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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

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May, 2020

DATE and TIME: Sunday, May 10, (MEETING CANCELED DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY)
LOCATION: N/A.
HOST: N/A.
ASSIGNMENT: Enjoy Mother's Day with your mom (if it's safe).

PROGRAM: (COVID-19 Update Concerning the NCCT)

Happily, things have brightened somewhat since the April newsletter, if only for the fact that we inch ever closer to some sort of resolution to this pandemic nightmare every day that we continue to practice good anti-coronavirus habits. The numbers are starting to plateau (and ever trend downward) in some areas around us, while still continuing to climb in others. What exactly that could portend for our June meeting (see details below) really hinges on so many questions that have not yet begun to be answered. My gut feeling is that mass gatherings – like sporting events, movie theaters, restaurants and zoo re-openings, will still be a no-go in mid-June. I'm hoping I'm wrong, so I've gone ahead and posted the June meeting plan in the next paragraph. Just be aware that this could change in the weeks or even days ahead of this planned event. We will have a more accurate and detailed update in the June newsletter, so stay tuned for that.

NEXT MEETING: **Program:** Remote meeting with Toledo Zoo photographer, Corey Wyckoff.
Date and Time: June 14, 2020, at 2 p.m.
Location: Toledo Zoo
Host: N/A
Assignment: There will be no assignments for June. (Please see paragraph above).

NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's home page photo was provided by NCCT member Lee Meserve. To visit Lee's album page, simply click on the home page photo. Also new this month are submissions to the Our Best Shots/April album by Jon Dunn, Don Godfrey, Lynn Godfrey, Frank Patz, Charlene Patz and Rich Irvin. Also, check out new photos in Jon Dunn's wildlife album and Don Godfrey's Alaska 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.

NCCT Dues are Now Due (FINAL NOTICE)

NCCT dues for 2020 are now due and payable to our treasurer, Don Godfrey. You can pay in person at one of our monthly meetings, or mail them directly to 2535 Scottwood Ave, Toledo, OH, 43610. Ten dollars a year covers everyone – individuals or families. Please make checks payable to: Naturalists' Camera Club of Toledo. Thank you for your continued support of the NCCT.

Pandemic Info on Events, Cancellations, and Postponements

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is holding an ongoing “Then and Now” Photography Challenge to help keep local photographers active during this time of pandemic shut down. Basically, they are asking people to send in contemporary views of nearby natural settings to be added to the Community Photo Album, which is hosted by the Local History and Genealogy Department at the main library. If you feel you’d like to contribute, would like more information, or would just like to view some of the collection’s photos, see the link below.

https://www.toledolibrary.org/blog/then-and-now-photography-challenge-week-3-of-social-distancing?fbclid=IwAR0yWLTyMm9fNwvJwkVVDH4orBibsO6C_XD2CRMHP8tmlmKiZQ8YXKWMjXg

The 34th annual Photo Arts Club of Toledo contest and exhibition has been postponed until all Metropark facilities reopen at a yet-to-be-determined date. All photo submissions turned in so far will continue to be held until that date is known and the submissions deadline for new entries will then be extended to one week after the opening of all those Metropark facilities. See the link below for more details.

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/annual-contest-2020.html>

Blue Week 2020 is still set for May 11-17, 2020, all around the local Oak Openings area, but, in communications with Green Ribbon Initiative Program Director, Ashlee Decker, this year will be vastly different from years gone by. For one thing, all programs during the week will be moved to remote conferencing platforms like Zoom and Facebook. Blue Week event awards will be mailed this year instead of presented in person at an awards program. Also, the annual Blue Week photo contest deadline has been pushed back one week to May 18th, which, according to Ashlee, “(will give local photographers) more time to capture Spring blooms and get much needed sunshine and recreation during these strange times.” So, if you are somewhat tech savvy and want to tune in to events and presentations during Blue Week, please see the special link set up on the Schedule page of the NCCT website, which will link you to a complete Blue Week breakdown presented as a communications package PDF that Ashlee so graciously shared with the club. You can also find a slimmed-down version of the full communications package release at the following link, if you prefer:

<https://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week/>

National Birding Week, traditionally held in the local area the second week of May – especially at Magee Marsh and along the southern shores of Lake Erie – has been canceled for 2020. Find more at the following link.

<https://www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com/>

Evergreen Lake Area Trail Closings

In a continuing effort to clear old-growth pine tree stands in the Oak Openings Preserve region, the Metroparks resumed the harvesting of these transplanted giants this past winter and that will continue into the foreseeable future. The current area of focus is the Evergreen Lake area and it’s important to note that trails and various sections of the conifer forest will be closed during this period so work can continue without risk to visitor’s safety. See the link below for an aerial map of the effected trails.

https://metroparkstoledo.com/media/4567/trailclosuresandroutess_phase1b_public.pdf

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