



PHOTO-NAT NEWSLETTER

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Spring is here. No more ice and snow. Flowers are coming up, birds are coming back from the south, building their nests, farmers are on their fields, getting warmer weather. Time to get out with our cameras for sure.

Tonight we welcome Bev McConnell and look forward to her presentation on Omega Park. Bev has been a long-time member of Photo-Nat and as you will see is a wonderful photographer. Thanks Bev!

DUES ARE DUE Membership fees are \$20.00 each or \$30.00 a couple.

Thank You Tony for keeping our website up and running for us. If you are a member, there is lots of room for you to share your photos on the photo gallery. See Tony or look on our website for details. He also keeps you posted on what's going on. Eg. When we had to cancel due to bad weather, it was posted on the web. Thinking ahead, I have decided to send around a form for you to sign giving me your e-mail address and whether or not you have internet. That way I can compile a list of those I need to call if I need to. I will give Tony that information also so that he can send out e-mails if he needs to. Hope this will simplify things. But feel free to call us at 613-477-1155.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 27th Terry Carpenter will be doing a mini workshop on 'Macro Photography' and will also bring along a slideshow or two to share.
- June 24th Aubrey Johnson's presentation which was cancelled due to bad weather in January.
- July & August NO MEETINGS Can't get our room at Loyalist. Will be planning outings instead.
- Sept. 30th Lonny Hildebrand

OUTINGS

Sat. May 9th Wildflowers plus whatever else we can find. We are going to the property of Mike & Carolyn Russell at 1747 Rednersville Road, (just across the Bay bridge in Belleville, turn right) It will be a ways down. Look for the sign 'Dovetail Woodcrafts' on the south side of the road. That's the place!! Please meet us there at 9:30 a.m. Plans are for Carolyn to take us on a nature walk on their property of about fifty acres. They have trails in their woods, a cabin, pond, and much more. **Wear boots.** There could be some wet spots. And bring your macro lens if you have one for photos of wildflowers which should be just about perfect that weekend. Oh! Bring along carrot or banana peelings, or anything but not citrus. **And** there's a cabin where we could have a picnic lunch. So if you wish to stay on into the afternoon, bring a lunch with you. We're hoping for good weather BUT if it should happen to be raining, it will be cancelled.

Sat./Sun. June 6th & 7th Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory, Niagara Falls, at 2405 Niagara River Parkway (along the river) on the grounds of the Botanical Gardens beside the floral clock. This is the home to some 2000 free-flying butterflies and more than 40 butterfly species can be observed. Admission \$11.00 according to the 2008 Tour Book.

It opens at 9:00 a.m and closes at 5:00 p.m. Because you are at the Botanical Gardens, you may want to photograph flowers as well. Also the area has many waterfalls to photograph plus vineyards etc. etc. Hope you will enjoy your weekend. Look for each other on Saturday. You can plan from there to get together for meals etc. if you wish.

Sat. July 25th & Sat. Aug. 22nd To be decided. Any ideas? Let us know.

Oct. 2nd, 3rd, & 4th **Algonquin Park Weekend**

Mark these dates on your calendars. Details will follow as time gets closer. Think ahead. Book accommodations now. It is a very busy time of year for tourists there.

Library Show December 10th-31st Opening Reception Saturday December 12th, 2-4 p.m.

Guidelines are ready for you. A sign-up sheet is being circulated. I need to know if you plan to participate. The number of participants will ultimately show us how many photos you can put in the show. For now we are saying only one. Will let you know if that changes.

In order for me to comply to library timelines given by the curator, it is really important that you keep my timelines. Please help keep me on schedule. Thanks!

Along with the info form you may send along a little resume telling about yourself and your work. The curator puts these in a book. If visitors ask about the artist, she can look it up. This is not a must do, only if you wish. I will also give you a form to attach to the back of your photograph at the October meeting.

THERE ARE SEVERAL SIGN-UP SHEETS TONIGHT. Please check them all. Thanks!

Beth ☺