

## Memories of Today

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A few of my favorite memories are occurring today, while I am alive.

They include the small square-foot garden that I have growing in space provided by Windsor Gardens, measuring only 5 ft. by 11 ft. in raised beds. I plant all my vegetables by seeds and really enjoy watching those tiny seeds grow into healthy vegetables. The harvesting of tasty, fresh tomatoes and other vegetables, when they ripen several weeks after planting, make all the effort worthwhile. Even at this period when the garden is covered with snow, I look forward to the many super memories of the efforts involved as the plants ripen.

Two great memory makers are the worm composts I have installed in my garden. The soil from the composts serves as the very best fertilizer for my plants. I have good memories of creating these composts, made from kitchen scraps. I even have new respect for the hard-working compost worms that I purchased from Pennsylvania, though I fear most have frozen in the cold ground.

Other important memories are building in my life. I am reading several books by the author Steve Coll, that clearly state causes of the problems in the Asian Middle East. Coll writes regularly for *The New Yorker* magazine, another source for my favorite memories.

My four daughters created many good memories as they grew up; they became the mothers of my grandchildren. I enjoy a large number of photos of the girls, which remind me of many important moments we shared as they grew to adulthood.

And music continues to bring about memorable enjoyment. I have more than 100 classical CDs with many historical performers. Unfortunately, when I first became interested in performers such as Arturo Toscanini, only flat round discs existed. I sadly lost those recordings, though a few were later transcribed to CD. The original thrill of discovering new composers and performers, remains firmly in my memory.