

"Timing, Ticka Ticka Ticka Timing"

I have been musing about the importance of timing in our lives. Timing makes the difference between something that clicks and something that doesn't. Timing gives us the satisfaction of putting our feet down right on the beat while dancing. Timing is the synchronicity of when sometimes things just work out and everything falls together beautifully.

People learning contradance often try to fit in a move as soon as they realize they forgot it, even though it is already too late. Of course, a better approach is to skip the forgotten step and join the step that is happening right now. The same is true for a performing musician. If they play something wrong or badly, then they should play even more beautifully on the next note. That's the way to go, rather than stop when you make a mistake, which only calls more attention to it. Get right back into the rhythm and flow.

Some of us have learned line dances using a slightly different approach, which seems to be applicable to life as well: the parts you don't know how to do yet, model yourself as much as possible on those who know and do the best you can; the parts you really know, do with enthusiasm and at the right time. Use successive approximations on the parts you are learning.

Timing of course is essential for gardening. Although we can't predict the weather, we can predict the sequence of events. In the summer, I always look forward to and enjoy each type of berry as they come into their season.

So much in life is about timing, which can include looking ahead. For instance, this article was written the first week of June for publication in July. So although at this time it seems far away, I hope you had an enjoyable Midsommerfest and will have a wonderful Fourth of July, everyone!