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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

January, 2018

**DATE and TIME:** Sunday, January 14, 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 Best Shot contest at Side Cut MP or any nature photos.

**PROGRAM:** **Alaska Trip** by Don and Lynn Godfrey

Don and Lynn Godfrey will show pictures from their August 24 – September 2, 2017 trip to Alaska. The presentation will start with their flight from Detroit Metro to Seattle, WA, and then on to Fairbanks, Alaska. While there will be a few pictures of Fairbanks, most will be of their 5-day experience within Denali National Park, which is located about 120 miles south of Fairbanks, in south-central Alaska. It is home to the tallest peak in North America – Denali, which is the reinstated original name given to it by the native Athabaskan people of that region until it was renamed Mount McKinley, in honor of the 25th President of the U.S., for a number of decades.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Program:** NCNP Exhibit Walk-Thru by Bryce Denison  
**Date and Time:** Sunday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. **(Note earlier start time)**  
**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.

Bryce Denison, owner of Midwest Photography of SE Michigan, will conduct a gallery walk-thru and talk on his new NCNP exhibition, "*Flora of Central & North America*." The exhibit, which opens on January 5th and runs through March 30th, will be the follow up to his "*Fauna of Central & North America*" exhibit from a few years back. Please join us for a rare chance to get a first-hand account of his south-of-the-border experiences, technical tips and tricks, or answers to any other questions you may have about this exhibition.

### NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Rich Irvin. To see some of Rich's other photos, just click on the homepage photo. New feature reminder – you can now access the current month's newsletter by simply clicking on the large Newsletter button located just below the homepage photo. No need to go hunting for it on the Newsletter page in the main menu any longer. Another feature is that whenever a photographer adds new photos to their photographer's page, the date of that addition will now appear behind their name in the Photo Gallery drop down menu. This should make it easier for returning visitors to keep track of content they haven't yet seen. Speaking of which, check out Charlene Patz' new album of extra shots from our inaugural Best Shot contest at Swan Creek MP. 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. Also, please check out, vote, and most importantly, participate in, our new Best Shot Contest, which also changes each and every month. See the Best Shot Contest tab on the homepage for details, current contest entries, and past Best Shot Contest winners.

## **January Best Shot Target Area**

The target area for January's Best Shot Contest will be our home base, Secor Metropark. If you can't find the time to visit at any other time during the month, simply bring your camera to our January 14th meeting and grab a few shots before or after the meeting. You'll have the nice, warm Secor Room waiting for you when you are finished (if you opt for the former). This will be somewhat of a repeat of our October meeting, which was the inspiration for our Best Shot Contest in the first place, just with a few less degrees Fahrenheit to work with.

## **NCCT Dues are Now Due**

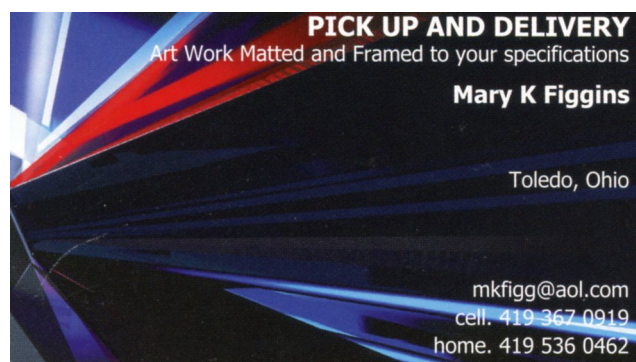
NCCT dues for 2018 are now due and payable to our treasurer Don Godfrey. You can pay in person at one of our monthly meetings, or mail them to 2535 Scottwood Ave, Toledo, OH, 43610. Ten dollars a year covers everyone – individuals or families. Please make checks payable to: Naturalists Camera Club of Toledo.

## **Club Elections to be Held at Our January Meeting**

NCCT leadership elections will be held at our January 14th meeting. If you would like to volunteer to help support our club with your involvement, it will be greatly appreciated. See the page footer below to peruse the positions available. All positions, filled or unfilled, are open to any member who wants to run. If you have any questions about what a position entails, just ask Bob Miller and he can fill you in on the details.

## **Metroparks to Begin Winter Travel Series this Month**

Once again this winter season, the Maumee Valley Adventurers, in conjunction with the Metroparks of Toledo, will be hosting a series of travelogue lectures at either the Ward Pavilion at Wildwood Metropark, or at the Lodge at Oak Openings Preserve. The presentations will all begin at 2:15, with an optional, preceding nature walk starting at 1 PM. The first presentation, "*Scenic Byways and Villages of France*," will be on Saturday, January 6th, at the Oak Openings Lodge. For a complete list of lecture titles and presenters, please visit the Metroparks website, which is linked on our NCCT website under the Links tab.



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