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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

December, 2011

DATE and TIME: Sunday, December 11, 2:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark
HOST: Bring Holiday Treats to Share
ASSIGNMENT: Your Best Winter Images
PROGRAM: **Larry Low, The Wonders of Frozen Water**

Winter offers a great opportunity to photograph ice, frost and snow. Join us as Larry Low shares a short background on snow crystals and snow crystal photography. Learn some of the techniques and equipment he uses and see a few of his snow crystal images. He'll follow with techniques and images of frost on plants and windows.

To keep with the theme of frost and snow, our assignment for this meeting is: Your Best Winter Images.

Worried that we may not have enough snow this year to try your hand at snow crystal photos? If you'd like to see what the future holds for us this winter, here's the outlook for Winter 2011-2012 from our National Weather Service. Click on the individual maps for a more detailed view.

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20111020_winteroutlook.html

Before our meeting, we'll have a short Leadership Meeting to plan for 2012.

NEXT MONTH: Date and Time: **Sunday, January 8, 2:00 P.M.** Secor Room at Secor Metropark
Host: Open
Assignment: Images that demonstrate exposure
Program: Bob Miller, Exploring the Basics of Exposure

Reminders

- **Dues are Due January 1st:** As we approach 2012, remember that our memberships run for the calendar year and all dues are payable on January 1st. Individual Membership is \$10.00 and a Family Membership is \$15.00. The only exception is for those new members who joined after July 1st. You can bring your dues to our meetings or drop it in the mail to: Roger Sutherland, 5488 Warren Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Make your check payable to Roger Sutherland.
- **Club Officers:** If you're interested in being part of the leadership of our club, let us know at one of our next meetings.
- **Host:** We generally have light refreshments at our meeting and if you're interested in providing refreshments we'll have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting.
- **Presentations:** We still have a few meetings open for 2012. If you know someone who would be a good presenter or if you are interested please let us know. You can drop us a note at NaturalistCameraClub@gmail.com

The Missing Bowl Caper

Several months ago, Adele brought cookies to one of our meetings in a gold colored metal bowl. Adele wasn't able to stay for the meeting so she left.....and we haven't been able to locate the bowl. If you know where the missing bowl is, would you kindly see that it is returned to Adele. The bowl was gold and about 13" in diameter. It was flower shaped with large petals 1 inch from the edge curving up about 3" or a little more.

Thoughts on our Club

Every organization needs a purpose and our mission statement explains our purpose very well. As we approach the end of our 50th Anniversary Year, stop for a moment and ask yourself:

- Is our club fulfilling its' mission to make the photographer a better naturalist and the naturalist a better photographer?
- If you were looking for a camera club that focused on nature, would you choose our club?
- If one of your friends wanted a camera club so they could learn how to take better nature photos, would you recommend our club?
- Are we doing the right things to survive another 50 years?

Failure to Change....

All of us think of Kodak as a great powerhouse in photography. Perhaps you were able to attend the outstanding workshops the Kodak Ambassadors presented in Toledo several years ago. As things change, this once great powerhouse in the photography world is now facing financial challenges. If you've read the financial news, this 119 year old company may not survive another year. Their once great stock (EK) is trading near \$1.00 a share. It seems they were a bit reluctant to change and embrace the transition to digital imaging.

Photo Opportunities

If you're looking for something to do this winter, check out our Toledo Metroparks "What to Do" web page at: <http://www.metroparkstoledo.com/metro/whattodo/>

The New York Institute of Photography has short articles available with helpful tips for winter photography. Here's one you can check out: <http://www.nyip.com/ezine/outdoors/snow.html>

2011 Celebrating Nature thru Photography Contest

Congratulations to our members who received awards in this contest. Thank You for representing our club and photography so well. Our award winning members are: Fred Drotar, Clay Gyde, Jim Hagan, Frank Patz and Doug Sweet.

Bringing in the greens



Web Sites

Check out our Web Site: www.naturalistcameraclub.com

E-mail: naturalistcameraclub@gmail.com

National Center for Nature Photography: <http://www.naturephotocenter.com>

Toledo Naturalists' Association: <http://www.toledonaturalist.com>