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February 1, 2018 Newsletter - No. 74

INCLUDES FIVE (5) FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHS

"AUTUMN IN OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON"

Featured Photograph No. 1

Sun set over Olympic National Park, Washington

Hi Folks,

NANPA Showcase Competition:

I'm honored that one of my photographs will appear in "Expressions", an annual January publication of the North American Nature Photography Association ("NANPA"). This publication is the result of the prior year's NANPA Showcase Competition. Images entered in this competition come from hundreds of photographers and thousands of photographs. My images have been selected in prior years, but this year's image was selected as one of the "Top 100". Click on the following thumbnail to view my photograph:

A Sample Selection of 2017 Highlights:

Click on the following link to view a short video I produced highlighting some my favorite images added to my website in 2017.

Highlights of 2017

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"AUTUMN IN OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON"

My Monthly Newsletters No. 31and 32 in July and August 2014, and No. 46 in October 2015, featured Olympic National Park ("Olympic". Although I haven't been to all of the National Parks, this is one of my favorite, and I looked forward to returning.

Featured Photograph No. 2

Autumn comes to Sol Duc River, Olympic National Park, Washington

This month's Newsletter features Autumn in Olympic and next month's Newsletter (March 1st) will feature images of beaches in Olympic, also shot this past autumn.

In October 2017 I returned to once again enjoy, explore and photograph autumn around this natural wonder. My prior knowledge of the area helped me accomplish the most for my time spent.

A little review of Olympic is warranted. Olympic was established in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and in 1988, over 95% of the land was designated as wilderness. The National Park is over 1400 square miles, includes rugged glacier capped mountains, over 60 miles of wild Pacific Ocean beaches and magnificent stands of old-growth and temperate rain forests. It’s because of these distinctly different ecosystems; Olympic is often referred to as “three parks in one”.

Olympic is a wilderness park with much of its interior accessible only by trails. There are, however, a few spur roads leading to some popular destinations in the park. Mountains and forests are contained in the central part of Washington’s Olympic Peninsula, whereas the beaches are separate from the majority of the park. The Olympic Peninsula lies west of the Seattle/Tacoma area and comprises the most northwestern tip of the lower 48 States.

A highlight of this visit has to be my visit to the Hoh Rain Forest. Seeing this enchanting temperate rain forest is always a treat, but seeing it in autumn with all

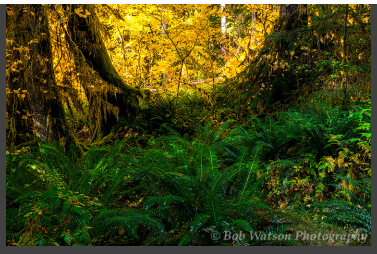
the color was special.

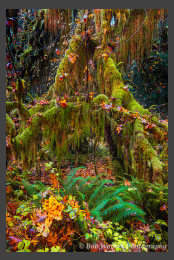
The “World Class Beaches” of Olympic are also always 1st on my list to visit. Most of them require some hiking through the beautiful coastal forests.

As I left Olympic this time, I couldn’t help but be a little saddened by the thought, “would I ever return again”. There’s only so much time, and still so much to see, explore and photograph.

February's Featured Photographs

SEE THUMBNAIL IMAGES BELOW OF THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHS. In addition to the two (2) larger images shown above, I'm offering 3 additional Featured Photographs this month(total of five). When you purchase ANY SIZE FINE ART PRINT OR CANVAS WRAP of any Featured Photographs in the month of November, you'll receive a Featured Discount of 30%. Click on the photograph(s) below and you'll be directed to my website. Choose the size Fine Art Print or Canvas Wrap you'd like, proceed to add the image to your shopping cart and use the Coupon Code, FEB18, during checkout.





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