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## NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

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OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST  
AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

April, 2019

**DATE and TIME:** Sunday, April 14, 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 or amphibians you wish to share.

**PROGRAM:** **Michigan Frog and Toad Survey** by Larry Feldpausch.

Retired high school science teacher, Larry Feldpausch, will present a one-hour program on the frog and toad state of affairs in the local area. Mr. Feldpausch has an impressive teaching resume, both in Michigan and in Texas, where he began his teaching career after graduating from Michigan State University. He encourages open questioning during his presentation, much like the high school science classes you may remember from years gone by, so feel free to fire away whenever something inspires your inquisitive nature. He will also have a CD of recorded frog calls to play in the latter part of the program so that maybe we can learn how to identify some of the different species that inhabit our bioregion, and just in time for spring, we might add.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Program:** There will be no meeting in May in observance of Mother's Day.  
**Date and Time:** N/A  
**Location:** N/A  
**Host:** N/A  
**Assignment:** Enjoy the day with your mom (if an option). You are her world.

### NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Joanna Willis. Visit Joanna's album page by clicking on her "Crayfish" photo. Also, check out our newest website page, "Our Best Shots," which replaces our now completed "Best Shot Contest" calendar project. The March OBS gallery is now up and ready for any photos you took during this past month, or you can always include archived shots from any March in the past if you weren't able to get out during this one. For our remote members (AZ, NY, CO), we'd love to see what's going on in your neck of the woods for March as well. Other members who have added new photos to the website this month include: Mary Figgins (Florida pictures) and Jon Dunn (new wildlife album pictures and an Our Best Shot photo). Frank Patz and Rich Irvin have added OBS photos for March as well. Check 'em out.

### Local Photo Exhibit to Open this Week

The Photo Arts Club of Toledo (PAC) will present its 33rd annual photo exhibition with a reception and first exhibit showing on Friday, April 5th from 6-8 p.m. in the National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark. This is a free public event and light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will continue through Saturday, June 1st, 2019, with viewings available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/>.

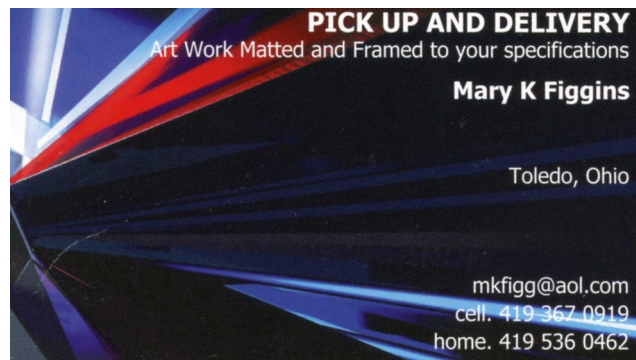
## Toledo Metroparks News Bits and Updates

As of this moment there are several ongoing projects in the Metropark system that are of noteworthy value to the NCCT. First, names have been chosen for the two newest metroparks. The one that will run along the east bank of the Maumee River, immediately across from the downtown area, will be called Glass City Metropark. The first phase of construction is expected this year, with completion sometime in 2020.

The new wildlife area in what is known as the North River neighborhood (bounded roughly by E. Manhattan, Suder Ave, New York Ave and N. Summit Street) will be called Manhattan Marsh Preserve. Adding the word "preserve" to the name will allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Ohio EPA to have the authority to enforce restrictions on future use of the property, which will ensure that it be maintained as a natural area preserve, with limited passive recreational use (i.e. hiking trails, yes; picnic areas and ball fields, probably not), for as long as the designation remains in effect.

The Cannaley Treehouse Village near Swanton is progressing right on pace for an opening later this year. The privately-funded project will feature 4 rentable treehouses (a 6-person, a 4-person and two 2-person treehouses), plus 3 tent platforms for overnight camping in the trees, one with hammock accommodations. There will also be a 49-person common treehouse available for daytime rental for groups and organizations. The center piece will be a tower and crow's nest that will support suspension bridges to each of the tent camping platforms as well as to the common treehouse.

The acquisition of most of the property that was formerly the Anderson family farm on Holland-Sylvania Road, just south of Airport Hwy, is progressing faster than first anticipated. Originally set to be optioned in 2026, the sight is already underway to be returned to a natural area and at some point in the future to be used as a parkland. In the interim, another piece of the property, known as the Brookwood Area, which included the Anderson family home, is now under Metropark management and can be reserved for private functions and special events. Visit the Metroparks website for more information.



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