

SPRING ANY TIME NOW

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Well, spring finally seems to be leveling out. My lilac bushes stand barren. Because summer weather came too early, followed by another early-winter-in-spring, the buds froze up and were unable to overcome their fate. As posted before, there were no lilacs this year with their incredible smell and full blossoms. I cannot remember another year when this happened, but I also cannot remember as well as I use to, so that comment and a ticket will get you a ride on the bus.

And the mild winter brought out many more insects than usual this spring, like crowds of butterflies that usually only show a few here and there. A lot more survived the cold months. And those poppies who were foolish enough to try and bloom early, didn't. Many of them withered on their stems, reduced to little hard pods that refuse to bloom. But at last this unfortunate cold spell seems to be shifting to the past.

At last the warmer temperatures we like to associate with May are here, with daytime temperatures in the sixties or seventies and nighttime cold in the fifties or high forties. This is doable and the flowers are starting to get into the rhythm of it all, growing larger now and full, instead of tiny and hard. And the wind has been too much with us, making outdoor photographing not-easy to almost impossible, especially the still-life shots I like to do.

Yes folks, this is subtle complaining, but to whom? I am just telling you folks about it, so that you know the facts. How has your spring been, those of you who have a real spring. What are the fate of your flowers?