



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day today -- did you go out? what did you do for fun? did you cook or eat anything special? did you do work or chores? who did you spend time with?

Today I went out of the house to a store for the first time since March 11. I went with my husband, Don, of almost 62 years, to a garden center. We had to wait in line outside, with masks, 6 feet apart for 20-30 minutes before we could enter the store. We picked out plants quickly could only pay by credit card and felt very safe. We stopped at the bank drive through, the only way to do banking, and made a deposit. The most fun thing we did was stop at my favorite deli for lunch. My husband went in to get my sandwich, as I am still very cautious of others. Today we will be having our dinner delivered, ready to eat, by a wonderful place that offers this service all the time. Tonight I will be getting chicken and vegetables, my second choice, as the turkey and dressing was sold out. We will plant some of the plants we bought today and will spend an hour of so on our front porch with one of our daughters and her 19 year old son, who is home from college, with masks, 6 feet apart.

We live about 1 mile from the San Francisco Bay and we can see a bit of it from one of our rooms. We can hear the fog horns at night. Right now the weather is just perfect, sunny and warm enough to be out without a sweater. We live in an old neighborhood, built when ships were being built in Richmond. It is the kind of place that we can expect to see lots of people, single and in family groups, walking their dogs or just walking. Everyone one wears a masks and they are very friendly. That is something that has just happened since the sheltering has taken place. I feel very safe even though I fall into the group that needs to stay sheltered the longest. I pray for the day when I can again, hug my kids and total strangers if I want!

What do you remember best about being on campus in May of other years?

I was a freshman student totally in love with a senior who would be graduating. We had decided to be married that summer. Hanover was just heavenly to me at that point. I had always be one who loved the natural world and Hanover and the area around it swept me away. I was serenaded by the Fiji's. This man is the man I married and can't see him every day that I don't think of Hanover.

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