



May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 New Moon	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19 Full Moon	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

What a beautiful time of the year.

Everything seems to come alive, as if an alarm clock starting buzzing. As I look over last year's images, I am reminded that the same wildflowers that were blooming at this time last year are blooming again, right on cue. Yet, not all of the plants wake up at the same time. Each one has it's own specially programed day to start the year, which gives us more time to appreciate them all.

I think this month's image is of a hazelnut tree, in the Heinz-Tinicum Wildlife Preserve. These are distinctive for the beautiful hanging purple flowers in the springtime. The flowers only last for a week, then they quickly turn into a nut. (Sounds like some people I know) I don't believe these are edible or tasty, but the squirrels like them in the fall.

There were three things that attracted me to these flowers. The first was the nice delicate color. But as I got closer, other features stood out. The brown fuzzy base of the flowers is fascinating. It is so contrasting with the flower and has the deep elongation with sharp angles. Does it become the outter shell of the nut? Then there are the long white pistils. Contrary to what it might seem, this is the female part of the flower.

The Creator has made a very distinctive plant here.

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We participated in the local Interboro Craft Show a few weeks ago. It was a great success for us, and we have customers who come back to find another print to compliment the one they bought last year. That is nice.

I am not sure when this newsletter will get out, but we will be at the **Cherry Hill Blooms Art Show** on April 26 and 27, 11 to 6. If you are in the area, check it out. This is one of the area's big juried art and craft shows, and we are honored to be selected for participation.

Looking farther into the future, we will be at the **Media Art & Craft Show** on June 1st. And the following week we will be at **Peddler's Village Art & Craft Show** in Bucks county, June 7 & 8.

Hopefully we will have some personal family matters straightened out soon and we will be able to spend more time on the web site. But then summer brings on many other distractions, such as yard work, picnics and vacations. Who wnts to sit inside?

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.

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