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Quote for Today

“ We must embrace the illusion which appeals to our temperament and embrace it with passion.”

~ Cyril Connolly



Obsession

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

I used to think [obsession](#) was a bad thing but have come to realize that for me it is a guide post. Like the light at the end of a tunnel, my obsessions call to me, they ask me to dive in deeper, find out more. This captivating spell has a power, a drive that keeps me going until an ache is somehow filled.

My latest obsession, since moving to Michigan, is mushroom hunting. I spent over 20 years in the western high dry desert. My afternoons were filled with hiking or horseback riding on trails winding through aspens

watching snakes hide in the sagebrush. Now I live in the mid-west surrounded by moist loamy forest with so many new sights and sounds. I am mesmerized by this shift and the mushrooms have captured most of my attention.

When I find a trail that may have some fungi I begin the quest and nothing else matters. I have no idea what time it is, my pace is erratic and my vision shifts. I'm able to ignore almost everything except for the many odd colors and shapes growing in or on the decay. When I spot a new mushroom far-off, I sometimes feel like a little warrior swirling through the forest not caring if I tear my clothes or get spiderwebs in my face.

Without the obsession to find something new, the opportunity to capture a strange or beautiful photo, tearing a favorite shirt or getting anywhere near cobwebs can make me cry or make me scream. Yet when I'm engrossed in the hunt, nothing matters more than [mushrooms](#).





“Everybody has a secret world inside of them. All of the people in the whole world—I mean everybody—No matter how boring they are on the outside, inside they’ve got unimaginable, magnificent, wonderful, stupid amazing worlds. Not just one world.”



worms. not just one worm.
Hundreds of them. Thousands,
maybe." ~ Neil Gaiman



Do you have an obsession that celebrates your creative power?


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ZORRO



obsession with music and playing my guitar isn't anywhere as big now as yours in capturing mushrooms with your camera. I am amazed!... and inspired to be more obsessive!

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - 02:18 PM

Nancy 

Absolutely amazing, beautiful photographs. I've never seen most of these varieties in all my life. They really bring home your message of looking more deeply rather than letting so much pass us by.

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - 03:53 PM

[jeanie](#) 

I never thought about a creative obsession, but I have to say yours has yielded wonderful results. You have discovered in this very area in which we live fungi of unbelievable beauty -- and some I've never seen before! Wonderful!

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - 06:32 PM

Anonymous 

so delicate, these mushrooms, like bells, calling you.

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - 07:38 PM

AMY 

You inspire ~ I am awed and at a loss for words...so rare for the word-obsessed ~ thank you.

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 - 06:54 AM

Connie 

Christine,
You are ALWAYS expanding and I am delighted by the moist soil mushroom specimens you are finding! I am currently oil painting, and still putting beads on wood....AND currently working on my altered book we started so long ago.
Miss your dive deep guidance....connie

Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 03:40 PM

[jeanie](#) 

A quick note to tell you that you have received the "Cherry on Top" award from the Marmelade Gypsy!

Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 07:43 PM

moongoddess 

aloha gorgeous ~ once again a new and curious spin, this time, on the notion of obsession. as a gift; an awakening to something enticing. i like that! the photos are exquisite. mother nature, i'm sure, is pleased. i'm imagining that they meet her needs for being "seen".

they definetly meet my needs for seeing Her beauty.
hugs,
barb

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