

merriment mail



let's get weird

Weirdness is a topic really dear to me. As I added pins to the "Eccentricities" Pinterest board, I started to cry. People make me happier than they frustrate me. I believe in their good nature. And as a result, I think they deserve to feel fully expressed and delighted. So when I find documentation of creatures enjoying their individuality so demonstratively, I feel moved by the human condition. I'm reminded of how temporary we are, of how time is fleeting. Of the ways I want to express myself while I'm here. Of how I want to effect people while I have the chance. Of how I want to feel and experience life while I know this life to be the one I can have. I don't know how raspberries taste once I die, and I want to eat them while I'm sure of it.



a month of weirdness

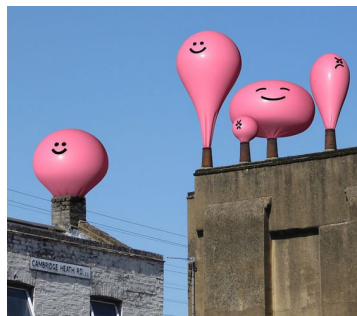


This month, we're talking about embracing your weird in the Merriment Makers.

Weirdo isn't a bad word.

We're learning to accept our unique brand of weird, adoring particular past weirdos from history, and waxing poetic and weird practices.

Are you ready to get WEIRD?



merriment makers



weird poem

it's odd, i guess
but what if it's just true

this longing i feel
when i peer into

the kaleidoscope of life
and see the brightest light
despite

your naysaying attitude
i continue to find more gratitude

if that's weird,
i'll continue to pioneer.

monthly merriment making tip



Act as if you're an eccentric celebrity artist, doing everything you can to get yourself into a history book which will remember how absolutely offbeat, unconventional, and truly bizarre your behavior was.

"Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary."

Cecil Beaton



perspective check

One thing I've had to come to terms with is that someone else's weird might actually be "normal", or average or ordinary.

Their version of weird might actually be agreeing with the majority. Maybe they desire to stand out from the status quo, but their values just line up. Or maybe they don't care.

Why is it mean to make fun of a comedian who isn't as popular but *not* mean to make fun of a comedian who has appealed to the majority? Maybe it's *weird* they've gotten so popular! Either way it's still mean.

Embracing your weird requires acceptance. Release judgment. You don't own weird. Everyone feels left out *sometime*.

recommendations

- + Watch "Grey Gardens", "Rocky Horror Picture Show", "Harold and Maude", "Big Fish", "Pee Wee's Big Adventure", and "Pink Flamingos"
- + Look into Dadaist art + Listen to "Weirdos" by Whitney Woerz + Watch "Off The Air" + Visit an oddities shop + Sell your art for a million dollars + Visit something off Atlas Obscura + Act like you're on molly without being on them + Be silent + Wear costumes + Start a collection

