Celebrate!

A collection of wonderful images from the “Celebrate What’s Right with the World” facebook page - featuring one of our frequent contributors:

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When asked, “Why photography?” I respond, “Because it feeds my soul.” Photography allows me to see the world in a way that I otherwise might not. The camera is a tool to help me see more deeply. With a camera, I see beauty all around me. I see the extraordinary in the ordinary. I see humanity at its finest. I see flowers full of grace. I see sunsets bathing the earth with their golden glow and rainbows of color. And I see me reflected back in the images I capture that make my heart sing. It is with this sense of awe and wonder that I invite you to Celebrate What’s Right with the World - in this collection of images. And then go out and celebrate yourself and share it with the community.
Oh the joy of a grandchild covered with fresh fallen leaves. The crackle of the leaves, the laughter of the child, the nip in the air. I don’t know who was celebrating more, Abby or me!
As I head out to photograph foliage, I am reminded of this image made in the Poconos that took my breath away. Being present and allowing beauty to reach out and embrace you is worth celebrating.
Celebrating fall in Pennsylvania. This was taken at a spot that I have visited each year for nearly 20 years. I can’t get enough of the gentle falls with reflected foliage. I was not simply celebrating; I was doing a happy dance!
Fresh Rain in the desert
Mirrors Formed
Life reflected in the valley of death

Celebrating the amazing sky on my recent trip to Death Valley.
Celebrating Patience – The South Island of New Zealand was amazing. This is the iconic Wanaka Willow. It was overcast when we arrived and stayed that way for over 2 hours. And then patience was rewarded. The sun decided to make an appearance and bathe the scene with its warm, golden glow. The quiet group started dancing the happy dance, celebrating around their tripods.
Celebrating the gifts given. We thought we were done for the day and heading back to our B&B for dinner. After a short break, I started to walk to the dining room and this is what greeted me. Rather than feast on food, we grabbed our cameras and feasted on the magical light and gift being presented to us.
Horses in snow! What a powerful yet elegant animal. And to see them running in the snow. AMAZING!
I tip my hat to all those creative folks on the Celebrate What’s Right with the World Facebook page. What an inspiration you are! THANK YOU!
I was on my way to photograph Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone when out of the corner of my eye, in a moment of perception, I see this guy fishing in the middle of the fumaroles! Are you kidding?! How could I NOT celebrate?!!
Belvedere
Beautiful View
Belvedere Indeed

Some days you just run into conditions too good to be true. Conditions so good the guy celebrating next to you says, “I’ve been coming here for 15 years, and I’ve never seen it better!” I said, “Really, guess I’d better get a camera and celebrate too!”
While leading a recent photo tour in the Great Smoky Mountains, we stumbled upon this magical scene. It had been a dreary day but as we were leaving, the temperature dropped and the ground fog began to rise... happiness and celebration ensued for all.
Trinidad, Cuba is a UNESCO World Heritage site. This colorful, colonial town is full of vibrant people with happy, Latin rhythms oozing out of every corner. I love this town and its warm, accepting people. This image was made in the early morning before the crowds appeared.
An old mansion and a beautiful, Cuban ballerina - what more could you ask for? Gifts received!
When I travel to Cuba, I bring a Fuji Instax instant camera. I like to engage the people and give them the gift of a picture. This woman stole my heart in the way she reacted to this precious gift. Celebrating the joyous spirit of the wonderful people of Cuba.
Celebrating the man in Cuba who was refinishing these beautiful, old, wooden doors. He was so patient and meticulous in the way he went about his business. And he was kind as we asked permission to photograph him at work.
While in Havana, Cuba, I was waiting for a friend to finish photographing around the corner. I saw a garage and poked my head into the opening. This is what I found! Are you kidding me? Celebration on!
A glacier lake on the South Island of New Zealand. Ah the majesty of the creator. THANK YOU!
The Lord said, “Ask and ye shall receive.” So, I asked for the clouds to part and give us a show on our last day of a recent workshop on Cape Cod ... and this is what we were given. ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!! I said, “THANK YOU!” as Dewitt Jones has taught me to say, and left with a big SMILE on my face. Celebrating what was SOOO right in the world.
The powerful swell of a wave. The amber light of the sun bathing the churned up ocean. Translucent sea green adds the finishing touch to this particular celebration.
Cape May, NJ is a favorite workshop location. This evening I was celebrating with a new telephoto lens, compressing the scene and enjoying the late day orange glow!
The Celebrate Webpage
www.celebratewhatsright.com

This is the webpage that gave rise to the Celebrate Facebook Page. It’s full of images, videos, blogs and quotes that can help make every day a Celebration. We invite you to partake in every part of it.

Enjoy!

The Celebrate Themed Celebrations
www.celebratewhatsright.com/theme-celebrations

This is the site where you can find more of our wonderful Themed Celebrations and Artist’s Collections. Enjoy them all and then download the PDFs to share with your friends and family.

The Celebrate Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/celebratewhatsright

The entire collection of images presented in this PDF are from the Celebrate Facebook Page. Please come visit and enjoy the hundreds of celebrations posted here - then post your own and join the celebration!
About Celebrate What’s Right with the World

Over 300,000 people have visited the Celebrate website since it went live 5 years ago. More than 10,000 people have ‘liked’ us on Facebook and more than 20,000 photographic celebrations have been posted!

Amazing! We have shared thousands of uplifting visual stories of joy and beauty, happiness and love.

For all of us who have been involved in the project, we see how much it has changed us. Not so much in an intellectual way, but rather in a deep and abiding emotional way. By seeing life as a celebration, by focusing on all we have to be thankful for, we find ourselves filling with gratitude. First, perhaps, for the big things in life. Now, more and more, for everything - every cloud, every tree, every person, every opportunity, every breath. Living life to the fullest is so much easier through the lens of celebration. Imagine what life would be like if everyone saw life that way.

Come to our sites and join the celebration!

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