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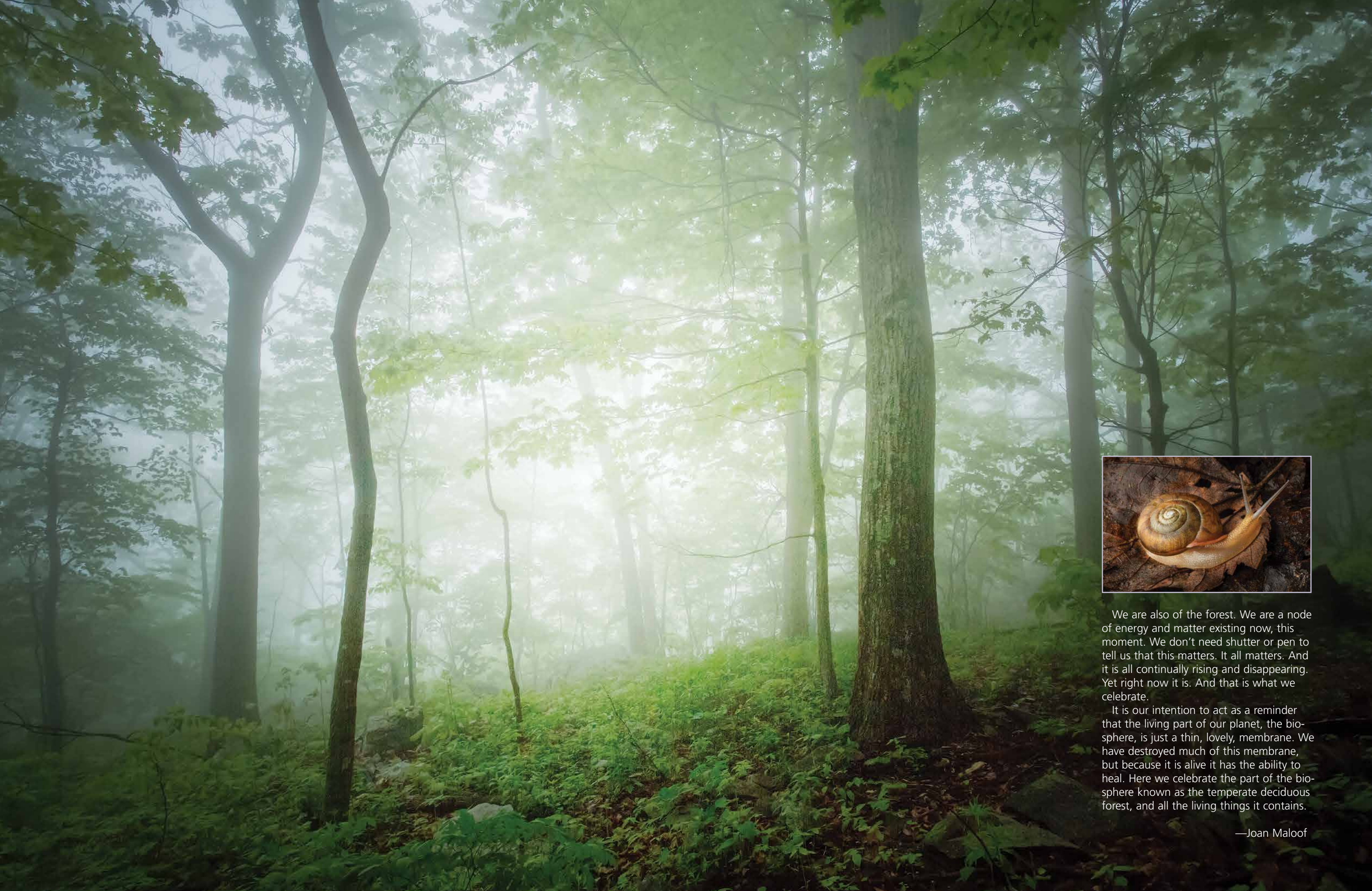


A forest is a complex web of energy and matter and it reaches out far beyond the confines of identified acreages. Much of what a forest does, and is, is invisible and can never be captured by the camera. At other times the energy and the matter all align on the scale of human perception and we see; oh, a blossom, a salamander, a mushroom, a bear! All amazing, all wonders to be studied forever and, even then, to be felt more than to really be known. Take any one of these images and spend some time with it and you will understand what the poet William Blake meant about seeing the *World in a Grain of Sand*. These nodes of matter show us the never-ending flow of energy and change right here, right this moment. And the shutter clicks.

The pen is a slower, but it can include a bit more of the intersections. It can tell of strand pulling strand in the web of life. It can hint at the dimension of time. And then finally beyond the camera and the pen there is the energy and matter that you, reader, bring to the equation. For after you douse yourself in the images and the words you must go a step beyond and add the dimension of experience. It is only then that you will truly start seeing the forest. And the forest will see you too. There are plenty of eyes in these photos and, as you will read here, even the eyeless trees sense your light.





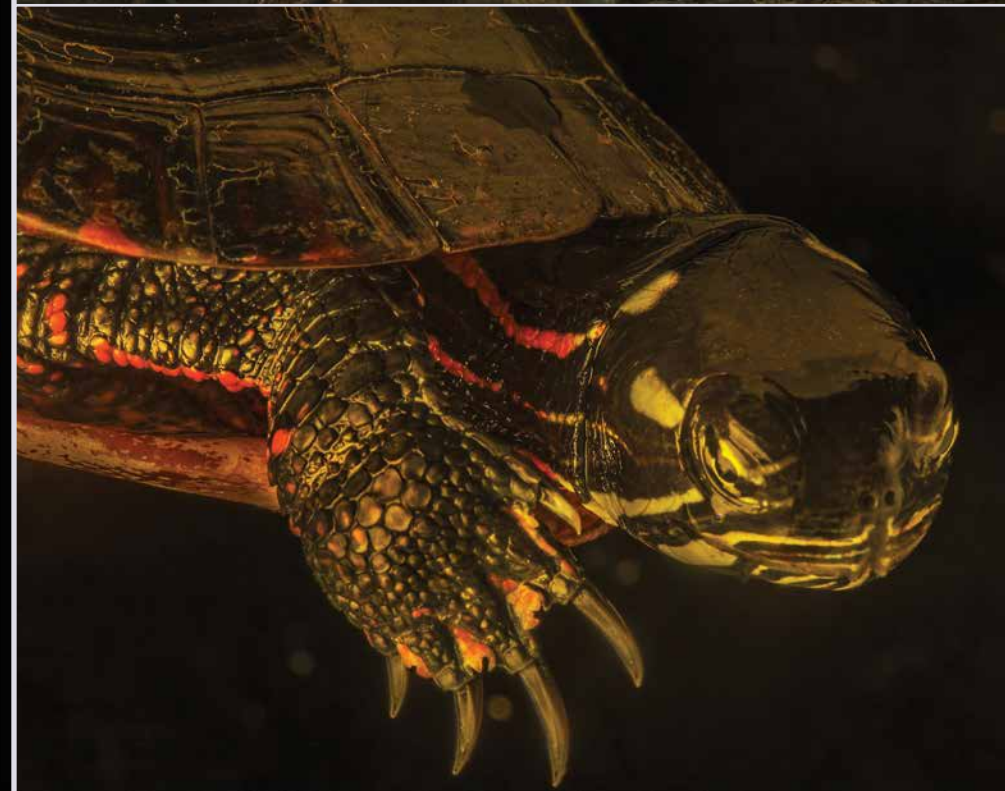


We are also of the forest. We are a node of energy and matter existing now, this moment. We don't need shutter or pen to tell us that this matters. It all matters. And it is all continually rising and disappearing. Yet right now it is. And that is what we celebrate.

It is our intention to act as a reminder that the living part of our planet, the biosphere, is just a thin, lovely, membrane. We have destroyed much of this membrane, but because it is alive it has the ability to heal. Here we celebrate the part of the biosphere known as the temperate deciduous forest, and all the living things it contains.

—Joan Maloof

















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