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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

Our Mission:
TO MAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST
AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

APRIL, 2010

DATE and TIME: **Sunday, April 11, 2:00 P.M.**
LOCATION: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark
HOST: Vi Blanton
ASSIGNMENT: Feathered Critters
PROGRAM: **Nature's Nursery**

Join Nature's Nursery for an opportunity to learn about wildlife rehabilitation in Northwest Ohio. Hear about the challenges local wildlife faces in our developing region and meet some non-releasable animals up close and personal.

The mission of Nature's Nursery is to improve the well-being of Northwest Ohio wildlife populations and habitat through public education and rehabilitation of injured, ailing, and orphaned wildlife with emphasis on coexistence. For more info, check out their website at: www.natures-nursery.org

There will be an opportunity for photos of the birds and animals following the meeting, so bring your camera and your family.

NEXT MONTH: Sunday, May 9, 2:00 P.M.
Host: Open
Assignment: Touch of Spring
Program: "Insect and Flower Relationships" by Roger Sutherland

New Exhibit Opening in the Gallery

The National Center for Nature Photography is pleased to announce a new exhibit opening Saturday May 8, 2010 - "Last Stand: America's Virgin Lands" is a traveling National Geographic Museum exhibition featuring unique images that document and capture the essence of America's endangered wilderness areas. The 57 works are drawn from a National Geographic book of the same name by award winning photographer Annie Griffiths Belt and noted author Barbara Kingsolver. The exhibit is free and open to the public during NCNP open hours and by other arrangement through Sunday August 29, 2010.

Members of the NCCT are invited to the exhibit opening reception on Friday May 7th from 5 to 8 p.m. so please save the date.

MEETING CHANGE

There is a schedule conflict with our meeting room on June 13th, July 11th and August 8th. We will meet in the Gallery at the National Center for Nature Photography those days instead of the Secor Room.

Photo Opportunities in our area

The International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) is on Saturday May 8th and is always a big event at the Ottawa Wildlife Refuge. Additional info is available at their website: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/ottawa/>

The refuge offers a monthly auto tour, weather permitting. Travel 7 miles through normally closed areas of the refuge. Be sure to pick up an auto tour guide at the beginning of the route. Auto tour guides are updated monthly and tell you where to look for recent sightings.

The gate is open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Travel the route at your own pace. The exit gate closes at 5:30 p.m.

OLD SLIDES by Jim Hagan

If you are like me, over the years you have accumulated a huge number of slides – most of which you have not looked at in years. What should you do with them? I just went through all my slides and suggest the following:

1. Vacation slides – *get rid of most of them*. Keep just those slides that are part of a story or program and those, which include family members. And keep those slides which are “great” i.e. they are properly exposed, sharp, have a lot of interest. Get rid of all the rest – no one will want to look at them especially if you can’t remember where they were taken.
2. Nature or general slides – *get rid of most of them*. If you are like me you often have 3 or 4 shots of the same subject. Keep only your “best” photos.
3. Family slides – *get rid of most of them*. You don’t need 15 photos of Susie at her 4th birthday party. And you don’t need photos of the neighbor kids who you can no longer identify.

I just finished going through all my slides. Of perhaps 3000 slides, I have kept about 600 with 300 being family photos and 300 of other subjects. Taylor Photo will copy these slides and give you a CD with all of your photos in JPEG format in both a large and small file size. I will make CD’s of the family photos (using the small JPEG file size) and give copies to relatives. The general photos I will use to enter in photo contest, to make prints and to show on my computer. Taylor will copy your slides at a cost of 50 cents each plus a \$10 fee for each CD. For \$300 I have been able to give copies of family photos to relatives and to enjoy my “better” photos that have been buried in a photographic morass.

Work on your slides now. If you pass away no one will want to sort through them and they will all be thrown out. Moreover, in time we may no longer have the technology to copy slides. So, do it now. Let me know if you want to use my slide sorters – Jim Hagan @ buckeye-express.com.

Web Sites

Check out our Web Site: www.naturalistcameraclub.com
National Center for Nature Photography: <http://www.naturephotocenter.com>
Toledo Naturalists’ Association: <http://www.toledonaturalist.com>