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This is another image from our trip to West Texas; and again, it was in Big Bend National Park. We were really fascinated with this area because it is so different from back home in Pennsylvania, with the trees and all that green stuff.

This was a whimsical scene I found in front of an old abandoned house.

I am assuming that someone purposely planted these little cacti in the old pot. It is one of those old porcelain coated pots. I guess this was before stainless steel and Teflon coating. When the porcelain gets dented or cracked, the steel underneath starts to rust. It appears that this pot had really been banged around, and that's why it was put outside.

It was placed on top of an old tree stump. And that must have been a fairly large tree; at least 12" in diameter. I don't remember seeing any trees anywhere in this area that were that large. That is probably why they built the house there, for the shade from the large tree.

Now I don't have any guesses about the painted wooden stick with the number "13" painted on it. Is this a cultural thing in West Texas? It certainly wasn't unlucky for those little cacti.

I noticed that the base of the cacti was black, and at first I thought this might be how they grow or maybe a disease. Then the thought hit me that maybe someone has used this as an ashtray, with the black caused by fire. Yet, the little cacti survive.

*"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."
John Wooden*

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The Art & Craft show at Chestnut Hill "Fall for the Arts" was great fun. Lots of artists, high quality art work and huge crowds. You have to be there next year. The antique frames received lots of compliments, so the extra work was worth it.

Our next show is at Interboro High School, Prospect Park, PA on November 15. This is only a few blocks from home so we never miss it. I will try to get our new display curtains to adapt for an indoor show. I will have to get creative for this, but it really looks great. If you have never seen our new display, go to <http://www.TheCreatorsFingerprints.com/artshows.htm> .

Also, I have added some images to the gallery on the web site at <http://www.TheCreatorsFingerprints.com> . Check out Iggy the Iguana.

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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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