



March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 Begin Daylight Savings Time	9	10	11 Full Moon	12	13	14
15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day Of Spring	21
22	23	24	25	26 New Moon	27	28
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What is it? Is it close or far away? Why are the veins white? Why are there shadows?
Why is it out of focus, but only partially?

This image is the stuff I really like. Abstract nature photography.

That seems like a conflict of terms. An oxymoron. Nature is how everything was created in its original state. Nature is the essence of reality. A pure nature image would show objects as they actually exist, without changes or modification.

But abstract is not a representation of reality, rather the absence or reduction of any natural reference. When you look at an abstract image, you are not sure what you looking at. The point of reference is hard to grasp. The mind must sift through past experiences and try to find a concrete reality to relate to. The abstract images rely on intrinsic forms and subtly of colors, rather than specific objects we can immediately identify.

Painters usually work with the abstract. It is probably easier to make an abstract painting than an exact duplication. But photography is the opposite. It is easier to capture an exact duplication than capture an abstract photographic image. But that is what makes it "art".

The actual calendar image is a poinsettia leaf in our kitchen. This photo was not changed in any way (no Photoshop), but is just as downloaded from the camera.

"There is no abstract art. You must always start with something. Afterward you can remove all traces of reality." Pablo Picasso

"Abstract art: a product of the untalented sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered."
Al Capp

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The art and craft shows are starting up this month. March 7 & 8 is the Owen J. Roberts FOA Annual Craft Show, near Pottstown PA. The jury has selected us, but we have to wait for someone else to cancel out. But that probably won't happen. I will post it on our web site, select the "Art Shows" tab along the top. Go to <http://ojrms.ojrsd.com/community/foa.aspx?page=854> for a discount entrance coupon.

We have also scheduled on the same day, March 7, the Interboro High School Art & Craft show, in Prospect Park PA (home sweet home), located at 16th and Amosland road. If we go to OJR we will not be at Interboro. Sorry. No entry fee for this show!

Then we will be at a brand new show at Sun Valley High School in Aston PA on March 21.
For directions, see <http://www.pdsd.org/svhs/site/default.asp> .

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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