

Happy Holidays from the Rosner family!

We've had some highs and lows this year. Jeff's mom, Grace, passed away in March at the age of 87. The family said farewell in Florida and in Chevy Chase where we sat Shiva. We all miss Grace.

We had some big news from Sonia in November: she and Kyle are engaged to be married! The wedding date will likely be set for the summer of 2014. We're so happy for them and look forward to enlarging our family. See their engagement portraits below. Sonia and Kyle are now in their fourth year at Harvard as PhD candidates in biology. Sonia is also president of the graduate Taekwondo team.



Jeff and Ronda had a very enjoyable long weekend in Sea Ranch in May with friends Drew and Marilyn, where the tiny Allen's Hummingbird rules his territory from the same branch every sunset! In July we visited Ari and Gabrielle (Ari's girlfriend) in Portland for five days. This trip we explored the beautiful Chinese Garden located downtown – pictures below were taken there with Gabbi, Ari and Jeff. We also took a day to drive to the coast where we toured the Tillamook Cheese factory, picnicked at Cannon Beach and hit some high spots in the town of Astoria where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean. Ari lives in the same household and continues in the same employment.



Ronda celebrated her 60th birthday in early August – a summer backyard bash with a jazz trio and two cakes! Psychedelic photo below is Jeff sitting in with the trio on his sax for a set.



In late August Jeff and Ronda traveled to Boston and split time between a visit with Sonia and Kyle in Cambridge and R&R with Marj, Arnold and Adam in Chatham on Cape Cod. We had an especially tasty brunch with Kyle and Sonia at the East Coast Grill in Cambridge and were fascinated by the Glass Flowers Collection at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. While staying on the cape we ate loads of fresh seafood and tried to counter-balance the resulting effect by taking long walks/runs every morning around Chatham.

Our garden had just about the best season ever, thanks to the high number of sunny days and increasing attention to building a soil ecosystem in our raised beds. We had huge amounts of tomatoes, beans and chiles, and the (new) strawberry patch was prolific as well. Our apple tree continued to deluge us with fruit from August→November, and we are currently awash in lemons (a good thing). The only house project this year was to re-make Sonia's old bedroom into a generic guest room. With a new sofa bed, new window coverings and new paint we're increasingly hospitable to visitors! In fact, we just ended a visit from Ari and Gabbi during the December holidays. Sonia and Kyle are set to visit in late January.

See Jeff and Ronda's latest employment-related news via LinkedIn – yes, we continue to have *jobs*.

Ronda's 2012 media favorites:

- Film/TV – "The Hunger Games", "Moonrise Kingdom", and of course..."Breaking Bad"
- Books – "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson, "Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins, "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce, and "Death Comes to Pemberley" by PD James
- Songs – "I Will Wait" by Mumford & Sons, "Skyfall" by Adele, "Somebody That I Used to Know" by Gotye and "If Only" by Dave Matthews Band.

Enjoy health, peace, love and anything else that 'floats your boat' throughout the coming year.

Much Love,

Ronda, Jeff, Ari, and Sonia