



## March 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Full Moon
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11 Daylight Savings Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's day
18 New Moon	19	20	21 First Day of Spring	22	23	24
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How easy it is for us to forget how warm it was in early January. Just a month of bitter cold, below freezing, low wind chills and we forget about that. I am ready for spring. Along with the warmth, spring brings on the color. The grass starts to green up, the buds burst open to reveal their blossoms and those beautiful bulbs pop up.

The tulips are the most spectacular, the daffodils are nice and steady, but the crocus are first. They are the proclamation of spring, the exclamation that winter is over (almost). They are small, plentiful and are seen in many bright and bold colors. I guess that's why the rotten squirrels like to eat them.

This picture was taken in a neighbor's front yard. I don't know if they saw me, but they didn't chase me away. I have had people come out and ask me what I am doing. The hard part is getting down close and looking through the SRL viewfinder. The cameras with the display screens have a definite advantage for low close-up macros. You can get real dirty and wet lying on the ground. Ask Chris.

Actually, our daffodils came up during the January warm spell. But the flowers are patiently waiting to open. It is good that these flowers are hardy enough to handle whatever crazy things spring dishes out.

Spring is comin'...

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We will be at two shows this month. The first will be at Penn State, Media campus on March 11<sup>th</sup>. And the second will be at Interboro High School, Prospect Park on March 24<sup>th</sup>. I enjoy doing the shows because we talk to and find out what people like and why. We have many more prints available at the shows than on-line, and they are color-match matted and ready for framing. I hope to see you.

I continue to upgrade the web site pages. I am always looking around the web for things that interest me and hopefully you, too. The "Kids Page" at <http://www.thecreatorsfingerprints.com/links-8-kids.htm> continues to be the second most popular after the "Photo Galleries" at <http://www.thecreatorsfingerprints.com> . And there has been an increase in visitors to the "Home Décor" page at <http://www.thecreatorsfingerprints.com/links-13-decor.htm> . There is nothing, yet, on the new "Fitness/ Wellness/ Exercise/ Weight-Lose" web page.

We will be featuring items on the "Interesting Links" pages. This month we have chosen the "Photography" page. There are so many different aspects to the photography hobby. There is the equipment, the camera settings, image composition, digital/darkroom manipulation, printing, matting and presentation, framing and decorating tips. It is amazing I get anything right with so much to consider, but it is fun to learn. I often re-visit the beginner's pages, just so I don't forget the basics. I have added my thoughts on "Artistic" Autonomy". I ramble on about why we take pictures and where does the art come in. If you just want to take better snapshots or you want to develop your photographic creativity as an art form, there are lots of article here.

Check it out at <http://www.thecreatorsfingerprints.com/links-4-photography.htm> .

# **The Creator's Fingerprints**

## **Doug Haas Nature Photography**

Nature is so incredibly diverse, interweaving soft textures with rough elements, adding a splash of color amid dull backgrounds, bold designs among camouflage and secrecy. The variety of shapes and patterns seem limitless. And it all coexists and fits together seamlessly. Often inspiring, mysterious beyond rational explanation, we look to nature to understand our place in the universe, to realize we are part of an incredible, intelligent design.

But much of this beauty goes unseen and unappreciated. My wife Chris and I are always looking for those special images which most people just walk past. It is not necessary to visit exotic far off places. Many stunning images are right in our backyard. We especially marvel over the tiny or insignificant; fungi, centipedes, or fallen autumn leaves. Using our macro lens, close up photos of the ordinary shows detail that is dramatic or vibrant. Then looking across the large panoramic overlooks we drink in the immensity of our surroundings. And we are always looking for the unusual, odd and often fantastic scenes. We love to be artistically moody or abstract, offering prints which are beautiful and interesting.

Prints from Doug Haas Nature Photography will always be eye catching hanging on your wall, in your house or office. We try to capture beauty, things unusual or interesting; hopefully all three. They also make great gifts which show the recipient that you care and you have great taste. Gift certificates are available. The prints are professionally printed on archival paper with non-fading inks, and should last a lifetime. Total satisfaction or your money back.

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