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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

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OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST
AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

May, 2017

Editor's Note: Due to the fact that the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day – the same day of the month as our NCCT meetings – it was determined two years ago by the leadership committee to suspend the May meeting for the foreseeable future. This is due to consistently low turnout on this day, which is fully understandable, given the importance of moms in our lives. So please, enjoy the day with your mother. We are, however, offering an alternative this year on the day before Mother's Day. See the spring outing notice below.

NEXT MEETING: **Program:** TBD
Date and Time: June 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Small classroom, Nat'l Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.
Host: Bring a snack to share.
Assignment: Any nature photos you wish to share.

We are still in the process of fleshing out our calendar for 2017 and as of yet do not have a program lined up for June. If you have a program you'd like to present, or know someone who does, please let anyone on the leadership committee know about it and we'll get you or them on the schedule in a flash.

Spring Outing ~ 2017

As an alternative to our regular May meeting this year, we are making a short spring trek to the Castalia Quarry MetroPark in Castalia, OH on Saturday, May 13th. We will be meeting in the parking lot at the SR 101 entrance at 9 am. This park is located at 8404 Sandusky-Clyde Road (SR 101) and offers several miles of hiking trails around an old stone quarry just southwest of downtown Castalia. You are invited to bring your own sack lunch, as there will be no picnic supplies provided for this outing. Come and join your fellow NCCT members as we search for the early signs of spring in this unique and interesting part of our local natural environment.

Bill Blanton (1925-2017)

It is with heavy hearts that we note the passing of longtime NCCT member and friend Bill Blanton, age 91, on Thursday, April 21, 2017 at his home. According to club member and close friend Jim Hagan, Bill was a member of the NCCT for at least 50 years. Bill's exceptional talent for glass and especially mushroom photography are well known to members who regularly attend our meetings. Bill, along with former club president Adele Shelton, were co-leaders of the club for many years. Bill was an early innovator in the NCCT and would regularly come up with creative assignments and photo scavenger hunts for club members to complete and share at the monthly club meetings. He gave many talks, gladly shared his photos (many in vibrant print form), and was always willing to talk photography and photo equipment with anyone who wanted to chat. He was also well known for an annual slide show of his nature photography that he combined with narrative poetry that he composed himself. Bill was a U.S. Army veteran, Boy Scout Leader and worked for Brown Motors in Toledo for 50 years. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 70 years, Violet; children, Vicky Coombs and Bill Blanton, three siblings and several grand, great-grand, and great-great grand children, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. He will be missed.



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