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This is the best time of the year.

The Creator reminds us of how creative he always was. Bold breathtaking colors fill the forests and fields. The fruit-bearing tree blossoms give off their sweet fragrances. The tiny green buds are appearing on all of the trees and bushes.

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." Virgil A. Kraft

I was surprised when I saw some wild azaleas in Mississippi. In Pennsylvania there is plenty of wild mountain laurel, but no azalea. Compared to the bushes sold in the local nursery, the wild azaleas were very boring, plain, not bold and bright. And the bulbs we have in the garden are nothing like their natural cousins. So, in some cases "the hand of man" has improved on The Creator's original work.

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." Anne Bradstreet

It is nice to know that Spring will always repeat, each and every year. Rebirth, renewal new beginnings. An expression has stuck with me recently; "It is never over." We have not been left alone. The same Creator who remembers the bushes each year has not forgotten you.

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring."
Bern Williams

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This month we will be in the Quakertown "Arts Alive" outdoor art show, May 16, 10 to 5. This is another new show for us, which always adds to the adventure. There is a rain location at the Strayer Middle School, Ronald Reagan Drive (where ever that is?). There will also be live demonstrations, rides for the kids, live music and lots of good times in a family friendly atmosphere. On-line info at <http://www.quakertownalive.com> .

We have also been invited to display our art at Riddle Memorial Hospital, Media PA, on May 29. We will be set up in the front main lobby all day long. A percentage of the sales will be donated to help provide needed equipment to many hospital departments, updating hospital facilities and ensuring the continuation of necessary services to the patients and community. For directions, go to <http://www.mainlinehealth.org/oth/Page.asp?PageID=OTH000368> .

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

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