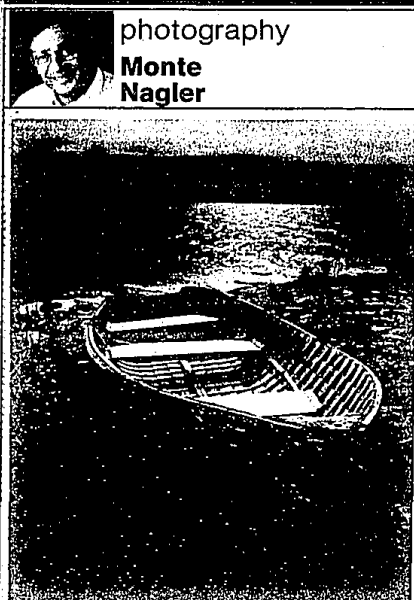




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**Monte Nagler**

# Revelation in everyday events

"Look at that whisker!" I whispered to myself, while peering into the mirror and grooming my chin with slithering grace. I thought, "Wow, I have an albino hair in my beard — pure white!" Plucking it out with the tweezers, I again, through tearing eyes, admired how pure white this whisker was and how out of place it looked in the darkness of my beard.

Well, a few days later, you wouldn't believe it, that same whisker grew back pure white — or maybe it wasn't the same whisker. Oh no. The thought sent a chill down my spine, as I began frantically pawing and separating my beard. Behold, the revelation; there were many white whiskers. In a few minutes I aged several years.

Everyday offers us revelations. Either by circumstances or by learning, we become aware of things that were formerly unknown to us. I feel that artists not only happen onto revelation, but they seek them out. Every time an artist attempts to draw something, he or she searches for the lines, shapes and colors that were most likely unknown to them.

THE WORD "REVELATION"



artifacts  
**David Messing**

means to become aware of the previously unknown, so artists not only happen upon revelations, they look for them. Even people as close to you as your own family members, offer fantastic revelation as you attempt to draw them. The subtle little bump that a three-year-old has for a nose, the strength in your father's furrowed brow or maybe you never noticed the beauty and look of concern in your mother's eyes. How blue is your parakeet? What shade of green is your umbrella plant? How fascinating it is to be an artist.

Some need to fly to far away places to find beauty. But the watchful eye of an artist finds beauty in the common place. Such as, the folded and cracked leather of a high top work boot — the free flowing lines of the untied laces and the shiny

brass of the worn eyelets.

Some need to "get away from it all" and the artist seeks to understand what was always there. To do so is to look at your surroundings wherever you are. Revelation will come to you as you look and study the lines, shapes and colors of all you attempt to draw.

So instead of getting "away from"

it all, try getting "into" it all. Find revelation in the common place. Along with exotic animals and faraway scenes, look for the beauty of those things available and often overlooked.

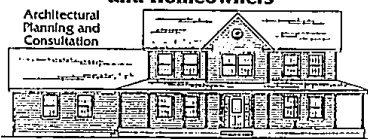
Dave Messing is an area art teacher and also owns the Art Store & More in Livonia.

## Monte's off to China

Slow boat to China? Not hardly. Monte Nagler made a fast plane trip to China, courtesy of the Chinese government where he is taking pictures and meeting with photographers from there to exchange ideas on his favorite subject. The image pictured was taken on Ontario's Manitoulin Island.

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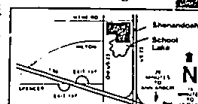
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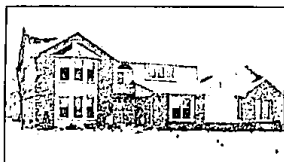
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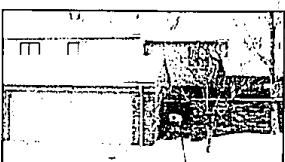
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