



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2023. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Who did you spend time with? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores?

The morning was stressful and to a large extent taken up with one of my cats. Before I got to that point, I made arrangements to have both cars serviced, one some a periodic one to replace a backup camera.

Yosemite (Jo) has developed kidney disease. She has had it for a year and a half and until recently we have managed it with diet and an appetite stimulant. That was not as easy as it sounds as our other cat is on the overly large side and tends to want to eat both cat's food. It has been and was today a struggle to keep them separate and get both a chance to eat their own food. However, the disease has progressed and we now have two additional therapies, an anti-nausea pill and sub-cutaneous fluids. Jo loves having a pill just about as much as you could expect. She does not scratch or claw but she does growl and struggle. It took me twice to get the pill (actually 1/4th of a pill) into her. Then to make her morning really miserable, I did the sub-cutaneous fluids, 200 ml. I hate needles but I would much rather receive one than give one. I have done this before on a cat that we lost 13 years ago. She also had kidney disease, but that was a long time ago. This was only my second time with Jo and I am very uncertain. I am sure that makes is worse. I wrap her in a towel to help calm her, and inject her with the subcutaneous fluids. She is not as calm as our last cat I had to do this with, but she is remarkably calm. I hold her, pinch up the at the back of her neck, jab with the needle and then try to keep her calm. She does quite well. I scratched her chin and she purred for much of the time. Towards the end she got antsy but the procedure went much better than the first time I did this with her. So progress. She was a bit wary of me for a while during the rest of the day. That may have been the worst part but she cuddled with me later and is sitting next to and partly on my laptop as I write this. It is like she is editing over my shoulder.

The rest of the morning I worked on an online photography class I am taking. As I approach retirement (One year), I am picking up some hobbies. As part of getting better in photography I have taken a few classes. What I like about these is that I have home work and I get my photographs critiqued. I am responsible for my learning. I first tried a few photographs for my assignment this week (they did not work very well). Then I went to a downtown coffee shop to sit and downloaded the photographs and listened to a critique of another student. I had done mine the day before but I find I learn a lot from listening to others as we are encouraged to do.

The afternoon was easier. I read some about bee vision and looked up some of the resources. I plotted ideas for this weeks assignment, but I took it pretty easy. I also did some planning work for our upcoming vacation, making the last reservations and buying some needed equipment.

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The evening I mostly relaxed with my wife. So an eventful morning followed by a fair amount of relaxation but also some reading and research and planning.

We'd also like to hear about what learning looks like for you. When you think of the Hanover classes that have mattered the most to you, what do you see? A specific classroom, lab, or studio? your favorite late-night study location? What about lessons learned at Hanover outside of the classroom -- do you see conversations over meals? locker room celebrations? shared community service? the streets of a foreign city during an off-campus class? If you're no longer on campus, what does learning look like now?

As a professor, learning is my life. But currently I am working on two ways of learning. First, I am taking classes to improve my photography. I am in my third. There are many options online, but few have any assignments. While I could learn just from watching videos and reading, making me responsible for evaluation will push me more and make me work harder and build a stronger evaluative eye. It is also why I comment on other participant's work and follow their evaluations to see what more I can learn.

I also read novel topics. Right now it is about bee vision. I do not know much about vision with compound eyes so this is a way to expand my knowledge. I need to find a way to put this knowledge to use somehow to make sure I understand it properly. The writer is not the best.