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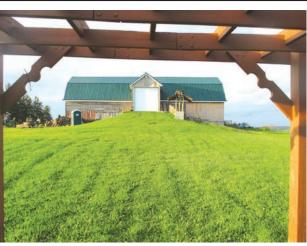
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Hindsight is 2020...Let's hope.

My 2020 planner is full of big red X's; there are at least two for every month, March through December. Most notable and leaving me dewy-eyed are the wedding season X's. But, by fall, a few weddings remained intact and, for that reason, if for no other, they will be memorable.

As most locals know, I wear a few different hats and divide my time between photography, owning a gift/antique shop and real estate. All of my hats felt the COVID-sting but photography





took the biggest emotional toll. At some point in early April, when the entire world seemed to move in slow motion and we began to feel pandemic side effects, those of us who welcome and easily adapt to change, did so. I call this the "pandemic pivot." I like the word "pivot," which gained popularity after it was a scene stealer in one episode of Friends years ago and left thousands of friends fans screaming "Pivot!! Pivot!!" while moving furniture and other heavy items -- or just for fun when hanging out with other Friends fans. The noun "pivot" is the central point, pin, or shaft on which a mechanism turns or oscillates and the verb means turn on or as if on a pivot.

It was as though, all at once, someone was screaming "PIVOT!!" to our entire world! We all pivoted in different ways but each successful pandemic-pivot indeed had a "central point" of social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizer.

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Photography was more difficult to navigate--how do you capture expressions and moments behind masks? I stepped

back--- way back and then I worked with a new lens that allowed me to capture the details from a distance.

But it wasn't just businesses that embraced a "pandemic pivot;" it was brides and grooms-- determined not to let the pandemic prevent their "I Do's" that, using the same central point, carried on.

PIVOT!! For the most part, out of state guests were graciously excused from attending weddings and local family and close friends were monitored prior to the event and masked at the event. Masks became one of the most popular accessories for the wedding party-- often coordinating with bridesmaids' dresses and groomsmen suits. Hand sanitizer took centerstage on guest tables, and in "favor" baskets. More than one wedding offered a "hand sanitizing station." Another wedding provided guests with a color-coded bracelet in order to respect their social distancing preferences.

Looking back, witnessing something as beautiful (and normal!) as a wedding during a time of great uncertainty and fear -- especially one in which every safety precaution was taken to protect friends and family-- helped restore my faith in humanity. It was from the end of the aisle, photographing socially distanced, masked guests in eighty five degree heat that I understood: the pandemic would not leave us unscathed but, perhaps, a lot of us were going to come out of it stronger, more appreciative of and grateful for our friends and family, more willing to count our blessings and, for the rest of our days, more prepared to pivot.



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- Go slow when adding fish to your new tank. There is a good bacteria that has to grow and that bacteria will eat the urine the fish produce. For example a new 10 gallon tank should be started with only 3 or 4 small
- Do not add an algae eater to a new tank. There is no
- Feed your fish small amounts 3 times a day if possible. Do not over feed. Too much food will pollute your tank and cause it to be cloudy.
- Purchase a siphon and siphon 20 to 25% of the water monthly. Always siphon from the bottom not the top. You want to get the extra waste and excess food off the bottom of the tank.
- Watch your lighting. Do not leave the tank light on 24 hours a day. Fish want to sleep too. Also too much light means too much algae. Have your tank light on from 4PM til 11:00 PM. Something like that.
- When you buy new fish, go right home and put them in the tank. It's not a good idea to go shopping while your fish sit in a bag in your car especially if it's really
- Only float the bag of fish for 5 minutes. There is not that much water in the bag. It will only take a few minutes for that water to reach the temperature of your tank. Floating too long can result in death.

- Tropical fish like warm water, 78 to 80. Goldfish like cold water. Some people mix them, it may or may not
- Some fish will get along with other fish very nicely, such as: tetras, mollies, platys, swords, guppies, dwarf gouramis, Many of the barbs are aggressive as well as the bigger gouramis.
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- 1/3 cup of light brown sugar
- 2 peeled vadilia (large) onions (score the
- 6 8 strips of half cooked bacon (so it is not so greasy)

The night before:

Rinse beans off.

Put in a pot cover about 2 inches over the beans with water.

Stir the baking soda (about the size of a bean) into the pot.

Bring to a boil, cover and set to one side overnight to soak.

Early morning:

Bring to a boil, lower the heat and cook till the beans are starting to crack.

About 45 minutes

Add or subtract water to about 1 inch over the beans.

Put the beans and water into the crock pot, stir in the brown sugar, set the 2 onions into the top of the beans (push down about 3/4 of the way) Place half cooked bacon around on top of the beans. (Mom sometimes used salt pork)

Cook on HIgh about 2 hours turn down to low. Cook about 4 or 5 hours till beans are done. Do not let them go dry. Either in the crock or in another pan put beans in a 350 oven for about 30 - 45 minutes and enjoy.....(if you transfer to another pan take onion and bacon off top and replace after transfering.

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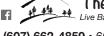
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