

The Wilderness Center Nature Photo Club 19th Annual Foto Fest

The 2012 Foto Fest will be held at the Wilderness Center on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, 2012. The exhibition will be for prints only. The Foto Fest's goal is to showcase outstanding nature photography for the general public's enjoyment.

Who can enter?	Anyone of any age may enter.	
Who is judging?	The general public will review the exhibit and will do the judging through ballots given out at the door from 9 AM to 4:30 PM Saturday, and 1 PM to 4:30 PM Sunday.	
What are the awards?	Certificates and Ribbons will be awarded in each category (monetary for 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd). First place winners will be displayed at TWC for a month and may be picked up after June 10, 2012.	
Categories?	No Man-Made Objects	May Include Man-Made Objects
	General Nature Landscapes Wildflowers Wildlife – no captive animals	Animals (domestic or captive) Birds (wild or domestic) Domestic Flowers Insects & Spiders Pictorial (scenic) Anything Goes
	Youth (younger than 17) Category: The subjects of the photos can be from any of the above categories – mark "Youth" for category on entry form.	

Winners will be announced and awards will be given out at the **Nature Photo Club meeting, Saturday, May 5 at 9:30AM**. All entrants are invited to attend this meeting. All prints, except first place winners, may be picked up at this time or at The Wilderness Center the week following the awards meeting. Prints will be returned by mail **only** if a self-addressed mailer with proper postage is provided.

Entries will be accepted up to 4:30 PM on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at The Wilderness Center. **Prints received after deadline, whether by mail or in person, may not be entered in the FOTO FEST.** Bing prints, entry form (on back) and payment to the Wilderness Center between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm on April 14 or:

By April 13, in mail or in person to
The Wilderness Center
 Foto Fest 2012
 The Wilderness Center
 P. O. Box 202
 Wilmot, Oh 44689-0202

By April 12, in person to the Starks Park at
Exploration Gateway and Education Department Front Desk (not the Library):
 5712 12th St. NW
 Canton, OH 44708

Package the prints, entry form and payment for safe and easy handling.

For further information contact: Mike Brugger, 330-466-0114, mfbphoto@gmail.com

RULES

- ❖ Neatly print name, address, phone number, title of print and category entered on the entry form.
- ❖ On the back of the photograph, put the name and address of entrant and **photograph TITLE**. **Untitled prints will not be accepted.**
- ❖ Fee is \$4.00 per photo, no limit. \$2.00 for Youth Category, no limit.
- ❖ All prints must be mounted on matting board. Be sure that tape holds well.
- ❖ No framed prints will be accepted.
- ❖ The **smallest image** permitted is 80 square inches of print (**excluding matting**), e.g. 8 x 10.
- ❖ The **largest print** permitted 16" x 20" (**including matting**).
- ❖ No names may appear on front of print.
- ❖ First Place winners will be displayed at The Wilderness Center for the month following the award presentations.
- ❖ **The Foto Fest Committee reserves the right to reclassify or reject any entry.**
- ❖ Neither The Nature Photo Club nor the Wilderness Center is responsible for any damage to material submitted.

19th Annual Nature Photo Club FOTO FEST Entry Form

Name _____	Check Here If Youth
Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	
Phone _____ Email (Optional) _____	

Title	Category	Entry No.	Fee Paid

For more entries use second sheet

Fees per photo: Adults - \$4 and youth - \$2. Make Checks out to 'TWC Nature Photo Club'

Note: Entries that have not been picked up by July 1, 2012 will NOT be the responsibility of The Wilderness Center or the Nature Photo Club.

Note: Minor alterations of a single image (e.g. 'red eye', cropping, levels, sharpening, creating mono-color print, dodge/burn, etc.) via computer hardware/software means are acceptable for all categories.

Man-made means anything artificial that appears in the photograph that has been made by people, e.g. a bridge, road, house, automobile, fence, etc.

Category Definitions:

- Animals: Domestic or Captive** Animals in a zoo (including normally wild animals that are on display on ranches or at "The Wilds or similar facilities, farm animals or house pets. **(Man-made allowed)**)

- Birds:** Any photo that contains a domestic or wild bird or birds. **(Man-made allowed)**

- Domestic Flowers:** Any flower or plant that has been cultivated. This includes any flower or plant normally found in the wild that have been replanted or refined. **(Man-made allowed)**

- Insect & Spiders:** Beetles, Bugs, Spiders, Caterpillars, Moths, Butterflies. **(Man-made allowed)**

- Pictorial (Scenic):** A scenic view of the Natural World. **(Man-made allowed)**

- Youth:** This is a separate category for kids who are younger than 17. The photos may be of anything from the above categories. They will be judged separately and not into the other individual categories. This is a TOTAL CATEGORY and will include ONE set of awards. 1st 2nd, 3rd & Honorable Mention. **(Man-made allowed)**

- Anything Goes:** Photos with major manipulation, e.g. merging different photos, multiple images of the same photo, etc. **(Man-made allowed)**

- General Nature:** Photos of nature that DO NOT FIT into the other 'No man-made' categories. **(No man-made allowed)**

- Landscapes:** A scenic view of the Natural World. **(No man-made allowed)**

- Wildflowers:** Flowers found in the wild. If the plant or flower has been cultivated, it must be entered in another category. **(No man-made allowed)**

- Wildlife:** Animals, other than birds, encountered in the wild. Must not be a wild animal in captivity. **(No man-made allowed)**
