HOLLY SCHMIDT FORECAST, SPRING/SUMMER 2022

BELKIN CLERESTORY WINDOWS

There will be a period when secretive sarcococca flowers emit a dense perfume from under dark green leaves.

Bopping bushtits will dance like tiny boxers as they prepare warm nests of moss, spiderwebs and grass.

Turkey tails will emerge from rotting logs ready to repel the mist. Stacked frills flash their edges in the gloom. Moss colonies will huddle together cupping dew in anticipation of drought.

In an unprecedented turn, coyote's three paws will gain purchase balancing the probability of another year.

For a period, crocuses will invite bees to their pollen with waves of luminous yellow and purple.

Prepare for fathomless puddles that seep into boots and wick up socks. Toes may shrivel and pucker. Clumps of moss will be flushed from the cracks forming minute islands in an expanse of concrete.

Geese will uncoil their necks to reach for vivid new shoots. Leaving a light down as they nip and swallow.

Cherry blossoms will experience a rapid rise and fall. Stripped from trees to commune in nearby grates.

There will be periods when pupils dilate. Watch for wincing and pulsing green orbs behind eyelids. Writhing up through the cracks, buttercup will seek warmth light.

Squirrels will eavesdrop under benches while furtively feeling for last year's acorns.

Night air will fill with ultrasonic calls. Little brown bats will perform aerial stunts to snatch winged snacks.

Expect seedy grit to accumulate in teeth, as warm blackberries burst on the tongue.

There will be periods when low lying shrubs fill with crinkly cellophane. Appearing like unnatural flowers. Pots of tomatoes will ripen in the reflection of metal too hot to touch.

Expect a period where breath becomes difficult limbs heavy, and the mind grows confused.

ARCHIVE WINDOW

Crows will ecstatically scatter tufts of grass. Anticipate turf to be turned like giant jelly rolls.

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CIRS WINDOWS

Be cautious, firm ground will liquify. For extended stretches there will be a sinking sensation as mud squelches underfoot.

Hazy blooms of algal scum will obscure pond bottoms for weeks at a time.

Sturdy reeds will ascend from the brittle remnants of last year's growth. Hovering above fetid muck.

Horse chestnuts will separate from their spiny shells in expectation of nurturing soil. Warming cedar mulch will emanate medicinal scented vapour to float on elusive currents.

Fireweed will sway and hum with the vibration of countless wings.

Blackberry vines will travel along forest edges snagging those that pass with hooked thorns.

Seeds hang heavy slowly pulling grassy stems to the ground while searching out a damp place to rest.

Expect a visitation from underground. As mushroom caps break through clouds of spores are imminent.

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