

# The Wilderness Center Nature Photo Club

The March 23, 2019 meeting was called to order at 9:32 by President Dan Lux. There were 47 counted in attendance, but only 45 signed in, of which were 32 members and 13 visitors.



Minutes of the February 23, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

## Treasurer's report from February was approved.

Checking Account	\$1958.52
Certificate of Deposit	\$2206.43
Petty Cash	\$18.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4182.95</b>

## Photo Contests

Ed Jevic provided informative brochures/entry forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Merging Hearts Photo Club photo contest. Photo submittal starts 8/25, judging is 8/31, and the awards ceremony is 9/1/2019.

## Business

- Dan Lux stated all monthly meeting programs are now in place for this year, although some speaker bio's and presentation descriptions are not yet available.
- Lora Davis and Jordan Kercheff requested help with Foto Fest. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated resulting in the required help is now in place. The current volunteer sign-up sheet will soon be posted on the TWCNPC website "members" tab.
- Lora Davis addressed the need to invest approximately \$400.00 in photo display hardware to be used on TWC hallway wall to display winning photos from Foto Fest. Currently available hardware provided by TWC for our use is a cumbersome incompatible mixture of parts. Bryan Leaman made the motion to approve and Rita Boyd seconded the motion; to further research available products, consult with TWC for possible cost offset opportunities, and ultimately spend no more than the estimated \$400. The motion carried w/o objection.
- Rich Patrick provided detailed instructions for preparing photos being submitted to him for the multi-media presentation portion of the Foto Fest Awards ceremony. This info is also on the Club website.
- Pam & Eric Fitch are currently displaying their photos on the Club bulletin board until June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Photo topic

This month the photo topic assignment was "Insects and Spiders". 11 photos were submitted. Photo number 9 by Paul Keske was selected as the winner of this month's photo topic.

## Program

Speaker Danae Wolfe used macro photography to reveal the world of insects and spiders, along with an emphasis on the need for their conservation. She shared how to obtain close-up and macro photographs using reverse lens mounting, extension tubes, and macro lenses. She also explained the issues associated with each technique such as deep of field, lighting, and background fill. Other considerations affecting macro photography are camera stability, and to know the insects' behavior.

Special thanks to Suzie and Dan Lux for providing the refreshments for today's meeting!!

## Next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

The next two months' meetings will be devoted to the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Foto Fest event (April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>), followed by the Awards Ceremony on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The regular Club meeting format will return on June 22, 2019 when there will a presentation by Paul Keske and Jim Orchard concerning the fundamentals of digital post-processing.

Submitted by:



Jordan Kercheff  
Secretary