



"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?

I started the day by taking out some fat and a couple of bones, from last night's duck confit dinner, to feed Edgar, our resident crow. I've taken to feeding him every few days (he caws his appreciation and also lets me know his displeasure when the plate is empty), and also Bun Bun, one of a few bunnies that wander around. Bun Bun has become quite tame and comes when I call him. He especially likes carrots and broccoli stems. Today, I am still waiting for my hummingbirds to arrive. They are 10 days late this year. The other migratory birds have shown up at my feeders...rose breasted grosbeak, Baltimore oriole, Louisiana Thrush, to name a few. Watching them gives me great pleasure during these days of self quarantine. This afternoon I will head back over to a nearby nursery to pick up the last of my annuals and another tomato plant. We are trying to grow as much as we can in our raised veggie beds this year so as to minimize dependence on the grocery store. Trees have yet to sprout green, but I expect them to in the next couple of days, as it has warmed up considerably in Traverse City, MI where I now live. Typically in the afternoon, I take my Kindle to the exercise bike in the lower level and read while pedaling...and yes, I play a few games of Word Drop, Mahjong, etc...Gotta keep that mind sharp! Afterwards...HAPPY HOUR! My new favorite cocktail...French Blonde. I feel no guilt as it has lots of grapefruit juice in it! Gotta get those vitamins, you know! Dinnertime is usually a shared event. Tonight is marinated flank steak...with a fine wine, of course. We ALWAYS dine by candlelight, which makes dinner always special. We also love listening to Beegie Adair, who is a wonderful jazz pianist. We are not feeling isolation or loneliness at all. But we do hope a vaccine occurs soon, so that we can get back to New Orleans (had to cancel our Easter trip) and be able to go to Japan (trip planned for April 2021...we'll see, but most likely it will be postponed). Evening is spent watching the news, Big Bang Theory re-runs (why was that show canceled anyway???), and Stephen Colbert.

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

The smell of spring and visions of flowering trees are my most vivid memories...Also the May I graduated. The 1970 commencement was held outside. We could not hear any of the speakers due to the drone of the 17 year cicadas!

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