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**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 by the leadership committee a few years back to suspend the May meeting for the foreseeable future. This is due to a 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 and we will see you in June.

**NEXT MEETING:**     **Program:** TBD  
                          **Date and Time:** June 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.  
                          **Location:** Secor Room, 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 2018 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.

### June 2018 newsletter and May Best Shot Contest Adjustments

I just wanted to give everyone a heads-up about a few changes coming up in the next few weeks. I, your humble newsletter editor and Best Shot Contest lever puller, Rich Irvin, will be on the road for the last full week in May and for a few days into June. This is going to necessitate a few changes to accommodate the June newsletter and the completion of the May BSC. As for the newsletter, our former NL editor, Mr. Bob Ellis, has graciously agreed to take over those duties for the month of June. Please help Bob out by sending him any newsy items you've been hiding under your mattress for the last several months that could provide interesting content for the newsletter. His email is: [rwetoledo09@gmail.com](mailto:rwetoledo09@gmail.com). As far as the May BSC is concerned, its completion will be delayed by about a week. I will send everyone an email at the end of the third week in May – just before I leave – detailing the May BSC entry deadline, as well as revealing the target area for the June BSC, so you can go ahead and get started a week early on that if you wish. See announcement below for the May BSC target area details. This will give everyone a little extra time to work on both the May and June Best Shot Contests if they find they need it. Hope all that makes sense and if not, just contact me through the website or via email and I will try to clear it up for you. Thanks.

### NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member, Bob Ellis. 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, the Schedule page has been updated for the remainder of 2018. Take a look to see a few of the upcoming events that are known at this time. There's still a lot of dates to fill in, but we'll keep working on those challenges one step at a time. Of particular interest is a summer outing at Kitty Todd

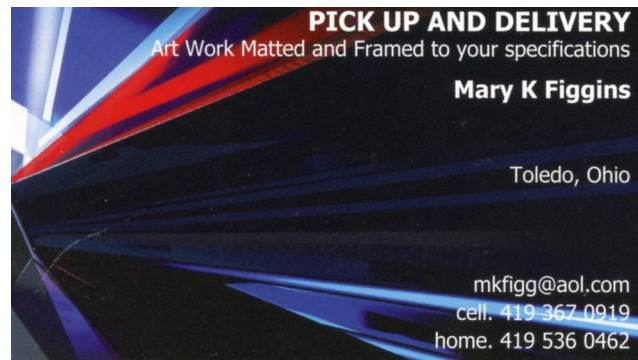
Nature Preserve in July with Todd Crail and a program on native Ohio bees coming up in October. Also, check out newly added Alaska album pictures by Don Godfrey in his Denali National Park album. Our website <http://www.naturalistcameraclub.weebly.com/> will change each month and all current NCCT members 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 May**

The Best Shot target area for May will be Wildwood Metropark in West Toledo. This is the Metroparks most visited park, year in and year out, so you can count on having lots of company as you scavenge the grounds for your best shot winner. As always, check out the Map tab on the Metroparks website if you don't know exactly where our Best Shot target areas are located. You can link to it through our website's Links page. Again, you will have several extra days into June to complete this month's BSC if you need the extra time.

## **Howard Marsh Metropark Now Open**

It's now official, as of April 28th, 2018, the 16th Toledo-area Metropark (and second largest by area), Howard Marsh, is now open for business and just in time for birding week, which runs from May 4-13. The park, located at 611 S. Howard Road in Curtice, OH, features some 6 miles of hiking trails – a quarter mile of which is of boardwalk construction over newly restored wetlands – as well as about 7 miles of kayaking canals for those so inclined. Two special docks with roller launch pads are available for launching kayaking paddlers and their equipment. See the Metroparks website for more details.



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