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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The process of photography has become, for me, a method by which I explore the way I live my life and relate to the world. Some might argue that the pursuit of art is a frivolous activity when considering all that seems to be wrong in our society and in our world. I am learning, however, is that there is an underlying foundation of “rightness” that exists which can be experienced beyond what we label as “good” and “bad.” The more I can connect with that fundamental state, the more open I become, and the more energy I find that I can share in service to others. In that spirit I offer this small selection of some of my moments of celebration of that core “rightness” in the world.

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When I look beyond the thorns of the day, I find that I am gifted with unimaginable beauty.
Laced with bright promise,
Sun’s rays waken the singers.
Dawn-breaking chorus.
“Weeds are flowers, too, once you get to know them.” ~ A. A. Milne
Just be(cause)... How often my favorite image turns out to be the last one of the day. Those are the moments when I’m not consciously thinking about taking a shot because I like the light, color, pattern, composition, etc. When I’m no longer on a mission to capture an image, the “cause” drops away and it turns into “Just Be!”
Sunlight and shadow, tall and short, untidy and relentlessly groomed, youthful and elder, social and solitary, rock and leaf, bark and sky. Not in conflict with each other but enhancing each other. I celebrate the vibrancy of contrast in nature and in life.
These lovely ladies – dressed in their “shabby chic” finest – clustered around and listened intently to the story of my day. Sometimes the best gift you can receive is the gift of a listening ear.
“Know thyself,” said my watering pot, “that’s all you need to know.”
Shadows, dark places,
(light’s traveling companion),
Talents intertwine.

Place to sit and rest
transforms to piano keys.
Woven light and line.
I’m offering a celebration of the color green. In Cherokee the words used for green are “itse” (new/renewal) “iyusdi” (resembles). “Resembling renewal....” I like it!
Seems to me that my shadow has the right of it –
the interconnectedness of all things.
Animal, plant, mineral –
the edges blurring into each other.
In the chill of the winter I find myself appreciating simple miracles like feeling the warmth of the sun’s rays and the comfort of a worn flannel shirt.
Feeling gratitude today for the freedom to celebrate in ways both big and small.
“If the sight of the blue skies fills you with joy, if a blade of grass springing up in the fields has power to move you, if the simple things in nature have a message you understand, rejoice, for your soul is alive.” ~ Eleanora Duse
With unblinking eyes,
Keeping watch through
day and night.
Celebrate the Light!

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Glowing dappled shade.
Shimmer in the summer rays.
Sun-struck stars of day.
Fallen from the tree,
Singing of simplicity.
Solo in the shade.
I am stopped in my tracks – in awe at the simple beauty of sunlight spilling across a doorknob. Life is good!
The past is now but a memory, the future is unclear. Celebrating the present moment!
Don’t weep for me for I count myself among the richest people on earth! I live surrounded by beauty where even dry branches on walls lie dripping with gold.
The slow, silent softening of the dawn – a gentle reminder of the gift of breath. A wordless song of “Thank You!”
The Celebrate Webpage

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!

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The Celebrate Facebook Page

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!

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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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