

“WHEN THE SUMAC IS ON FIRE”

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I have been on the road for a few days visiting three of my four kids, staying at their places, sleeping in guest rooms, hanging out, and having a talk and get-together in Ann Arbor on the 1960s that I posted earlier..

And of course I have been doing one of my favorite things, which is visiting arboretums and botanical gardens whenever I can. Two of those days I was out in the botanical gardens near Ann Arbor well before sunup when it was still black out. I watched that first light in the cold air and later the fog with the sun peeking through. This is always the best time for photography for me.

I watched the sun come up and photographed for three or more hours or until the sun was too bright for my kind of photography, then I head backed into town and had breakfast somewhere, in this case the Fleetwood Diner in Ann Arbor, an old haunt from the 1960s.

I took over 3,000 photos in three days, of which but a few will appear here. If I posted one nature photo from my collection a day, it would take me some 500 years to show you them all. Here is a photograph I like, a shot of the sumac turning from green to red as my friend (and wonderful songwriter) Dick Siegel put into verse, in this song “When the Sumac is on Fire.”
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQeLUnSQ7PA>