

Our Memories 2019-2022 – Part 2

Finessing Our Story

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These last two years have certainly been a challenge for many of us. Not only were we isolated from our loved ones, but many of us were also slowly recovering from the mysterious thing that kept us from them. To make matters worse in this beloved Sunshine State, mother nature decided to be particularly mean to our little part of the gulf coast. Sometimes it truly helps to put our feelings down on paper, so perhaps this is an opportunity to write about our memories and reactions of little things - Funny or sad - About these disruptions of our lives. Instead of writing a memoir, I believe it's more fun and somewhat easier to just write about things as they come to you, instead of trying to write things down in some chronological order. I will give you some ideas of where to start and even share some of my own memories of these years.

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