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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

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OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST
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February, 2018

- DATE and TIME:** Sunday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. (*Please note earlier start time*)
LOCATION: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.
HOST: Please do *NOT* bring a snack to share.
ASSIGNMENT: There is no assignment for this month. (See program description below.)
- PROGRAM:** 'Flora of Central & North America' Gallery Walk-Thru by Bryce Denison.

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 is now on display through March 30th, is the follow up to his "Fauna of Central & North America" exhibit from a few years back. Mr. Denison will then present an extended program on the exhibition in the Secor Room following the walk-thru. That presentation should end at around 4 p.m. Please join us for this unique, up-close-and-personal look at the photographer and his work. Please note: This program will begin at 1 p.m., not our usual start time of 2 p.m., and members can go directly to the gallery to meet up if they wish. Because of the time constraints of this program, there will be no assignment photo sharing and members do not need to bring a snack to share.

- NEXT MEETING:** **Program: Wintering Habits of Local Fauna** by various members of the NCCT.
Date and Time: Sunday, March 11, 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, including local fauna, you wish to share.

Have you ever wondered how our local furry, fuzzy and feathery friends survive our regional, sometimes brutal, winters? Do they leave? Do they stay? What do they eat? Or do they skip eating altogether and just sleep in? These questions and more will be answered by some of our NCCT members in short, informative presentations at our March meeting. While we are not certified wildlife experts by any means, we will try to hit the high spots of several local creature's wintering habits and pass that information along in a fun, hopefully educational, and at times zany look at the wondrous habits of our regional wildlife neighbors.

NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Debi Vollmar. To see Debi's album page, just click on the homepage photo. Don't forget – 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 any longer. Also, check out new album additions by club leader Bob Miller and club treasurer Don Godfrey. 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. Come on in and enjoy the fun!

February's Best Shot Target Area

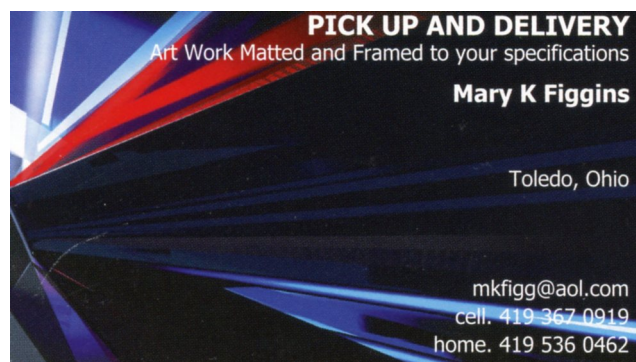
The target area for February's Best Shot Contest will be a combination of Farnsworth MP and Bend View/Canal Islands MP. These are generally in the same area just SW of Waterville, OH, along old U.S. 24. If you ever want to see an overview map of all of the local metroparks, just link to the Metroparks website through our website's Links page. Once on the Metroparks website just look for the Map tab on their homepage. Both of these metroparks are right on the banks of the Maumee River, so if the wooded areas are suffering from February dreariness or enough-already winter "blahs," there will be some river-related subject matter 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.

Metroparks to Link Secor MP and Wiregrass MP with a New Trail

The Metroparks of Toledo has given the go-ahead for construction of a nearly 2-mile trail that will connect Secor Metropark with Wiregrass Metropark in Spencer Township. The project will cost \$726,000, with a grant from Clean Ohio picking up 75% of those charges. This is the first leg of the grander plan of creating a 13-mile trail that will eventually connect Oak Openings Preserve in western Lucas County as well. The new 2-mile trail will be 12' wide in most places and have 10' wide sections of boardwalk to span sensitive wetland areas and is slated for completion by this summer.



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