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AUGUST

Oh no, it's summer.

What did I say? Am I out of my mind. Am I suffering from heat prostration or heat exhaustion.

heat exhaustion A condition caused by exposure to heat, resulting in the depletion of body fluids and causing weakness, dizziness, nausea, and often collapse. The condition can be alleviated by rest and the administration of fluids and electrolytes to compensate for those lost through excessive sweating.

Yes, that sounds right. I've been having all of those symptoms. Bring back winter, quick. See, I must be out of my mind. Or maybe I just need to relax and drink lots of iced tea.

I'll go with that one.

This month's image was taken last year over the friendly skies of Easton, PA. Of course it could be anywhere. But we stayed there during the Tinicum Art Festival. On the way we stopped to look out over the convergence of the Delaware and Lehigh rivers. As we were watching, the sky turned pink and purple, and the clouds rolled over themselves in a dramatic fashion.

As a photographer, I would have preferred to have another feature or two somewhere in view. As it is, the image has momentary interest, and the viewer's eye would move quickly along to the next thing. It is hard to sell a boring image, but a calendar seems to be OK. A good image will have several items which the eye would travel between, which really elevates the aesthetic value.

And then there is the "rule of thirds". Draw imaginary lines to divide the image into thirds. At the intersection of the lines, you would place the main object of your image. When someone looks at that image, their eye goes directly to the main object, then wanders around the rest of the image. If the main object was dead centered, the eye would not travel around at all. It would just look at that and not wander around. Boring! And artists have always used this "rule of thirds" to make the image more interesting and appealing.

When you have a horizontal image like this one, put the horizontal focus at the imaginary horizontal third lines, which happens to be the patch of blue sky on this image.

You too, can be an artist (or at least make your snapshots more interesting).

You have received this new calendar, with new pictures and dates, as a **free** gift. You can print it, copy it and e-mail it, for personal use only, to your heart's content. Send all subscription requests to doug@TheCreatorsFingerprints.com. (be specific in the title, I am brutal with spam) When you are on our mailing list, you will be updated with events and new photo availability. We promise not to be a pest.

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Each year we look forward to the Ocean City NJ Boardwalk Art Show. The soft ocean breeze, the sound of the surf on the beach, the seagulls, bathing suits and flip-flops and the smell of the boardwalk food vendors are so enticing. Can't wait! The show is from Friday the 5th until Sunday the 7th, 10am till 8pm. And the artists go from 7th street to 11th (I think). We will be between 8th and 9th. There is info at <http://www.oceancityartscenter.org/BAS.html>.

"The Boardwalk Art Show is 48 years old this year! Did you know that it is one of Ocean City's oldest organized events? It has been a source for healthy sales, a rich sharing of artwork and ideas, and opportunity to present the art of talented artists. The Ocean City Boardwalk and all its attractions draw tens of thousands of individuals for three days of viewing the work of participating artists in the height of the tourist season. Over half of the artists are returning after many, many years of success at the BAS."

And who can forget this video, <http://www.oceancity.net/video/douglas-haas-2009-boardwalk>.

Hope to see you there.

And then later in the month we will participate in the Lansdale Art in the Park, Montgomery County PA, on August 27, 10am to 4pm. This is another first for us, but we have had several other artists tell us this is a "must attend" show. Sounds good to me.

In the event of rain, it will be held in the Penndale Middle School.

"Each August, the department along with the Lansdale Festival of the Arts Committee present the annual Lansdale Festival of the Arts program in the beautiful setting of Memorial Park. As always, this event showcases fine artists and crafters, marionette theater for children, smooth jazz and chamber music, and plenty of tasty treats to keep you going throughout the day."

"The festival provides an enriching experience for the entire family. So whether you are looking for an original piece of artwork, handmade craft, or just looking to take in the sights and sounds of the festival, we hope you will join us in our celebration of the visual and performing arts. Door prizes drawn throughout the day."

"Memorial Park is located at 300 E. Main Street, Rt 63, Lansdale."

Last month's Tincum Art Festival in Bucks County was very nice, as always, with lots to do. The organizers are very efficient, pleasant and helpful. It was a great weekend, although we didn't sell much.

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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