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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

December, 2018

- DATE and TIME:** Sunday, December 9, 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 of nature you wish to share.
- PROGRAM:** "Plant It and They Will Come" by Jan Dixon

Jan Dixon, from the Toledo Naturalists' Association and Wild Ones, will share what she has learned about butterflies from her gardens and research at The Nature Conservancy's Kitty Todd Preserve. Discussion will center on native species and a few non-native species that will draw these beautiful insects into your yard and why that will work so well. Learn how you can help butterflies survive under increasingly difficult circumstances.

- NEXT MEETING:** **Program:** More about the Wonderful World of ISO by Bob Miller
Date and Time: Sunday, January 13, 2:00 p.m.
Location: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark.
Host: Please bring a snack to share.
Assignment: Any nature or travel photos you would like to share.

Our fearless leader and all-around good guy, Mr. Bob Miller, will expand upon his earlier program and take us even further into the depths of that mysterious world of ISO and all that "math stuff" that swirls around inside of photography. Leave your slide rules at home, Bob will make this challenging subject easy-peasy and you'll come away with renewed confidence, ready to apply this newly-found knowledge to your photography, your income tax returns, your lotto picks, or whatever other number crunching stuff you've got going on in your life. Results are not guaranteed and your mileage may vary.

NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

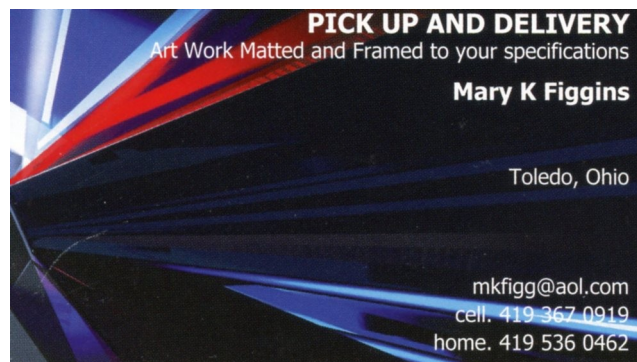
This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Frank Patz. Visit Frank's album page by clicking on his "Frosted Leaves" photo. Also check out our newest website page, "Our Best Shots," which replaces our now completed Best Shot Contest project. The November OBS gallery is now up and ready for any photos you took during the just completed 11th month, or you can always include archived shots from any Novembers past if you weren't able to get out during this one. In addition to that, you can now start shooting for the December OBS feature and get an early jump on everybody else for this new month we are now entering into. Just a note for anyone who has had the NCCT website training. If you add something new to the website, like a series of photographs or a new gallery on your photographer's page, please let me (Rich Irvin) know and I will give you a shout out right here on the hallowed pages of the good ol' Chirpings newsletter. Also, any current member who has a photo relative to the upcoming month, either new or archived, that they would like to see on the homepage, please don't be shy and let me know about it and we'll get it up there in the lead-off spotlight where it belongs. We are always interested in seeing your new work and want others to see it as well.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT OUR JANUARY MEETING

Just a heads up about our January meeting – in accordance with the NCCT bylaws, club leadership positions will be up for vote and will be retroactive to the start of the new year upon voting completion. All positions are open for election, whether currently filled or currently vacant. If you feel you can make a contribution to the club in one of the positions listed in the footing of this newsletter, please let Bob Miller know and he will get your name onto the ballot in time for voting. No previous experience is required.

OUR BEST SHOTS “RESULTS” PROPOSAL

At the November NCCT meeting it was proposed that the yearly culmination, or “payoff,” if you will, for the new “Our Best Shots” collaborative website feature could be an in-house photo exhibit. As an example of how this could work, let’s say that as a targeted completion date we pick the end of 2019. For the December meeting of that year (or the January, 2020 meeting, if the desire is to complete the full 2019 year), each NCCT member would be invited to bring from 1-3 *mounted and framed* images from their October ‘18 to “end of run” OBS entries date. The cost of these photo preparations would be the sole responsibility of the entrant and entries will not be judged in a beauty contest of any kind. Our goal in all of this is two-fold. The first is to get members up, out the door and shooting, just as it was in the Best Shot Contest. The second is to get some of our work, as photographers, printed and mounted and up on the walls of our homes instead of languishing away on cold, dark hard drives somewhere, forever and ever. Fewer and fewer people print and frame their work in this day and age, what with the advent of social media, cell-phone photo sharing and any number of other online digital portals, and we want to change that. Additionally, looking past our own little photo exhibit, maybe we could get it into a few local venues like Mary Figgins and Karen Pugh did for us with the BSC results. Sound workable? Let us know what you think and any other ideas that you might have for our new endeavor. We are always interested in what you have to say.



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