



Musing

March 2021 - "Light in the Windows"

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Have you noticed how much more light is coming in through your windows these days? I sure have. During the darkest days of winter, the sunlight does not come in our kitchen windows in December or January. Finally, in February it starts creeping in a little sliver at a time. Now that it is March, the sunlight is pouring through the windows, and brightening up our kitchen. It is also brightening up my disposition. I feel much cheerier when the days get longer.

March is somewhat of a jackpot month for additional daylight - we gain 100 minutes. Plus, on the 14th we go back to daylight savings time, and it won't be getting dark until nearly 7:30pm. All this additional daylight kicks my spring fever into high gear. I start thinking about planning my summer garden and getting the pontoon boat back in the lake. I also start thinking about summer projects. This year, I am going to plant a winter hearty apricot tree and self-pollinating peach tree at our Sweet Lake orchard. It is all an experiment. I hope they will be able to survive the winter, but we shall see. It's part of the spring optimism I have for gardening at the cabin.

The light in the windows also gets me thinking about other signs of spring, like more birds singing, the hummers coming back, and hoping to see a tiny sprout from a tulip or daffodil popping out of the ground.

As the days get longer, we will gradually be spending more time at the cabin and enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of a new season in nature. Oh how lucky we are to have more light in the windows, and the joys of spring fever on the Eau Claire Lakes!