



March 2010

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I have tried to use the psychological approach, pretending the season didn't exist, but it remained very cold. Then we tried to use mind over matter, and got 23" of snow.

Now, after another 10" on top of the 23", which pushed us over the season snow fall record, I am giving up. I surrender. I am now taking the appreciative approach. Thank you Lord, for this beautiful snow. All of it. The purity of the new fallen white snow is gradually turning darker shades, but we really don't need to see the grass again.

It seems that many people have opinions about snow and winter.

"The winter here's cold and bitter, it's chilled us to the bone. We haven't seen the sun for weeks, too long too far from home. I feel just like I'm sinking, and I claw for solid ground. I'm pulled down by the undertow, I never thought I could feel so." Sarah McLachlan

"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." Josh Billings

"Sometimes our fate resembles a fruit tree in winter. Who would think that those branches would turn green again and blossom, but we hope it, we know it."
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"One kind word can warm three winter months." Japanese Proverb

"In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."
Alfred Lord Tennyson

I think I am in agreement with Alfred.

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If you like this **free** calendar, feel free to e-mail this to your friends and family, so they can enjoy it also.

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 a 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.ojrds.com/community/foa.aspx?page=3292>.

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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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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