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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

March, 2018

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: Pictures of local fauna or any nature photos you wish to share.

PROGRAM: **Wintering Habits of Local Fauna** by various members of the NCCT.

Have you ever wondered how our “nature neighbors” survive our regional, sometimes brutal, winters? No, I’m not talking about the nudist commune that lives at the end of the block. I’m talking about our furry, fuzzy, scaly, slithery, fauna friends. 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 marvelous habits of our regional wildlife neighbors.

NEXT MEETING: **Program: Local Flora Identification** by various members of the NCCT.
Date and Time: Sunday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.
Location: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.
Host: Please bring a snack to share.
Assignment: Photos of local flora or any nature photos you wish to share.

In conjunction with our March program, the members of the NCCT will seek to help identify difficult-to-name flowers and plant species of the region at our April meeting. If you have photographs of local flora you need assistance with in identifying, please bring them to our April meeting and we’ll see if we can help you figure them out. Conversely, if you have good resource material at hand (books, field guides, cell phone apps, etc.) that could help in identifying the lesser-known flowers and plants of the region, so please bring them along as well and we’ll all play plant detective for a couple of hours on April 8th. Another option is to just bring in some of your best flora photographs and share them with the group and give us a lesson in what we should have known already.

NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month’s homepage photo was provided by our fearless NCCT leader, Bob Miller. To see Bob’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 Bob Miller, Don Godfrey and new member Richard 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. Dive on in and enjoy the fun!

Best Shot Target Area for March

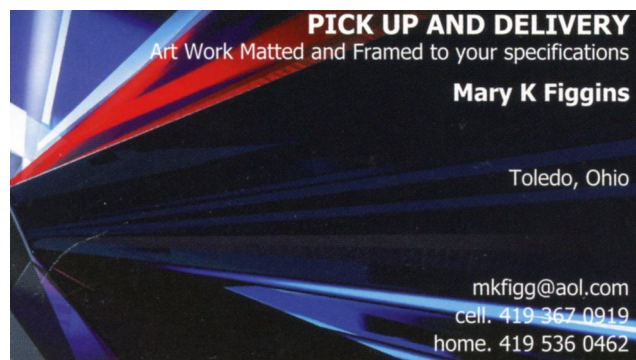
For the March Best Shot target area, we will daisy-chain several of our smaller, and in a couple of cases, newest nature areas, all of which are located in a basic north-south line in Western Lucas County. They are: Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserve, Wiregrass Lake Metropark, and Westwinds Metropark, which is located very near the airport. As always, check out the Map tab on the Metroparks website if you don't know exactly where these areas are located. You can link to it through our website's Links page.

The Green Ribbon Initiative Announces Digital Photo Contest

In conjunction with its annual Blue Week celebration, the GRI of the Oak Openings region has announced a digital-only photo contest to run from March, 1st, to April, 22nd, 2018. There will be 4 entry categories: *Oak Openings Native Plants*, *Oak Openings Wildlife*, *The Urban Oaks*, and *All Things Blue*. The contest is open to the public and will require a \$5.00 entry fee for each submission. Winners will be announced and nominal prizes awarded on May, 17th at the NCNP. For more details, link to the GRI website through our website's Links page. Once on the GRI website, click on the Events tab in the menu bar and then on Photo Contest.

Toledo City Council Turns TBG Ownership over to the Metroparks

Toledo City Council voted in late January to transfer ownership of Toledo Botanical Gardens, located in West Toledo, over to the Metroparks system of Toledo. This should clear the way for some much anticipated additions and upgrades to the W. Bancroft/Elmer Dr. site. Building improvements, more native landscaping, new trails and additional signage are just some of the drawing-board plans the Metroparks has in mind for the not-too-distant future. Improved marketing should also help to get the word out about the unique artistic and horticultural attributes found at the gardens.



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