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know.

the earth has a limited supply of natural resources

choose.

an environment that is healthy and aesthetically appealing

promise.

to be aware and make a difference

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN NEWSLETTER

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know.

Nature has a way of taking care of it's own. It constantly adapts; good or bad to the changes that we have thrust upon it. Temperatures are changing and weather conditions are more severe all over the world. Everyone knows someone who has been effected. As we change the perimeters of our environment, by adding unnatural man-made materials and creating false surroundings and conditions (i.e., air conditioning, scented environments, synthetic woods) we strive for the most basic freedoms; clean air, calmness and good health.

The arbitrary choices of the present and past need to be reconsidered for earth's sake, for your sake and for the sake of our children.

We long all year for summer vacations to enjoy the great outdoors, to travel to parts of the world that are not like our own... to go to see the vast miracles of nature; canyons, fields, streams, mountains, majestic architecture and natural formations... let's make sure the next generation has the same opportunity!!!

Recent documentaries, news and celebrities have taken on green causes. It's wonderful that we are finally paying attention because they say so... but isn't it just good old common sense and remembering when it was not a matter of life and health (or death).

Our environment is something that we take for granted and have never questioned. We are sharing our air, our soil and the toxins and pollutants from over industrialization, as a result with that we Nature has been trying to tell us something for a long time, take the time, listen, look, learn and come to your own conclusions... but

...consider Nature

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green tips

nature's way

- plants inside the home help to reduce odors and clean toxins from the air
- natural alternatives to commercial cleaning solutions save money and are more healthy to your environment. I.e., white vinegar cuts grease, removes mildew, odors, some stains and wax build up
http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm
- most modern homes have tight insulation and prevent new air from circulating; for clean air circulation run installed exhaust fans periodically, open windows and doors and let in fresh air
- consider natural materials for flooring replacements; bamboo, stone, cork, sustainable woods (ash, birch, cherry, cypress, elm, hickory, pecan, hard maple, red oak, white oak, sycamore, walnut)
<http://www.americanhardwoods.org>

- *site evaluations*
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Nature is inspirational and essential to green design. Advocates of green design know that your environment can help to restore the earth's balance and improve your health and social equity. Local groups within our community and world wide are spreading the word about green products and services. Visit these web sites for additional information.

NC SUSTAINABLE ADVOCACY
<http://www.sustainabletriad.com>

NORTH CAROLINA SOLAR CENTER
<http://www.ncsc.ncsu.edu>

NON PROFIT SUSTAINABLE ADVOCATE
<http://www.greenblue.com>

AFFORDABLE GREEN HOUSING SOLUTIONS
<http://www.enterprisefoundation.org>

- Gift Certificates for referrals

Consider having your own "private oasis" in your own home or work environment !!! A place that you want to spend time, a place that you can enjoy your family, friends and yes, even coworkers. Why not dream the dream and smell the roses on a daily basis. Design concepts can be created from photographs, basic measurements and / or site visits. Bring the inside out and the outside in, today's fabrics and technology allow you comfort and durability in your outside living space as well.

We can create a space that will provide comfort, relaxation and privacy. Add to your environment!

3D rendering of deck with custom pergola, beveled glass insert and built-in seating and storage

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must see

in the news

Politics aside; experts now agree - global warming is real ...
If you need facts to realize the effects that have taken place on our planet, you must see - **an inconvenient truth**
<http://www.climatecrisis.net>
See the trailer and other information, know how you can make a difference.



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Change the light bulbs in your home or office from incandescent to compact fluorescent. CF bulbs use up to 75% less energy and last longer. Replace appliances over 10 years old with energy star appliances. These changes and others will decrease your energy consumption and bills. **There are Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency.** For guidelines see <http://www.energystar.gov/>. Call us today for a space and lighting evaluation.

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Be aware that we can reduce our dependence and energy consumption by choosing to make small changes through knowledge...
kilowattOurs
<http://www.kilowattours.org>

We can arrange a viewing with your group or organization to view this thought provoking documentary.



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featured items

- bring nature into your environment with photography
- customize your prints into black/white or sepia tones
- archival quality paper and inks
- all prints come with museum quality beveled white mat

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digital photography

Have you looked, listened and enjoyed nature recently?

You should; make it a habit. If your life gets too busy... bring the outside in. The simple pleasures of life are there for the taking and your enjoyment.

These are prints from my travels and personal photography, offered to you at affordable prices and available in a variety of sizes or custom formats. Let us know if you need them in other sizes or custom frames and mats.



wildflowers rock [DP001]
Joshua Tree - Palm Desert, CA



rock foundation [DP002]
Joshua Tree - Palm Desert, CA



standing tall [DP003]
Joshua Tree - Palm Desert, CA



sticky situation [DP004]*
Joshua Tree - Palm Desert, CA



grass splendor [DP005]
Myrtle Beach, SC



calm b4 storm [DP006]
Myrtle Beach, SC



sunset palm [DP007]
Joshua Tree - Las Vegas, NV



palm fan [DP008]*
Joshua Tree - Las Vegas, NV

standard sizes / pricing	8 x 10 inches	\$28.00	w/ mat	11 x 14 inches
	11 x 14 inches	\$42.00	w/ mat	14 x 18 inches
	16 x 20 inches	\$58.00	w/ mat	20 x 24 inches

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All prints come with beveled opening, white museum quality mat and backing, If different mats are required, please contact us for quotes. Custom framing is also available. Master Card, Visa and Discover are accepted. Orders will ship UPS Ground unless other arrangements are made. Shipping cost will be quoted at the time of the order. Orders over \$100.00 ship free. Allow 4-7 business days for receipt of item(s). * Note these prints can be oriented vertical or horizontal.

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We can make a difference in our environment in our community. This is the information age. There is no excuse for not knowing, not doing and not responding to the changes that are occurring as a result of our not knowing, not doing and not responding.

We made a promise to take care of the world for our children and their children... well, that is not happening, not yet anyway.

Remember when... you were a child and would lie in the grass and gaze up at the clouds to see how many shapes you could identify. The freshly washed clothes would blow gently in the wind and have a refreshing smell as you jumped into the pile just brought in by your mother. The normal activity for the summer was to stay outside and play all day, until it was time to go in for dinner. To explore the woods or play in the creek and listen to the soothing sounds of nature, gentle and cleansing rains and mild winds.

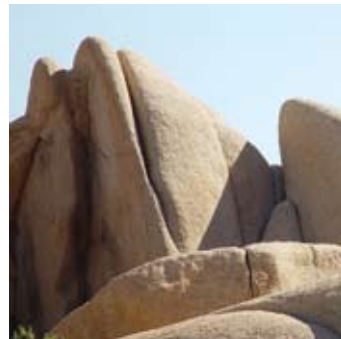
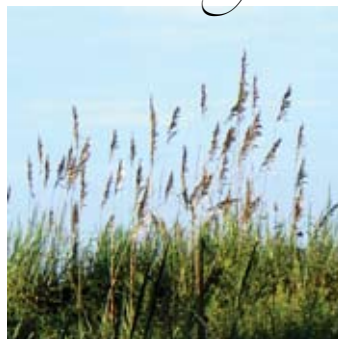
It is not too late to have those days again, with your child, with someone you love or just to sit and enjoy the sounds of our planet, as it provides us with the only existence that we know. Make a choice to help it recover, to make the air cleaner, the streams replenished with fish and fresh water, the weather tolerable for children to once again play and enjoy the sunshine.

We can choose materials and demand environments that reduce harmful energy sources and pollution. We can reduce the harmful toxins that are increasing asthma and other respiratory illnesses in our children and adults. We can help to restore the delicate balance that gives us life's most simple but greatest pleasures.

Get involved in your community, start with your home, your office, your workplace, your environment and inform others that we have a choice; to know, to choose, to promise. It is up to you to make a difference for future generations and for ourselves, so that they can play, enjoy and thrive in our environment... earth.

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future issues

- information on companies and consumers that walk the talk
- green projects in the community
- seminars and workshops
- ideas and contributors are welcome
- branding your company and environment

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