

Opening up

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My brother and his wife arrive tomorrow for a brief visit and I have to admit I'm having trouble focusing on my work and chores du jour. Really, all I can think about is my excitement about their visit and my jealousy over their road trip (as I write this, they're already driving). Mary and Angela and I have been very scrupulous in following competent advice regarding Covid, so this will be the first family visit we've had in over fifteen months.

As is true for everyone, we've had to be around other people when shopping for groceries, etc., and frequently had to self-edit where we went and when to avoid the numbskulls who failed to follow the rules. (And frequently, we find ourselves muttering under our breath, but that's another whole topic.) We wear masks, use sanitizer and keep our distance. But slowly, things are changing.

The very idea that family members are on the road in our direction wakes up a whole range of possibilities to contemplate, especially in terms of the sorts of trips Mary and I might consider going forward. We will surely take day trips to explore our new surroundings on the peninsula. A reciprocal trip to Pat and Patty's in Reno is in the planning stages. Mary is going to visit Daughter Two in a couple weeks and her brother will be visiting next month.

Out farther on the horizon, Mary has never seen Yellowstone, so that's a definite must do. A 'brocession' driving trip with my brother and hopefully, my son-in law is likely. And of course, I'd like to get down to California to see sisters, old buddies and maybe, just ma-a-a-aybe, see one of my friend Cindy's shows.

I have to admit that the Internet has filled a lot of holes but still, there's nothing like being in the same room with a loved one. And the opportunity to get out on the road and notice stuff is filling me with anticipation.

This pandemic isn't over and we'll continue to follow competent guidelines, even if it means locking down again. But for now, we're hopeful of getting out beyond our third acre and into the world. So much to see, so little time!