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It occurred to me yesterday (4/8) that I hadn't done the April newsletter yet! But I think I know why – last night, when we shut off the light around 11:30, the nearly full moon had risen in the east. The bed faces the south facing windows in the bedroom, which is where “our” lovely mountains are. The light of the moon on the mountains was breathtaking. Like, I just had to keep looking so I'd always remember this amazing picture. There is no way I can describe to you how wonderful it was to just sit in bed and look at this! (If someone had been staying in the Blueberry Mountain room, they would have had the same view from their bed!)

Spring is definitely in the air! Many of the migrating birds have returned, singing their lovely morning songs. The tips of daffodils and tulips are now showing. The ice on the pond getting smaller and smaller as the water surface gets larger. And I know, even though there is ice, there is plenty going on below the ice. By the time the ice goes out, there will be frog eggs scattered around the perimeter of the pond. I was absolutely certain that today was going to be the day a moose blessed me with a visit. The day was reminding me of a day a few years ago – blue sky, breeze blowing the laundry on the line. On that day, as I was checking laundry, I heard a sound in the woods, like someone was coming down to the yard. Who, I thought, could possibly be walking through the woods from that direction? Well, it was Mr. Moose. I'll never forget when I finally saw him. I slowly returned to the house and watched him meander about the yard. Well, no moose today. But 3 deer came for a visit. Now I know not everyone gets excited about deer in their yard, but I welcome ANY animal into mine. I feel it is a privilege to have them feel safe enough to come within view from the house. Of course, I'm always looking, so probably spend way too much time looking out windows!

Looking back at last April's newsletter, I can see how far we've come. There were only 3 rooms ready and now all 5. And last April we were talking about the Maine School of Masonry class (www.mainemasonry.org) possibly coming for weekly yoga starting in September. Well, they came, and what a joy THAT has been! Yoga was mandatory the first semester; optional the second. We're well into the second semester and everyone continues to come. We laugh a lot! I will miss them when they graduate.

Next month I'll tell you all about the Christening at Reeds Mill Church (www.reedsmillchurch.org). Our daughter and her husband will be bringing their twins to be baptized there. It will be a very special occasion!

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