



Notes From The Artist: Debra Fisher Goldstein

Welcome to this taste of **Beyond The Stick**, my annual scavenger hunt for the ironic and iconic; the peculiar and the poignant; the oh-so-human moments at our Great Minnesota State Fair.

Long before I was a photographer, I found myself drawn to - and energized by - our big, communal events, where we meet, merge, collide, and create a tapestry rich in human connection. It became my desire to focus and frame these moments, and then to share them, thereby creating yet another level of connection. One of the shortest distances between two people is a shared moment.

By capturing "life, as it happens," I hope to enrich lives, as mine has been made full, with an expanded awareness of the moment, so that we experience in-sight, and the grace and grounding of full-focused living.

I hope that you will pause, smile, laugh, and feel full. Hopefully not the kind of full that a day of stick-food brings.

But rather, full of life.

Saluting the moments that celebrate our humanness,

*Debra*

p.s. Please enjoy this year's Fair photos on my photoblog at [www.BeyondTheStick.com](http://www.BeyondTheStick.com).