tour is a mid-century chair that was in my parent's house as long as I can remember. The fabric is great. But the cushions needed work:

So I went to the local futon place, and they cut me a deal to replace the foam right then and there for cheap. Thank you Mary!

Whew.

This afternoon as I am writing this (Saturday) I napped for two hours - the mental and physical demands have been pretty great this week, so that was good. There are *still* things to be done - sorting through family photos, looking up a few things of my brother's online to see if I can sell it for something, shipping some boxes, downsizing my storage unit (!). That will come in the coming weeks, but I am over the hump.

One thing I learned from this effort - a good organizer can save you a lot of time and money. Mine paid for almost half her fee by helping me repair my vacuum cleaner instead of buying a pricey pet-hair one for big bucks. They also know local folks who can do the things you need and organize them. If you can't afford that, find a friend who can help you - it is so much better to have someone else pushing with you to get it done. This would have gone badly had I tried it on my own.

Finally, because I like to share good folks, here are some local-to-Marin vendors who were really great!

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[Pam Will](#) - not just organizing, she is an amazing personal assistant, etc. She's also a former parishioner of mine, so I can totally vouch for her. She's reasonable.

[Guy With a Truck](#) - Alex runs his own business, he knows Marin and the City completely. In two hours we made 5 stops! He uses himself and 2 guys, and it goes fast. And he's pretty cheap.

[Mary's Futons](#) - Mary has been in business forever, and her prices are fair, and great customer service.

[Northgate Sewing and Vacuum](#) - amazingly good service (ignore the old reviews on Yelp - this guy is super helpful).

[Redwood Credit Union](#) - I am a member and love this credit union. The shredding/e-waste event today was a free event to the community, and it showed how great they are for the community: they used the [Computer & Technology Resource Center](#) -- it's a non-profit e-waste collector - they re-use everything they can, and donate the good stuff to schools and the like, instead of shipping stuff to a third world country and polluting a poor place. The shredder was a big truck on site so you could watch your stuff shredded. A class act all the time.

The place where my electronics went was the Computer & Technology Resource Center -- it's a non-profit e-waste collector - they re-use everything they can, and donate the good stuff to schools and the like.