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TWO (2) FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHS

2017 SPRING IN OREGON - FRUIT BLOSSOM TIME

Featured Photograph No. 1

Valley of Fruit, Pear Orchard, Hood River Valley, Oregon

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2017 SPRING IN OREGON - FRUIT BLOSSOM TIME

Last month's Newsletter discussed my early spring trip to Oregon and how I had planned it around the fruit blossom season in the Hood River Valley and the many wildflowers in the Columbia River Gorge. Although spring was slow to arrive, it did arrive with all of its beauty and splendor.

Featured Photograph No. 2

Cherry Orchard, Columbia River Gorge, Oregon

The Hood River Valley is among the largest fruit producing regions in the U.S. The early settlers and Japanese immigrants planted the first orchards. Little did they know that their valley would become the agricultural powerhouse it is today.

This region is filled with orchards of apples, pears, peaches and cherries. In fact, the entire state of Oregon produces 84% of the U.S.'s fresh pears. Hood River Valley is just one area of Oregon's fruit industry, but it has a high concentration of orchards and has Mount Hood as a backdrop from most vantage points in the valley.

If you ever go to Hood River Valley, make sure you take the 35-mile scenic drive know as the "Fruit Loop". This loop takes you around all the orchards where you'll find fruit stands, wineries, breweries and lavender farms. In addition to fruit and wine, you'll find lots of other products such as jams, jellies and pies.

I've photographed in the Hood River Valley numerous times and had seen the miles and miles of fruit tree orchards that blanket the valley and hillsides, but never at blossom time. This time I was there to smell, view and photograph all the pink and white fruit tree blossoms that cover the valley. It truly is a sight to behold, particularly when you can view Mount Hood in the background as I captured in Featured Photograph No. 1.

Featured Photograph No. 2 was part of a large cherry orchard about 10 miles east of Hood River on the high banks of the Columbia River Gorge; an area sometimes referred to as the Mosier Valley.

I hope you get to visit this beautiful area of the U.S.

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