

Lots to Spot

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By Gozde Yenipazarli

There are two options in life. To live life without anything inside just to pass the time, or to be aware of what is around you and trying to do what is best for oneself. This also brings to mind the question, “Are we seeing or are we looking?”

Watching life from outside or being in life... How many things pass by without us noticing? We don't remember most of these things. Maybe forgetting is easy and reliving events is hard. Every now and then, lackluster photographs make us remember the moments that we cannot live again. Photography is for escaping our minds which are crowded and full of tiring questions and observing life. As Marcel Duchamp said, “Photographs lie because time does not stop.” At the same time photographs tell the truth because it confines the world. Capturing the frame on the right time, all the mortal things are locked in the small square which is a very small. The colors, the traces, the emotions, the moments...

There are many things to realize...

by Nilay Islek

Looking, seeing, realizing...

One should be aware of the events, the life and one's self. Sometimes, it may be necessary to notice the details and more importantly show that the realizations of these details are felt. In the world we live in, one often comes across a frame that doesn't make sense and is meaningless to some, whereas, the same photograph can be full of meanings for others. Different meanings and details that are forced to be ordinary, circle us in our daily lives. Then a question arises, are we aware of these details or are we watching life from the meanings that are already acknowledged by us? The unnoticed details are the victims of being unable to go beyond “looking”. Seeing is realizing. Maybe, we prove our awareness through photographing life and its details. To be different often walks together with realization. If you are aware of something and you are questioning it, the product of your work makes you

different from the flock. The unrealized compose the life itself. Life is hidden in small details that are waiting to be exposed... There are so many things to be discovered...