



## September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Moon	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Patriot's Day	12	13
14	15 Full Moon	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 First Day Of Autumn	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Full Moon	30 Rosh Hashanah				

Whooo? Whoooo woke me up in the middle of the day?

What a beautiful bird! Owls always seem so mysterious and other-worldly, probably because we don't see them very often. They are not like the other birds. This is a barn owl (I think). They are part of the "sleep all day and stay out all night" crowd. That is why they have those big black eyes (the better to see you with, my dear). And their feathers are specially built so that owls fly silently. I don't remember the sound of birds flying being that noisy, but it would be an advantage for a predator, such as the owl. The barn owl is the only "monkey faced" owl in North America. They say this facial shape helps them detect things in the dark. I wonder why this is the only one with this characteristic?

We saw this guy at the Corpus Christi Aquarium. Yes, I realize this is not a fish. They had a nice little demonstration featuring a few non-swimming animals. This guy's part was to come out of the window, fly across the stadium to the trainer. He was either shy, it was too early in the day, or he just wasn't in the mood to cooperate, but he just sat and looked around for a few minutes. That was good for me because I had time to get a good picture.

There are a few nice web sites featuring owls. I liked [www.owling.com](http://www.owling.com), which is featured as the only owl specific site on the web. Another interesting site is at [www.owlcam.com](http://www.owlcam.com). These people have an owl nesting box that they maintain and watch carefully, with great outside and in-the-box images, using both still and video cameras. I couldn't find a "live" cam, but this page, [www.owlcam.com/DVD/DVD\\_purchase.htm](http://www.owlcam.com/DVD/DVD_purchase.htm), has some great videos, including some really cute hatchlings.

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Our show at Stone Harbor NJ was a nice time. We always appreciate talking with customers and getting their advice. I am always amazed when someone recognizes the location of some remote far away picture. Someone recognized a purposely blurred (artistic license) image of the San Antonio TX River Walk. There was a weird violent storm on Saturday morning just before the show started. For some reason our zippers came undone and we had some rain damage which ruined several framed prints. We had to rearrange everything at the last minute. But the weather was great the rest of the weekend.

We won't have any more shows for a while (maybe, I am working on things), so I can finally relax, sorta. There is always work to be done on the web site, keeping it up to date and adding new things. And I have to replace the prints and the framed prints that were sold at the shows. But the bushes and grass continue to grow, so I will only be a little less busy.

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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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