

Packing

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It is September and summer is ending and I am packing to return to Massachusetts tomorrow. Such mixed feelings! I have a very busy fall coming up and it is hard to leave these long solitary days and the occasional visits from good friends.

When I'm gone I will be still be tended here by Mark, who is doing some carpentry for me; and Craig, who made the masterpiece of a sign...not yet installed...that will go over my barn door; and John, who is painting the house and barn this fall; and Lucia, whose crew will put the gardens to bed for the winter.

The gardens! They know fall is coming, too. Here is a wonderful hydrangea that begins as white, then seeps onto pink, and now, in September is a deep rose that matches the light at dawn.



And if Chinese slaves purples they'd do it on again, for the wonder, just for the head of it, and



