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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

February, 2020

**DATE and TIME:** Sunday, February 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 winter you wish to share.

**PROGRAM:** **How to Photograph Pictures During Winter** by Lynn Godfrey and NCCT members.

Led by NCCT member Lynn Godfrey and supported by other NCCT members, we will present brief topics on how to shoot effectively in the frigid season – winter. Topics will range from the technical (camera metering challenges, equipment protection, focusing problems, etc.) to the sublime (winter photography ideas, getting outside to take a photo, etc.). There may be a few Youtube videos thrown in for visual instruction and motivating ideas. Regardless, this should be very timely seeing that we may be about to break this winter's thaw (AKA January) and head back to reality for a while. If you are an NCCT member, look for an email from Bob Miller listing the topics you can pick a topic from.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Program:** TBD  
**Date and Time:** Sunday, March 8 at 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 photos you would like to share.

### NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's homepage photo was provided by NCCT member Nancy Miller. To visit Nancy's album page, simply click on the homepage photo. Also new this month are new submissions in the Our Best Shots/January album by Lee Meserve, Frank Patz, Charlene Patz, Don Godfrey, Rich Irvin and Jon Dunn. Also, check out new photos in Don Godfrey's Norway and Alaska albums and Jon Dunn's wildlife album. Remember, we'd love to see your work on the website, especially on the Our Best Shots page. It can be from any source you care to choose, either new work or archived, it really doesn't matter. This is your nature photography showcase to use however you see fit, so get your gear out and let's see what you can bring back from the wilds of northwest Ohio and southern Michigan.

### Photo Arts Club Contest and Exhibit Announced

The 34th annual Photo Arts Club of Toledo contest and exhibition has been announced for 2020. This year's exhibit will be held at the National Center of Nature Photography at Secor Metropark from April 3, 2020 through May 30, 2020. A free and public reception for the show will be held at the same location on Friday, April 3rd from 6-8p. The show can then be viewed on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon-6p through May 30th. There are 7 categories to enter your photos into this year, plus a special Oak Openings Region category sponsored by the Toledo Metroparks. Entries will be accepted from 2/10/20 – 3/21/20. For drop off locations and entry fees, please use this link. <https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/annual-contest-2020.html>

## Area Nature and Photo Events of Note

NCCT member Joanna Willis has sent along the following information on area events and seminars.

The *Ohio Natural History Conference 2020 – Physiographic Tour – Northwestern Ohio – Glaciated Lake Plain* will be presented at the Toledo Zoo on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 9a-4p at the Malawi Event Center. Joanna hopes to secure a table at the conference to represent both the NCCT and the Black Swamp Nature Journal Club by passing out info and answering questions about each group. There is a registration fee for this event if you'd like to attend. There are also a couple of associated (free) field trips on February 28th involved. See this link for more details.

<https://ohiobiologicalsurvey.regfox.com/ohio-natural-history-conference-2020>

The Toledo Zoo *Orchid Show* will be held at the ProMedica Museum of Natural History and Aquarium from February 7-23, 2020 (10a-4p daily). The show is free with zoo admission, but a special fee is applied to some events, including a couple of photography workshops on Feb. 9th and Feb. 16th. There is also several tech talks and home gardening seminars during the show's run and a plant sale on Feb. 24th. See this link for more details.

<https://www.toledozoo.org/orchidshow>

## 7 Ways to Immediately Improve Your Photography (Part 7)

### Learn about weather

Weather defines and shapes the out-of-doors in so many ways that it's easy to imagine how much it can influence a natural landscape photograph. It's not uncommon for outdoor photographers to find themselves in a weather or lighting situations where they are caught off guard and somewhat unprepared. That's why when nature photographers know how weather works they are more likely to harness those conditions and use it to their creative advantage. To harness weather to the best of your ability, you need to know about weather conditions and what types of photos would be good for each. For example, dreary, foggy weather in the winter would probably be great for black and white photography. Clearing storms during a lower-angled sun can provide a great opportunity to capture a rainbow in your landscapes. Clouds can also act as a great natural light diffuser in conditions that otherwise would be too harsh or contrasty in direct sunlight. Not only will your knowledge of weather yield more professional photographs, but you'll gain a better appreciation for the varying climates of the places you visit. There's certainly a lot to be mindful of when you're constructing a photograph in the field. However, if you commit to learning and knowing weather, your photography can improve markedly.

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