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Reflecting The Spirit of Nature

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Featured Photograph No. 1



Upper Tahquamenon Falls, Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Hi Folks ,

I'm happy to announce that one of my photographs was accepted to appear in the Midwest Museum of American Art's 36th Juried Regional Art Exhibition. This competition covered 22 counties in northern Indiana and Michigan. My photograph, along with various other winning works of art will be displayed at the museum in Elkhart, Indiana until December 7th. You may view this photograph by clicking on the following link:

[*Autumn Rush*](#)

Autumn Splendor Part 1 - - Michigan's Upper Peninsula

I recently returned from spending 2 ½ weeks in Michigan's Upper Peninsula ("UP") chasing autumn colors which were outstanding and some of the best in the U.S. I was able to photograph

so much beauty that I've decided to make a separate category on my website dedicated to the UP. You may see what's been added so far by clicking on the following link:

[Michigan's Upper Peninsula](#)

When people think of the UP, they often bring to mind the famous Mackinac Bridge, which connects the lower and upper peninsula. What some don't realize is that the UP is about 320 miles from east to west, and most of it is west of the bridge.

For those of you not familiar with the UP, I'd like to share some information that might give you an idea, along with my photographs, of what a wild and beautiful place it is. The UP contains 16,400 square miles, about 29% of Michigan's total land area, but only about 3% of its population. It's bounded on the north by Lake Superior, on the south by Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, on the east by the St. Mary's River, and on the west by Wisconsin. There's approx. 1,700 miles of continuous shoreline from the Great Lakes, 4,300 inland lakes and 12,000 miles of rivers and streams. Michigan has about 200 named waterfalls and all but 1 are in the UP. The UP is heavily wooded, with the Ottawa National Forest in the west and the Hiawatha National Forest in the east. All this makes for some amazing autumn color and scenery.

Featured Photograph No. 1 is located in the eastern UP on the Tahquamenon River and is part of the Michigan State Park, so named. It's approximately 200 feet across with a vertical drop of 48 feet and is the 3rd most voluminous waterfall east of the Mississippi. Much of the river comes from draining cedar swamps that contain decaying vegetation, which leaves the water darkly stained like tea or coffee. As storm clouds appeared contrasting with the sunshine on the falls and foliage, the scene took on almost neon qualities.

Featured Photograph No. 2



Sunrise at Lake Of The Clouds - - Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park Park

Michigan's Upper Peninsula

The Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park ("the Porkies") located in the western UP is Michigan's largest state park, containing 60,000 acres of wilderness, and is the largest wilderness area east of the Mississippi. It contains towering virgin timber, secluded lakes and miles of wild

rivers, and is bordered on the north by Lake Superior.

Please check out next month's Newsletter for more photographs from the UP and what I like to call "Intimate Autumn".

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