

Coast Weekend readers' poetry



'Wedding Day at Puget Island,' by Dayle Olson

A late spring day of uncommon gray.
Fat raindrops adorn your boutonniere,
the finest smattering of river silt speckling your spats.
The cushion of your arm behind me
as we bounce along the wet island road.
Two untamed hearts,
old enough to know better,
flying high above the cows and pastures,
beaming with abandon.
Brilliant and joyous, a sea of flags,
wave in affirmation at this unlikely miracle:
the embrace of two souls in life's late hour.
Cousins, friends and townsfolk cheer
as the jalopy, roofless and robin's egg blue,
sputters to a stop in front of Norse Hall.
In one hand I clutch my red bouquet.
In the other hand,
hope and possibility.



Photos by Lissa Brewer

**TOP: A patch of wildflowers
sprout up along a coastal trail.
ABOVE: Sunlight shines through
a sprig of leaves at Ecola State
Park in Cannon Beach.**

'Daffodil Watching,' by Andrew Puzauskas

As I sit here in the kitchen looking
At the the daffodils I dug last week
And placed into a clay pot roots, bulbs,
Worms, earth, all of which are now
Perched on the sunny window sill
And I realize now that the flowers
Are slowly responding to the mellow warmth of
Electric heat and February sun and are
Silently (but too slow to see) gradually unfolding.
Another side of me asks "aren't there more things
I might be doing than sitting quietly gazing at the
flowers?"
But then contrarywise I think "what possible banal
and ordinary errands could in any way compare
to the witnessing of the miraculous growth
of living flowers forming... slowly moving
towards their own perfection."

'Moon Magic,' by Kathryn Vale

May is the magical month...
This month of fiery herbs,
Mint and cinnamon.
A corn planting month.
The milk moon,
The hare moon.
Red rubies... amber.
Mysterious flowers,
Lilacs, lavender, iris.
The sun slips away,
The bonfire creates its own magic.
The full moon in May,
The full flower moon.
The blood moon.
This May, real magic,
And we are in awe.
The moon is showing a dark side.
It is a lunar eclipse!
A gift for this magical month.

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