

October 27, 2025

Hello, all you daylight savings humans, of which I'm one, alas, November 2 is THE DAY we lose an hour. Why is this important, well, reading, one of the great past-times of a LOT of us will be enjoyed more readily as we grab a cup of tea, our own blankie, and a great book and READ 'til our hearts content. Though, for some, this creates havoc, our day-to-night rhythms go askew for a few days to a week, and then we adjust FINALLY. SO why? did this craziness start you ask? Well, it was a way to maximize daylight hours to help save on energy consumption during World War I, actually in 1918. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act which established a uniform daylight saving time throughout the U.S. However, states could also "exempt themselves from observing daylight saving time by state law." Though it took until January, 2025, when the Sunshine Protection Act, which would make daylight savings time permanent across the U.S. was reintroduced in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. Did I miss the announcement of it passing?? What month are we in NOW, of course, October. Do I need to say to any of you who are aware of the state in which we find ourselves why this, to some, would make us VERY happy hasn't been accomplished? Oops! I digress. Sorry...

All righty, let's move on to something really fun — I know some of you are aware the Lancaster Community Library has over the last several months been enjoying a Beginner's Poetry Class, with our guiding text being "Come! Write a Poem with Me by Marilyn Brodhurst. The book and class have been a delight and has become a real joy for us. On October 23, we graduated about 10 newbies into this foray of expressing themselves through verse and enjoying this NEW creative side of themselves or getting reacquainted with a forgotten joy. Yes, this journey for our new graduates will continue in January (TBD), along with inviting you, the public, to join them on their next step so tack to the one brain cell that holds "for future reference" (ha! ha!). AND in February and March we will begin a NEW Beginner's Poetry Class so be on the lookout for the dates.

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Also should you want to begin this journey with us in the future, check out both Dee's Attic Bookstore and our illustrious library for NEW poetry books from Virginia and beyond. Literature section 800, 810, 820, and so on you may be surprised at what you'll experience, REALLY...

And I'll leave you with this from Humbert Wolfe, a poet who published 40 books from the 1920s and 1930s and was known for his wit and social commentary – Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is

Wild with leaves, we have had our Summer evenings, now for October eves! Rest and relax in these ideas, enjoy the quieter times to come. Maybe even take a drive to the woods, please get out of the car and 'see' and 'feel' the glorious colors and revel in the beauty of nature, you wonderful humans...remember the Indian summers and the exquisite cool air blowing, yum...

Yes, there's more though I'm just going with the above, getting ready for snuggling on the sofa, with myblankie, cup of tea and you guessed it – read, write, create 'til my heart is content...AND well, ok, I'll slip in one more item – a reacquainting with a favorite book – "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen" by Mark Nepo. Once you, should you decide to relish in its messages, you will definitely be happy you did, promise, especially the poem on page 129 – Inhabiting Wonder.

That's all folks! Until we blog again, ladies and gentlemen, we look forward to seeing all you lovely humans...come and visit our...

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