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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

July, 2018

- DATE and TIME:** Sunday, July 8, 2:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.  
**HOST:** Please bring a snack to share.  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Any macro photos of nature you wish to share.
- PROGRAM:** **Beginning Macro Photography** by Bob Miller.

Our fearless leader, Mr. Bob Miller, will present a program on the beginning aspects and basic principles of macro photography. If you've ever marveled at the jaw-dropping details found in many examples of macro photography, you will not want to miss this introductory program into the techniques of this specialized area of photography. Having a macro lens will not be a requirement, but if you do, please be sure to bring it to the meeting so you can get some hands on experience with your equipment.

- NEXT MEETING:** **Program:** Annual NCCT picnic.  
**Date and Time:** Sunday, August 12, 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Lone Oak picnic shelter at Secor MP (Not Walnut Grove this year).  
**Host:** Please bring a side dish to share.  
**Assignment:** Any photos depicting nature you wish to share (PRINTS ONLY).

As is our yearly custom, the main ingredients for the picnic – burgers, hotdogs, buns, drinks, ice, charcoal, paper plates, plasticware (especially forks), napkins, etc., will be provided. We just ask that all members bring along a side dish of some kind to make the feast appear bigger than it actually is.

### NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Mike Bohland. To see Mike's album page, just click on the homepage photo. Just a reminder – you can always access the current month's newsletter by simply clicking on the large Newsletter button located just below the homepage photo. Or, to re-read past "Chirpings" newsletters, just click on the Newsletter tab in the menu bar at the top of any website page. Also, check out the new Acadia National Park album that has been added by Rich Irvin. 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. Just let yourself go all crazy and jump in the fun!

### Best Shot Target Area for July

For the July Best Shot target area we will head southwest, down old State Route 24 (new SR 295) to Providence Metropark, which is just across the Maumee River from Grand Rapids, OH. This park is widely known for its iconic, water-powered grain/saw mill and re-habed canal boat trail. There is also access to

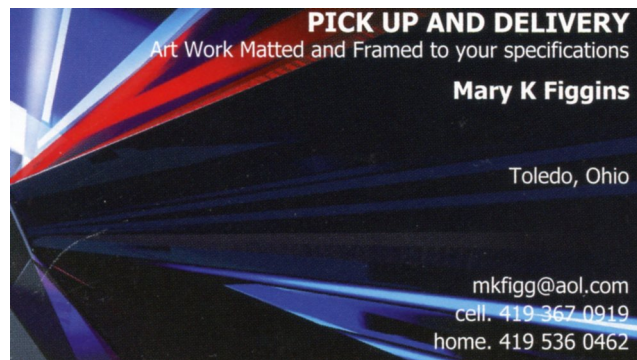
Providence Dam, which juts out across the Maumee River from the park and connects to Mary Jane Thurston Park on the other bank. Considering that Providence is somewhat of a smaller park, we'll throw in Bend View Metropark along with it, since we had no entries from that park when it was offered as an alternative back in February, when our main focus was on Farnsworth MP. Bend View is farther down river, about halfway between Grand Rapids and Waterville, OH.

## **Toledo Naturalists' Association Photo Contest in the Offing**

If you missed our June meeting, it was announced that the TNA, which, historically, is our parent organization, has invited our group to participate in a future photo contest at an "as yet to be determined" time. According to Jan Dixon of the TNA, the full plan and final details are still being worked out, but she will be in touch with our group when those details do become available. It is just mentioned here so you can start culling through your archives of nature shots, if you wish, or, better yet, go out and shoot something new in the "all things nature" photographic genre. Stay tuned here (and on the website) for those details when they are passed along.

## **Summer Outing at Kitty Todd Nature Preserve with Todd Crail**

Please don't forget our summer outing on July 22nd at Kitty Todd Nature Preserve located at 10420 Old State Line Road at 1 p.m. Todd Crail, of the Dept. of Environmental Sciences at the University of Toledo, will be leading our group on a wildflower shooting excursion, so bring your gear, especially a macro lens if you have one, and join us there for some awesome tips on a very popular subject for nature photographers everywhere.



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