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It started as a bit of lark, when a new colleague and I shared with each other that we both had creative outlets. I shared my first COVID-19 collage with her, she shared the painting she had made, and that simple act gave me the impetus to continue using this creative outlet as a way of thinking about my experience of life in lockdown.

I learned of your digital archive via an interview on CBC radio's The Current, and I wrote about it (and similar "witnessing" projects) on my <u>blog</u>.

I have ten pieces in this "end-date unknown" series; I produced none in May due to a family health crisis, since happily resolved. I returned to it in June, producing what is at the moment the last, though likely not the final, entry.

Living in lockdown, with hope, **Amanda Le Rougetel** Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada June 23, 2020

Collages by Title

- 1. Fact File: I had just started working from home; it was scary like a train coming at us; and I wanted the facts
- 2. Community: It quickly became apparent that we needed each other to get through this
- #WorkFromHome A: this is how it felt (turbulent)
- 4. #WorkFromHome B: these are my fantasy #WorkFromHomes (& gardens)
- 5. Change: a workshop series I had planned with a friend was cancelled after the first session. How to respond productively? By accepting the need for change
- 6. Cases confirmed April 3rd
- 7. The (emotional) Wall: hitting it, getting over it
- 8. View from a Window: inspired by the Facebook group of the same name
- 9. Creativity: being creative by making collages and pursuing writing projects is keeping me going
- 10.Art of the Hopes: three months after lockdown began in my province, there are small signs of hope; though none of us knows what the new normal will look like