

## The Wilderness Center Nature Photo Club



The February 26, 2022, meeting was called to order at 9:30 by vice-president Dan Lux. There were 25 in attendance including 2 visitors.

Tiffany, who works with marketing, promotions and fundraising for The Wilderness Center, greeted the club and shared their desire to coordinate Nature Fest with our Fotofest Photography Contest.

Dan thanked Marla Neiss for providing refreshments and asked for additional volunteers to fill in a few openings for refreshments and providing the bulletin board display. Shirley Weyrauch is providing the bulletin board this month and Jack Perry is signed up for next month.

The March program will be An Overview of the Edit Module in Lightroom, by Paul Keske. Paul will also be conducting a 9-week Photoshop course at the Kroc Center in Ashland beginning March 1 at 5:30 p.m.

The Astronomy Club of TWC will be presenting 5 sessions on photographing the night sky for a nominal fee.

The shooting topic for March will be “Minimalist”.

Minutes of the January, 22, 2022, meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Checking Account 1,163.80

Certificate of Deposit 2,293.26

Petty Cash 20.00

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**Total 3,477.06**

Lora Davis reported that Fotofest will be held June 4-5, with take-in on May 21-22 after the scheduled meeting. After discussing the presentation ideas with The Wilderness Center, it was decided that additional cork-board strips will be added on the walls and the wire system presented will be used for 1 wall and the room divider. TWC is applying for grant money to help with the costs of the changes.

Lora further shared that the barn where the club has been storing the old photo display boards is being sold, so it's likely we'll need to find temporary storage at least until after Fotofest.

The Wilderness Center would like some photos donated for a raffle at NatureFest. Additional ideas from the club were to allow Fotofest entries to be priced for sale and to provide a stand at Nature Fest with photographs for sale.

**\* An ad-hoc committee was established to review these ideas and return a recommendation to the club. The members of the committee are: Mattie Mathis, Cassandra Shaw and Richard Patrick.**

Dan Lux shared a photo tip of removing distracting background objects to improve images. He provided an example of a Barred Owl that had a background branch that originally passed behind the owl through its head.

Bill Roloff's image of a frozen drop of water at the end of a twig won the “Shape” photo topic.

Jack Perry presented a program about “The Covered Bridges of Ohio, A Short Essay on the Historic Wooden Bridges of Nineteenth Century Ohio.”

The next meeting will be March 26, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan Leaman, Secretary