

Robyn Reynolds: (Adult) 3rd Place, Untitled

It is very easy to take for granted your daily routine. I admit I was guilty of this. I went to work and came home. I went to the store without thinking of it, dinner with my brother and family and my watercolor lessons. Church, church activities and community activities at home, all of which I attended and/or helped with, never thinking it would change - until it did. A year ago, almost, Covid-19 hit and shut down the world. Families lost loved ones and struggled financially. As I watched all of this, I prayed for the thousands of people who never thought they would be in this position, while not taking lightly the fact that I am not. My company is essential, something I also never thought about, so I continued to work - but even there things were shut down. Masks, Social distancing, weekly town halls updating us on Covid became the norm. Daily temperature checks as I enter the building became the norm as well.

At home masks are required throughout the hallway and lobby of each building. Hand sanitizer, installed in each building became the norm. Walks around the community, once done without thought, now require masks and/or social distancing. All the above routines I previously mentioned are now limited or done over FaceTime or Zoom. I hope that when we do reach some normalcy, I will remember this time and not go back to taking the normal for granted. In the meantime, I will continue to pray for those who have been hit much harder by the pandemic than I have while continuing to abide by the new guidelines without complaint.