Viewing God's Grace Through an Artist's Eye Week 15 April 11-17

I have a former neighbor and Facebook friend who views everyday things in her life much differently than I. She is a former art teacher who generously shares many of her observations on Facebook. Catherine, or Kit as we call her, notices things in life that I suspect many of us would never give a second thought to or even notice. I am particularly impressed with her photographs and posted comments regarding her observations of nature and the world around her.

Kit's husband recently retired, and they now spend the summer months in a waterfront home in Nahant, Massachusetts and the rest of the year in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Her shared Facebook photos and comments have focused on the grandiose and dramatic to some of the smallest of God's creatures and creations.

Some of her recent Facebook postings include the following:

Two photos taken on a Massachusetts beach at 6:09 in the morning. She caught the multicolored, pre-sunrise glow over Massachusetts Bay to the east while concurrently viewing the moon setting in a darkened sky to the west.

A breathtaking photo of a pending Atlantic Ocean storm with waves and whitecaps crashing over rocks and a sky filled with black and gray clouds looming overhead.

A small (less than an inch long) multi-colored caterpillar perched on a yellow oak leaf that had fallen to the ground. She was fascinated by the colors and fine hairs and spikes of the caterpillar and was curious as to what kind it was. She asked: "Can anyone identify this little guy? I've never seen the likes of him before and he's fast. Looks like four baby teeth on top but made out of bristles!!!"

A photo of a potted plant she had planted in the spring and observations as how it changed as it matured in the autumn. She commented: "Green and pink foliage which I planted in the spring because of the pretty leaves are now at the end of the season...popping out with tiny flowers!!! Dividends!!!"

I have been blessed to have a friend like Kit. She has helped me open my eyes and ears to the many natural wonders that the Lord has created for our pleasure and awe.

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Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-31 Colossians 1:16-17 Psalm 19:1 John 1:3 Job 12:7-9 Luke 12:27

Revelation 4:11