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Some people hate it; others love it.

When you are on a boat, it seems that the gulls are always waiting for a treat. They come because they will usually get something to eat. Sometimes they get so close that they will take the food right from your hand, if you let them. They squawk and make a lot of noise

Some people are disgusted by these "dirty birds" and their begging. They would never purposely let the birds get close. They could bite. They are a real nuisance.

Other people bring food just for the purpose of feeding the birds, because they love to watch them swope and dive. They love the sound of the birds and the racket and hullabaloo they cause. The closer the bird comes to to grab the food, the better.

Which type are you? And what is wrong with those other people?

The Green Thing

In the line at the store, the cashier told the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day." The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, they returned their milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks.

But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that old lady is right, they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you.

When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right, they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water.

They refilled their writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful the old folks were just because they didn't have the green thing back then?

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I will be breaking one of our rules (it's actually just a guideline, right). We try to limit our shows to one a month. This month we will have two. Sorry Chris.

The first will be on June 5th, in Media PA. This is the 45thMedia Art Show. They shut down State Street, and the crafters line both sides of the street. We enjoy this show because it is so close to home, and it is only one day. We have done this show longer than any other show. It is a juried show of fine art, photography, pottery, jewelry, woodcrafts, toys, wearable and decorative fiber art, Colonial crafts and more. Craft demonstrations throughout the day. Rain date June 12.

The second show is on June 18 and 19. It is the Chester County Craft Guild Show in Downingtown PA, at the old Quaker Meeting House. See info below. This is a first for us.

Chester County Craft Guild is happy to invite you to our exciting Spring Craft Show for June 18-19, 2011. This is our sixth year of holding this special show, with many exciting changes for 2011!

The biggest change is the location. Our previous shows were at the Uwchlan Meeting House in Lionville, and the West Pikeland Cultural Center in Yellow Springs. We are very excited to be moving to the Downingtown Quaker Friends Meeting House on Route 30 in Downingtown between Route 113 and Quarry Road (Wegman's/BJs).

This facility is very charming with lots of room inside and outside. It is bright with lots of windows and several rooms. There is a kitchen and counter for selling food, and will have a vendor supply this service. There is also plenty of parking.

Our shows have a reputation of having high quality crafts with beautiful settings and friendly artists. More than 25 local artisans will be selling their crafts at this show, including jewelry, clothing, woodworking, ceramics, broom making, metalworking, fiber arts, basketry and soap making. We have faithful customers who regularly attend and look forward to our shows.

Hours for the show are: Saturday 6/18/11 open from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday 6/19/11, Noon – 5 pm

There will be no admission fee.

Then, the Tinicum show in Bucks county will be in July, and the Ocean City NJ Boardwalk show in August. It is getting to the busy season.

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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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