

No Frost on the Pumpkins

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We have lived along the shoreline of Lake Erie for thirty years, and in that time our climate has noticeably changed.

When we first moved here, we had to bring our outdoor potted plants indoors in mid-September, to protect them from frost. It's now November, and many of our potted plants are still outside. My canna lilies are still in the ground, still blooming red, with no frost damage on the leaves. Today it is snowing for the first time this year, weeks later than usual, and we still we haven't had a frost.

Halloween was different, too. There were no rustling leaves on the ground warning us that scary ghost or goblin trick-or-treaters were approaching. There hasn't been frost on the pumpkins we carved. The trick is on us, I fear.

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