



## Musing

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# "Patience is a Virtue"

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Will the ice be gone by the fishing opener? Will the snow be gone in the woods? Will Spring ever come? It can be frustrating waiting for Spring to arrive in the Northwoods. There is upside however to a rainy and cold April. Our soil moisture is significantly above the 5 year average. Replenishing the soil moisture is a blessing for the wild blueberries, forest ferns, Indian Paintbrush and trillium. Increasing the water availability for our beautiful big Norway pines and our maple trees is also essential.

The natural resources we have available to us in the Barnes area are unparalleled in the Midwest. Spring's arrival can't be rushed just as taking care of our natural resources can't be rushed. The best way to take care of our natural resources is to take actions that create sustainable improvement over time. Having realistic expectations is essential for our well-being. Patience gives us the ability to live at a pace that is in sync with nature. I am grateful that the Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area community is serious about caring for our natural resources and has always had a long term view in its 50+ years of existence.

How excited was the gardener about Spring? So excited he wet his plants.

Are you telling me I need to wait for warmer, sunnier weather? This is getting old. Oh yea, I forgot; Patience is a Virtue.

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