Easy and simple ways to take fun pictures

I have an Olympus SP-565 which allows me to get within half an inch from my subjects. This is equal to about a 40X magnification, if I get that close. With a little patience and some luck, you can get some awesome pictures, like from this large, seemingly tame, wolf spider, which wandered into my garage:
And close up:

Looks cuddly to me, but my wife does not agree. After the shoot, I took this awesome creature to a safe place.
With a small point and shoot camera I took this picture of, what looked like insect eggs:

I then held a 10X magnifier in front of the camera lens:

This is what they looked like under the microscope:
Dragonflies are easy to take pictures of, because they do not fly away when you get close:

Close up:
And here is a smiley face of a grasshopper I held in my hand:

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