

## DOWN TO SEEDS AND STEMS

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As the temperature drops below freezing (and today it is not supposed to get that much above freezing), it gets harder to find living subjects. You can expect a very long photo series of fallen, blown, stuck, and other kinds of leaves, gradually changing to snow scenes as December drifts in. Also, with hunting season on, I tend to stay in town. We live in one of the prime deer hunting locales in Michigan, wedged between all kinds of national forests, wetlands, preserves, and so on. I really see red and neon-orange when I go to the grocery stores these days.

Speaking of grocery stores, I had the brilliant idea (my wife just gave me a funny look when I mentioned it to her) about photographing the groceries, well not all of them, perhaps just the perishables, and among those, probably fruits, nuts, and vegetables. At least they are live and (IMO) beautiful. It seems the older I get the more beautiful food looks!

Of course the grocery stores won't let me photograph there. I tried it once in the outdoor flower area and within minutes I had all kinds of managers surrounding me and pointing out the nearest exit. "There is no photographing in the grocery," even in the little greenhouses and stuff.

Then I came upon the idea of photographing what we eat, and then, of course, eating what I photograph. Now I like this idea very much and maybe you will too. You can always just skip over my posts. After all, we are supposed to be friends and friends can put up with a lot, can't they?

Anyway, here is some asparagus that will no doubt be on the menu later today. It is a living plant and has a particular beauty all its own.

Your comments are always welcome, especially when they say kind things.

