

An ODE to Spring

By Toris Jaeger, Naturalist

The first day of Spring takes place on March 19 this year.

It will be great to celebrate the Spring EQUINOX.

We are also celebrating the first day of Summer Solstice on June 20.

In late March, April, May and early June we will witness the NATURE come alive with wildflowers in bloom, Deciduous trees putting on their leaves, the evergreen trees growing more leaves and needles.

Such a wonder to witness!

“Look deep into Nature and then understand everything better “ Albert Einstein

We each have our own interpretation of Einstein’s quote.

My understanding is to really experience Nature in the mind, heart and soul, one must be in the Nature and be one with Nature.

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Take a walk in the Redwoods, the healing trees.

Visit a creek and witness the life giving force that runs through Nature.

The ground is alive with mushrooms, the keepers of the soil and the trees root systems.

Take a trip to the ocean, the time of much reflection.

Our phones and computers with all their apps can provide a view of the Nature but in my humble opinion it is not the same.

I hope you can find the time and the interest in getting out into the real Nature;

you will be immensely rewarded.

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REPOT houseplants that have outgrown their containers. Gently loosen the roots after you have removed the plant from the original pot. Add new potting soil to a bigger planter. Position your plant in the center, fill the edges with new soil, and pat down the soil. Water thoroughly. It may take a bit of adjustment until your plant will flourish.

AERATE lawns and leave the plugs on the grass as fertilizer.

SHARPEN and clean tools for the spring workload.

HARVEST oranges.

BUY pots of oxalis, also known as shamrocks, to decorate for St. Patrick's Day.

PLANT milkweed to attract Monarch butterflies.

START weeding to get a jump start on spring plantings.

DISPOSE of fallen camellia blossoms until bushes are finished blooming to prevent disease.



Used both indoors and outdoors, Cordyline is a genus of plants native to Pacific islands and Southeast Asia.



Native to South Africa, Calla lilies thrive in California.



The long-lasting houseplant, the heart-shaped anthurium was discovered in South America.



The Netherlands is home to our revered tulips.

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