

The Earth Science Picture of the Day (EPOD)

There's an old saying that "You learn something every day". If you are a reader of The Earth Science Picture of the Day at <http://epod.usra.edu>, edited by Martin Ruzek and Jim Foster, you are living proof that you really can learn about a new topic every day, and revisit some familiar ones as well, with new images and web resources.

Martin Ruzek sends us his personal overview:

"Educators and the science-attentive public are eager consumers of high quality, interesting, and informative imagery of the Earth. But imagery without explanatory background and context is of limited use in the classroom.




"NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and the Universities Space Research Association have initiated the Earth Science Picture of the Day (EPOD) web site designed to serve as a repository of imagery, captions and web links which highlights the diverse processes and phenomena which shape our planet and our lives. Each day the web site features a new Earth science image with a descriptive caption.

"EPOD's goal is to educate and excite people about the science of our planet. EPOD photos, imagery, drawings, animations etc. exemplify features within the Earth system spheres of air, water, land, life and human dimensions. A semi-automated web-based submission and



archive process has been developed to encourage the community to contribute photographs and images that show interesting, relevant, beautiful, or unusual aspects of the Earth, as well as short captions and web links. Editors filter and refine submissions from the community as necessary and seek additional content and relevant links. EPOD aims to maintain an eclectic collection of imagery including field and laboratory photos, aerial photography and satellite images, complementing other excellent image repositories such as the NASA Earth Observatory and the VisibleEarth. Image contribution and acknowledgement guidelines, and acceptable use policies can be found on the EPOD web page <http://epod.usra.edu>."

 If you're new to EPOD, browse the extensive archives. You might see some familiar names, like this one at <http://epod.usra.edu/archive/epodviewer.php3?oid=197792> 