



## December 2009

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6	7 Remember- ance Day	8	9	10	11	12 Hanukkah
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What a nice time of the year. We don't go for as many walks in the woods and the days are so short. But there is a nice spirit among most people. Even though we are stressed out from shopping, decorating and unrealistic expectations, most people still have a little room left for love, compassion and charity.

Christmas has been secularized into Santa Claus and Rudolf the red nosed reindeer, yet I believe most people have some understanding of the original reason for the season. Hidden beneath the marketing, the mad dash to find the perfect present and the lights and tinsel is the tiny baby born to very poor and humble parents.

That simple family was so insignificant and powerless. Mary was around 14 years old and very pregnant. Joseph was a self employed carpenter with no unemployment, health care insurance or a 401k. They had no political position or power or party, not even a place to voice a complaint. So why was the person with all of the power, the king of the nation, on a rampage to kill this little defenseless child? Read the story, it's great.

My favorite view of this story is that with all of the highest level politicians, bureaucrats and the military bent on killing the child, God was still sovereign. By faith and obedience the baby's mother and father were guided by angels and dreams, avoiding the dangerous forces. By trusting in God; not their own wisdom or reasoning, nor family, nor influential friends, nor government, nor savings account, they were safely led away without an incident. God even provided a little travelling money supplied by the three kings. That is who I want to trust.

I recently read this from Richard S Taylor. "Some people never accomplish anything for God because they will not obey one step at a time; they want too much advance information. They want to eliminate from obedience all mystery, uncertainty, and apparent risk. But this would mean the elimination of faith as well."

May God bless your Christmas holiday season as you put your trust in Him.

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Last month's show was the Interboro High School Art and Craft show, the last for the year. It was our best sales ever at that show. It was a good year and we continue to make new friends. Next year will be different for us because my full time job (the one that pays the bills) will require me to work 12 hour days and on the weekends during the summer. Uh. But we will do a few shows in the spring. The first will be the Owen J. Roberts high School in March.

You have heard of the deals on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Well, get ready for **Wonderful Wednesday**. On December 2, 3, & 4 we will have a [half price sale](#) at our on-line storefront. These are for prints only, with no matting or frame. Go to our site and click on "Order Prints", and this will take you to the Printroom.com site. They take the order and collect the money. Printroom does all of our printing and they do a superb job.

Our prints will make a thoughtful and beautiful gift.

We can also provide [gift certificates](#), just e-mail us. Let them choose for themselves.

Or maybe you want to buy yourself a nice gift.

Three days only!

### A (Relatively) New Feature

We have decided to offer a new feature for our e-mail readers, and especially those who read all the way down to the bottom of the letter. (Tricky, huh!)

Just reply to this e-mail, put "Free Background Image" in the title, and **we will send you a free JPG file of the image on this calendar**. When you receive it, you should download the file to your computer and set the image as your Desktop background image. If you don't know how to do this, we can help with instructions.

#### And why would we do this?

First of all, we think you are really cool, and appreciate your interest.

Also, we want to keep our name in your memory, so that when you start redecorating a room in your house, fixing up your second home, want to spruce up your office or need a nice gift or gift certificate, you will think of us first.

We will be adding a slogan, or our name or just our website address onto the image, in one of the right-hand corners. Hopefully it will not be too obtrusive. But we think you will really like it. These images will have reduced resolution and the logo, so we don't think they would make a nice print, but there would be nothing to stop you. These images are copyrighted, so no one should be publishing them, but we would consider any requests.

Let us know what you think, and enjoy.

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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 images. We love to be artistically moody or abstract, offering prints which are beautiful and interesting.

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