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Red leaves

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In a year full of uncertainties, it can be difficult to find the bright spots. ♦ The other day while walking the dog, my wife, Pat, noticed a red leaf among the brown ones filling the gutter. When she bent to pick it up, she saw another, and another. Pretty soon, she had a whole handful of bright red leaves. She brought them home and laid them out on the counter. ♦ “Here, I meant to bring you a leaf to cheer you up, and now you have a whole bunch of them,” she said. ♦ She wanted to press them and I wanted to paint them. We did both. ♦ The fall’s beautiful leaves have renewed our hope that next year’s leaves will bring even more hope and beauty.

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