



## February 2010

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I have given up on winter. At least for now.

I have noticed that I get responses from people about the nice colorful summer scenes. The comments are positive and there are more requests for the images.

But no one ever wants the cold dreary brown winter scenes. I have never received a compliment about the cold seasonal images. Even the outdoor images of Christmas-y scenes involving evergreens or holly, with snow and red bows. No one wants to be reminded of the blustery winds blowing snow and sleet in our faces.

Last month I tried to use the psychological approach. Maybe we could change the season by pretending it didn't exist. Maybe we could work together and make it go away with mind over matter. Then we got 23" of snow.

So I am going straight to summer, and staying there.

These flowers are called Indian Blankets. Not exactly sure why. We have seen them growing wild in Texas and Arizona, where it is hot and dry. And they do grow in gardens in the northern areas. This image was taken in a nice garden, somewhere.

We enjoy wild flower gardens. It requires a different mindset from the usual annual flower garden. The colors don't seem to be as bold. They don't last as long time, just a few weeks. Many of them are bi-annual, which means they will bloom a second year.

And my favorite thing with wild flowers is that you never know where they will show up. The birds and the wind tend to spread the seeds around. We don't have any neatly clean flower beds, so a seed can get started and I won't notice until the other weeds get out of hand. Then the hard part is deciding which are the bad weeds and which are the good weeds.

Sometimes I have problems separating bad people from the good people, also.

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We are looking forward to starting the new art show season. This year opens with the Owen J. Roberts Middle School Art & Craft show, March 6 & 7, near Pottstown PA. This is another first time show for us. We love to try new things. This is a high end art show and is carefully juried. (Not sure how we snuck in, hah. Actually, we had to wait a year.) So you

should expect to see some really creative and high quality art. The admission is \$5, kids under 12 free. For more info, directions and a discount coupon go to <http://ojrms.ojrsd.com/community/foa.aspx?page=3292> .

We may also do the Granite Run Mall Antique, Craft & Collectibles Show. This will be held March 13 & 14, the following weekend.

### 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.

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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.

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

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