



## July 2008

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You have heard the expression “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” Well this month’s image is similar to that idea.

These Verbena flowers were behind a shop along the Mississippi coastal highway. The colors were delightfully bright and happy. But Chris may have bumped me or maybe I was swatting a mosquito, which could shake the camera. There are many ways to cause a blurry image with a camera, and I did one of them. Maybe I can claim that the wind was blowing, so it is not my fault. But wind will always be a problem with a closeup image. Wind is also a huge patience builder, some days; other days it drives me crazy.

So when I got home to look at the image on the computer screen, I could see that it was a bit blurry. I am very fussy so this image would go into the bite-bucket, but I liked the colors and shades. So I tried playing with the simple photo editor that came with the camera, and tried the “brush-stroke” command, which makes it look like a painting. Doing this, it doesn’t matter if the image is blurry because it makes everything less defined, more abstract.

I love lemonade.

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Our two shows last month were a mixed bag. The Media PA show was great, but Peddler’s Village was just so hot that nobody came. Maybe next year.

Next is the Haddonfield NJ Craft & Fine Art Festival on July 12 & 13. This thing is huge with over 200 artists. I wonder how we will fit in? How do you get noticed in such a large crowd? You can get more info at <http://www.haddonfieldnj.org/events/crafts.php> .

Then we will be at Stone Harbor NJ on August 2 & 3. This show is even bigger, with over 300 artists. It takes two days to setup, but the greatest thing is that it is close to the beach. Sweet. This link is from last year’s show, it will give you a feel of what to expect, a map of where it is located, where where to park and more, <http://www.capemaycountyherald.com/article/7414-45th-annual-stone-harbor-arts-and-crafts-show> .

Well, I have to get back to cutting the grass and trimming the bushes. Is it just me, or are there less wild flowers this year?

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## **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.

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