

October's Bright Blue Weather

by Helen Hunt Jackson

O sun and skies and clouds of June
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather;

When loud the bumblebee makes haste,
Belated, thriftless vagrant,
And goldenrod is dying fast,
And lanes with grapes are fragrant;

When gentians roll their fringes tight,
To save them for the morning,
And chestnuts fall from satin burs
Without a sound of warning;

When on the ground red apples lie
In piles like jewels shining,
And redder still on old stone walls
Are leaves of woodbine twining;

When all the lovely wayside things
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields, still green and fair,
Late aftermaths are growing;

When springs run low, and on the brooks
In idle, golden freighting,
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the hush
Of woods, for winter waiting;

When comrades seek sweet country haunt
By twos and twos together,
And count like misers hour by hour
October's bright blue weather.

O sun and skies and flowers of June,
Count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year
October's bright blue weather.

Message from your Blogger:

For the next few weeks the blog will be full of "Guest Blog" entries. I will return to your normal blog on October 30th and share some travel memories and a few pictures of my trip to the Panama Canal. Enjoy! – Cindy Mund

Happenings this week:

Thursday- Saturday, October 2nd - October 4th: The Zonta Club of Centralia/Chehalis will be holding its annual used book sale at the Lewis County Mall in Chehalis Thursday through Saturday. Prices will start at \$1 for paperbacks and \$2 for hardback books. Prices will decrease each day. The "Closeout Sale" will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday for special bargains on books.

Tables will be set up in the the middle of the mall this year, and will be easy to find. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on all three days.

Proceeds will support Zonta's scholarship programs and community charities, as well as international projects. Zonta awards a full tuition scholarship to a student attending Centralia College each year. In addition, financial support is given to Human Response Network and the Food Bank, as well as other local charities and needs. Zonta International is a worldwide service organization for business and professional people interested in improving the status of women.

Thursday, October 2nd: AAUW Meeting here at Stillwaters. Counselor Sherri Hamilton will be speaking about common anxiety and depression during a meeting of the American Association of University Women, Lewis County Branch Thursday. The meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. at The Gathering Place at Stillwaters Estates. Hamilton has a private counseling practice in Centralia.

For more details, contact Jeanne Gordon, (360) 736-6605, or Kristi Nelson, (360) 748-4203. Guests are welcome.

Weather: A beautiful fall week! Some sun and clouds but very pleasant weather. The forecast is for the same for the next week. Temperatures will be in the 70s for a few more days yet. Enjoy!