

Photo Contest Winners

Theme: Hidden Treasures *Thanks to all those who submitted photos! Our staff picked their favorites and here they are.*



1 *Zsolt Beke, 38, Vasvari Pal, Hungary*

This was a peaceful Sunday morning. No wind, no noises, but very cold. I was walking. Everything was static, no movement, no animals. Just like in a winter tale, everything slept or hid somewhere. The sky was beautiful and deep blue. As I was walking by, I got a glimpse of this old temple. The sun shone and the colors and shadows were just perfect.



2 *Michael Masukawa, 21, Los Angeles*

This is a sunset I experienced from the window of my dorm room. My roommate noticed that the sunset was bloody fantastic. The sky was literally on fire. I enjoyed framing it with one of the larger trees outside our window to give it perspective. Outside my window lay the treacherous path to Mordor.



3 *Ray Luo, 25, Los Angeles*

Oaxaca, Mexico, has a legend that a Zapotec princess was taken and decapitated by the rival Mixtecs during war. The buried body was found, but never the head. One day, a shepherd found a lirio flower on the ground. Instead of cutting it, he dug into the ground where it grew. He discovered a human ear, attached to the perfectly preserved head of the princess. It was reburied in Cuilapam, where this photo was taken. Local artisans believe making purses and wallets out of found materials allows them to preserve what is inside in mint condition, much as the princess' head was preserved by the found flower.