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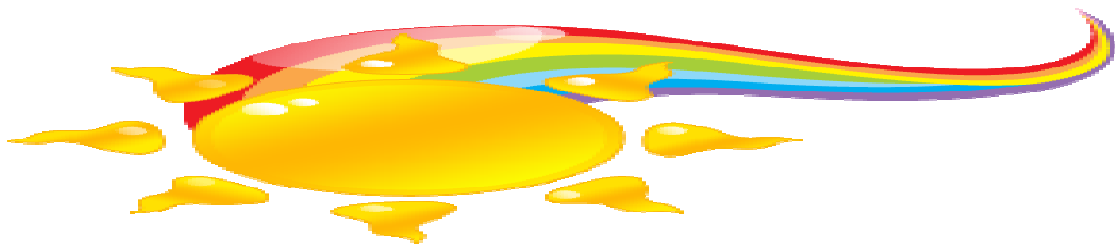
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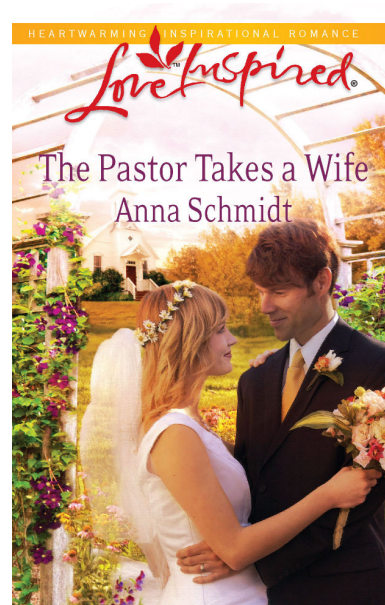
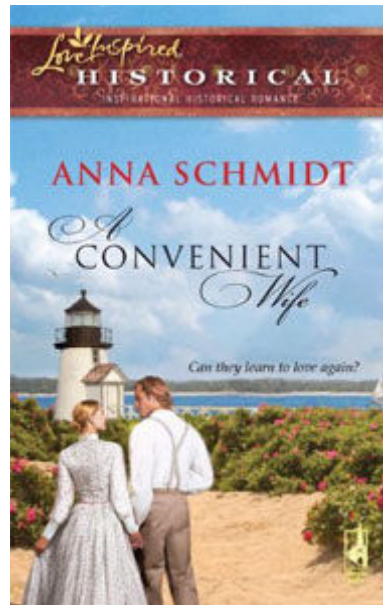
## *HEADING HOME TO WISCONSIN*

By the time most of you read this, I will be back home in Wisconsin. I am truly fortunate and blessed to be able to spend my days in two wonderful places – Florida and Wisconsin – even if the primary reason for escaping the harder weather of a Wisconsin winter has to do with my husband’s health more than anything. Florida weather this year was unpredictable – cooler than normal with more rain than in previous years. On the other hand the state has suffered from drought conditions for several years so hopefully this wetter, cooler winter has helped with that a bit. Spring in Wisconsin is always an adventure – as the saying goes “if you don’t like the weather, wait ten minutes and it will change.” Wisconsin springs can bring anything from an eighty-degree day to a late snowstorm.

One of my favorite parts of the drive home is experiencing spring in reverse – as we leave the lush tropics of Florida and head across the panhandle into Alabama, we find ourselves surrounded by wonderful azalea in all colors plus wisteria and tulips and daffodils. As we move on into Tennessee and Kentucky and the southernmost parts of Illinois we watch for the redbud and dogwood and the woodland trillium and spring beauty. And by the time we get home the daffodils and flowering trees and such are just beginning so we get to experience the whole season all over again. What a wonderful world!!!



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## ***BIG NEWS FOR ANNA!!***

I am delighted to report that I have just signed a three-book contract with BARBOUR Publishing to write a series of contemporary novels set in Florida that will be published in 2011-12. BUT the most exciting thing about this particular project is that all of the stories involve the large Mennonite community located just on the city border of Sarasota. The community is called Pinecraft and Barbour has titled the series "The Women of Pinecraft." I could not be more delighted to have the opportunity to explore this lifestyle and culture and already I have met a number of people in the community who have graciously agreed to be my 'guides' as I develop these stories. Do stay tuned for more news about this project as it develops!!!



*That's it for this month – I do hope you'll take a moment to visit my Special Features section where I've posted some photos I took during my time in Florida – wonderful memories!!*

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