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Artistic growth, for me, is the willingness to be open to all creative possibilities. I continually challenge myself by not letting old perceptions get in the way of new ways of being. Capturing the Spirit, the essence, the heart of a moment in time, provides the images and words for me to share myself with my fellow human beings. The core of my creative belief is that Spirit guides the result.

Currently, I am focused on the production of a series of limited edition handmade books which uniquely incorporate my prose with photographic images...some of which are manual Polaroid manipulations.* The words and images are magical and Spirit-driven and will, in turn, impact each person's awareness of their spirituality, their ties with nature's harmony, their humanity. It is my joy to strike an inner chord of remembrance, in each person who views my photography and reads my prose, that all of nature is One. In this way, I am blessed.

*Polaroid Manipulation is now a lost art form due to the fact that Polaroid has discontinued their Polaroid SX-70 film.