

**Nature Photography Exhibit
Featuring the Artistry of Tom Arbour
Saturday, January 21, 1pm**



The Crawford Park District will begin its nature photography exhibit featuring native Ohioan, Tom Arbour, on Saturday, January 21. The exhibit will begin at 1pm, providing an opportunity for visitors to meet Tom Arbour and to view samples of his work. The exhibit will be held at the Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center which is located at 2401 SR 598, Crestline, OH. The Nature Photography Exhibit will continue through Saturday, February 18.

Tom Arbour is a Wildlife Research Technician for the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Olentangy Wildlife Research Station. Tom's love for nature began at an early age when he caught two-lined salamanders and creek chubs in a stream near his childhood home in Munroe Falls, Ohio. His interest in taking pictures was sparked by a trip to Australia while studying with Hiram College in 1999 where he photographed koalas, kangaroos, and the Australian Outback. His eye continued to blossom as he served as a botanist with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves from 2003-2010.

Tom's work shows a deep-rooted passion for the natural world. His interests include a wide variety of natural subjects, but he is particularly interested in close-ups of insects and sweeping landscapes. Although his work is primarily Ohio based, he has a large body of work from his wife's home state of Maine. Tom has also recently photographed nature subjects in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South Carolina, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

Tom's photography has been exhibited at the Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center of Worthington and the ODNR headquarters in Columbus. His nature photographs have appeared in multiple ODNR publications and web pages. He is perhaps best known to Ohioans for his Ohio Nature Blog (www.ohionatureblog.com). Tom resides in Worthington with wife Megan and young sons Weston and Brody.