

“Just Pictures” (a series of photographs taken because they pleased me)

This is not an exhibit about something specific; a topic, a theme, even an identified purpose or notion. It is not an exhibit I have put together to get you to think, or to feel about something in particular. These images are about the way I go about looking at things and taking pictures of them. They represent places I want to remember, the way I want to remember them. But above all these are pictures that are meant to be shared, though they just don't fit into another more focused effort.

I expect that in some ways they are like a little report card. I present them in good faith knowing from experience that some of the pictures I have liked, others won't; just as some of the pictures others like, I don't. Regardless, I continue to take the pictures because the act of doing so and the resulting fragments of experience are important to me, and maybe to others. They give me a sense of meaning and purpose, of designation. These pictures are some of my treasures, you might say. They are some of my snap shots; the pictures I have kept for their own sake. They are the emotional or the thoughtful result of gathering in and attempting to direct the impulse to take a picture. They tell you about some of my values, my aesthetic. And even though I have edited them with the ambition that you will find them to be appealing, eclectic and sometimes idiosyncratic, I am confident you will also encounter some of my misgivings and errors in judgment. In the end, though, I share them in good faith because as you know, and can see, they are 'Just Pictures.'

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