Busy, Busy, Busy times here at Stillwaters. So busy that this blog is coming in late. Being late though, gave me a chance to reflect on the neighborhood over the weekend and decide to share an article I found about our delightful Hummingbird visitors and their habits.

With many bird feeders in the neighborhood this is a bountiful stop for the hummers. The simple act of putting out a feeder provides great entertainment and is easy to do.

The magazine “Birds and Bloom” publishes a annual Hummingbird issue each year and it happened to land in my mailbox this week. The article I am sharing is all about added things you can do to attract hummingbirds to your patio or deck.

Hummingbirds are quite talented in the navigation department. They can fly forward, backward and sideways. They are attracted by the colors red, orange and bright pink.

My summary of their advice to naturally attract Hummingbirds:

- For those patio or deck flower pots – focus on vivid flowers.
- Flowers recommended for their nectar – Nasturtiums and Impatiens
- Add perches – hummingbirds spend as much as 80% of their waking hours at rest. They prefer high perches (self preservation).

If you put out feeders be sure to refresh them every few days and clean the feeder each time you refill it. Hummers will give up on feeders that are not attended to.

You don’t need to buy Hummingbird mix as it is easy to make at home. Put 4 parts water to 1 part sugar in a pan and bring to a boil. Cool and put in feeder for lots of birding enjoyment!

Quote of the Week:

If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere. – Van Gogh