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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

OVER FIFTY YEARS
OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST
AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

November, 2017

DATE and TIME: Sunday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.
HOST: Bring a snack to share.
ASSIGNMENT: Pictures from the 2017 Fall Outing and/or Best Shot contest at Swan Creek.

PROGRAM: "Talking Turkey" by various members of the NCCT.

All things turkey will be the focus of our November meeting. Turkey history, turkey lore, turkey habitat, turkey recipes, turkey crime stats, etc., etc. Please bring something interesting about our runner-up for the national bird of the U.S. of A. Make Ben Franklin proud that his idea wasn't so wacky after all. Let's give some props to our favorite denizen for the forest – or Butterball Farms – as the case may be, since the lines become a little blurred at this time of year.

NEXT MEETING: **Program:** TBD
Date and Time: Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.
Location: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.
Host: Please bring a snack to share.
Assignment: Any photos depicting nature you wish to share.

If you have a program you'd like to present – either yourself or as a host for another presenter – please let Bob Miller know and he will set you up for your program. We are always looking for new presenters in topics such as local flora and fauna, outdoor adventures (hiking, camping, canoeing, traveling of any kind, etc.), as well as most anything nature photography related, so please bring your ideas to our attention. They will always be greatly appreciated.

NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Don Godfrey. To be taken directly to Don's album page, just click on his homepage photo. While there you can check out new albums, and/or photos, by Don Godfrey, Mary Figgins and Tim Godfrey. Also new this month, whenever a photographer adds new photos to their photographer's page, the word "New" will appear behind their name in the Photo Gallery drop down menu to indicate that something new has been added within the last 30 days. This should make it easier for visitors who want to seek out new content without having to page through reams of material they've already looked at. Our website <http://www.naturalistcameraclub.weebly.com/> will change each month and all current NCCT members are invited to send in their photos to be included in this renewed online presentation platform. (See expanded website news below).

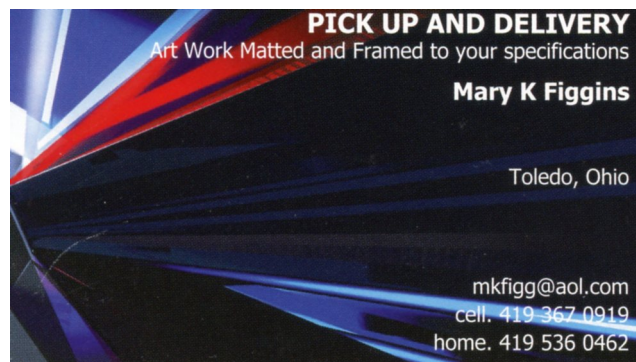
2017 FALL OUTING A GREAT SUCCESS

Finally! After several years of trying to predict what Mother Nature was going to do with her fickle paint brush, we got a really nice (and colorful) day for our annual fall outing. The weather was perfect, the colors were

decent, and the picnic was excellent. The only slight negative was that the bees loved our picnic as much as we did, especially the apple cider. Luckily, no one got stung and we all came away overly fed and hoping for similar conditions next year. OK, maybe just a LITTLE bit more color next year, but hey, who's complaining.

More About Our Evolving Website

We want to take some extra space this month to point out some interesting changes and additions to our new website. First, archived NCCT Newsletters are back by popular demand. Currently, they go back to the start of this year (2017) and will be continually added through the end of 2018. At that time we may remove the 2017 issues (for space-saving concerns) and begin 2019. Either way, you'll always have at least one year of archived newsletters to look back on if you wish to revisit something, or if you feel you may have missed something in one of the past issues. These back issues can be found on the Newsletters page which is linked in the homepage menu. Also, beginning with this issue (November '17), the NCCT Newsletter will now be available online on the first day of every new month for those who would rather read it there. Just look for the new link at the bottom of the archive list each month. Your email copy will still be sent as usual if you prefer to read it that way. Another new feature is our monthly photo challenge called Best Shot. Each month, a new target area (metropark, nature preserve, botanical garden, etc.) will be chosen as the target and each member will then be challenged to go to that designated area during the upcoming month and take their best shot at winning this new monthly challenge. Each photographer will send just *one photo* (their best shot) to the webmaster before the deadline, which will be only a few days before the end of each month. All entries will then be posted (without any photographer identification) on the website on the Best Shot Contest page and all members can then vote for their favorite photo. The photographer(s) with the most votes will have their photo added to the Best Shot Album on that same page, a new target site will be announced, and the whole process will start over again for the new month. We are hoping for a high membership shooting participation rate and a very high voting participation rate. Please remember that this is your photo club/website. It will take the participation of each and every member to make this all work. So join in, speak up, participate, have a say. Speaking of which, we cannot emphasize enough that every photographer who has an album page, or has a photo posted elsewhere on the website, is the sole and total administrator of that content. If you want something changed – from a simple word in a caption, to a shuffle of the order of images in a slideshow, or an entire album removed, do not hesitate to let the webmaster know. No detail is too big or too small if it is your content. Your requests will usually be met within 24 hours of notification. And as always, thanks for your membership and for participating in your club.



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