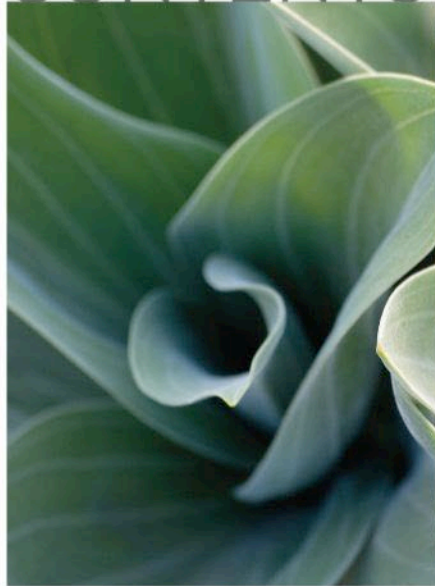




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Born and raised in Denver, Michael has been capturing the splendor of this state for the past six years. It wasn't until after high school that he began taking up the art of photography. His main mission in pursuing the photographic arts is to share the beauty of this land with the rest of the world. Being based out of the Front Range, he is able to capture incredible scenes from both the rugged Rocky Mountains and the rolling American prairie. His images in *Where GuestBook Colorado* express the rugged beauty of this state.



◀◀ KRISTINA JENKINS

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She's not a snow bunny herself, but in anticipation of readers curious to know what *really* happens on the mountain, she found a bona fide pro skier who was willing to dish. In addition to her work in Colorado, Kristina currently writes and edits for four other *Where* publications in Arizona.



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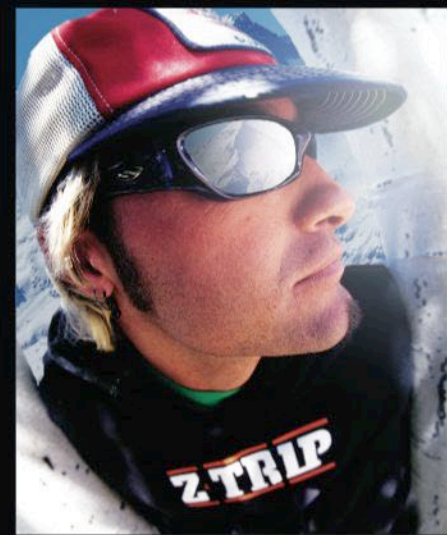
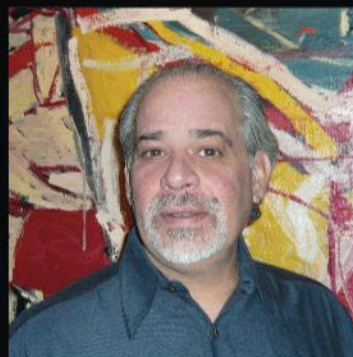
Dan Rabin, a freelance writer and Colorado resident for 20 years, describes himself as "a beer drinker with a biking problem." When he's not concocting award-winning homebrews, he can often be found coaxing his road bike up the canyon roads near his Boulder home. His travel stories have appeared in newspapers throughout North America. He contributes regularly to *Masters Athlete Magazine* and *Celebrator Beer News*.



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▲▲ TOMAS ZUCCARENO

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There is nothing Tomas Zuccareno won't do to get a photo. He might lie in the middle of the street, hang out of the back of a rental car, or climb Colorado's highest 14,000-foot peak — he'll even crawl on his belly through a parking lot to get that perfect shot. He has spent the last 10 years chasing mountaineers and X Games crazies all over the globe, squeezing in dozens of editorial shoots while maintaining an impressive corporate and commercial client list.




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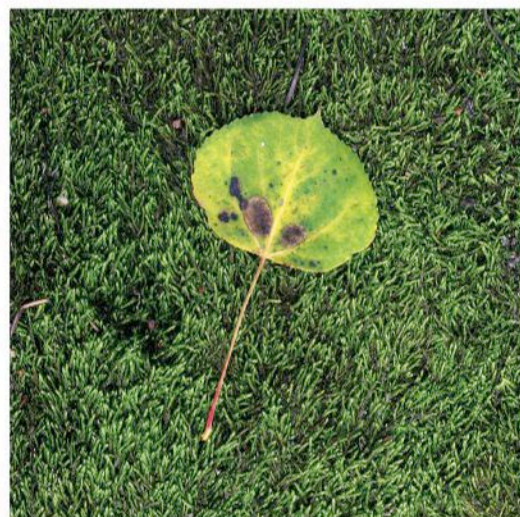
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AN UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL VIEW OF
THE DIVERSE FLORA OF COLORADO.
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL DELEON

The majestic scenery in the Rocky Mountain state could turn just about anyone into a nature photographer — one could point a camera in almost any direction for an instant postcard. The collection here, though, goes well beyond a simple point and shoot to reveal a deeper, more detailed vision of the botanical glory thinly veiled within our prairies, foothills and mountains.

“From the rugged Rocky Mountains to the rolling prairie, Colorado is truly a land of contrast and unmatched beauty.”

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