

NH — One day at a time

◆ **New Web site** features daily photos of everything that is the Granite State.

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HOLLIS — There's a little slice of southern New Hampshire on Ron Cillizza's Web site, and it changes nearly every day.

Cillizza's photo Web log, or photoblog, offers an online showcase for snapshots of people, places and things from around the region, from downtown shop windows to country landscapes.

It's Cillizza's small corner within the global web of photo bloggers, a growing community of Internet diary keepers who share their daily thoughts and feelings with photos instead of words. Cillizza calls his site Du Jour, and like a soup special, it's meant to offer a new flavor each day.

"The whole idea of it is to keep it up to date, keep things fresh, keep it new," said

Cillizza, a 43-year-old freelance graphic designer by trade. "That's one of my goals: to put something up there every day."

Cillizza, does not get paid for his photos, started shooting pictures seriously less than five years ago, when he bought his first digital camera. Now, he never leaves home without one.

"I can't honestly say I've ever seen him without his camera," said friend and frequent business partner, Jim Gamble. "We've gotten together to have lunch, and he has his camera."

Cillizza said the 24-hour cycle of his site, which can be found at seventythree.com/dujour.htm, keeps him motivated to hone his craft. His goal, every day, is to find something inspiring, even if it means he has to drive far to find it.

At times, it's an old country store in Mont Vernon, or graffiti by the edge of Route 114 on the way to Sunapee. On

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other days, it's a rusty washing machine outside an abandoned ice cream stand, or merely a closeup of a Lindt chocolate he was thinking about eating.

Every now and then, he puts his camera in the front passenger seat of his GMC Jimmy and just drives, sure he'll pass something worth snapping. He has taken trips to Keene, the Seacoast and all the way up to the White Mountain region, not knowing just what he'd shoot until he got there.

"Sometimes you have to kind of follow your gut and hope where you end up is somewhere of interest," he said.

He doesn't always have to go too far to find his muse.

"You can have beautiful shots of the coast or of mountains, but you can also find something really interesting

right in your backyard," he said.

"Sometimes," he said, "I'll just walk out onto my driveway."

Finding his daily photo is like a treasure hunt, Cillizza said. It takes a sharp eye, which means he may take unexpected detours during his day to capture something that grabs him.

"You're digging a little deeper. And sometimes it's a little harder in areas that aren't known for their spectacular scenes. But that's the challenge," he said.

Like Nashua, right next to his hometown of Hollis, where he has spent most of his life. The city is rough around the edges, he said, and there isn't much he finds attractive. But just this month, he spotted a women's clothing boutique downtown, with aquamarine window frames and headless mannequins propped against the wall.

"It was really kind of a little oasis in a pretty rough area," he said. "Those are the types of treasures that I like to find."

Through his photoblog, which he started last November, Cillizza shares those treasures with Internet users across the country, and even the world. He has conversed with bloggers from California and Amsterdam, each with varying tastes and different landscapes to shoot.

Cillizza's friend, Kim LaFrance, of Rye, was impressed with his dedication to keeping his site fresh each day. She doesn't go a day without stopping by to take a look, she said.

This way, she knows what her friend is up to, she said. But moreover, she sees pieces of her everyday life through a different lens.

"It's an interesting twist to what we all drive by every day and don't stop to take a picture of," she said.