

# Still Going Strong

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Will someone please inform the youth of America that being older does not mean being fragile?!

Now it's true I may have a few years under my belt. Hell, I may even have my breasts tucked under my belt. But so what? I think with my brains not my personal body parts. Of course, that's always been what separated us women from men in the first place...

But getting back to age...I admit I can still remember when television was a novelty, and not an addiction. And I remember going to unrated movies because that's all we had in those days...before Hollywood became so 'artistically enlightened' that they couldn't write a simple sentence without three or four profanities shoved in for 'realism...' And yes, my hair forgot its original color many bottles of Clairol ago...but none of that means I've lost my style!

I see it this way...Older wines are prized for their subtle flavor. Older trees are respected for their sturdy roots. And older cars are considered classics. Yet, everyone insists on treating older people as if we were all made of paper. Easily damaged like some fragile Chinese lantern. (stomps her foot)

And I say 'Phooey!'