

THE JOY & MAGIC OF SPRING

DustyBlues LLC Newsletter

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The DustyBlues Gallery in Logan, Ohio:

Featuring the fine art photography of Val & Dusty Scott.

Stop by and take home a memory.

April's Wildflowers and Waterfalls

Finally Spring has arrived and we have been busy trying to capture the beauty of the Hocking Hills and are always hiking to discover new amazingly beautiful and diverse natural wonders.

A recent hike up Spruce Creek on a warm day and we began to see the first wild flower blooms as well as experience returning migratory birds and other creatures. A scarlet Tanager, bees beginning to collect nectar from the many blooming flowers carpeting the forest floor. Vinca Periwinkles, Dog Tooth Violets, Squirrel Corn, Skunk Cabbage blooms, Spring Beauties,

Photography Classes:

We will soon begin to hold photography classes at our gallery. These will be on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 PM. Classes are limited to 6 participants at a nominal cost of \$10. Topics for classes include: Photoshop Skills, Composition, Creativity, Fine Art printing, Matting and Finishing. We would welcome suggestions for other classes. Watch for a follow up email with more details and how to sign up. Come join us. These will be informative and insightful topics.



Tenacious Discovery

"I have placed your artwork we purchased so it is the first thing I see when I wake up in the morning. It makes me so happy."

- Lori D.

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Squirrel Corn

New Gallery Additions:

We have finally had some time to revisit several portfolios we developed over a number of years in the desert southwest.

We have recently spent time re-living these special adventures and culling a number of prints from truly remarkable natural landscapes.

Our first gallery presentation is a portfolio of black & white metallic prints from a desert slot canyon. While quite colorful, we felt the monotone presentation conveys the textures and natural geometries developed over centuries of rare but raging floods that carved these narrow canyons.

Stop by for a closer inspection and let us know what you think.

Val's Greeting Cards

Val continues to develop her creative spirit and has designed a series of greeting cards, each depicting a classic Hocking Hills memory. These are blank on the inside so you can create that special note to a friend or family member and share the beauty of nature.

Wild Flower Fling!

We have had numerous opportunities to discover many locations profuse with new spring blooms and the carpeted forest floors are alive & wonderful.

We continue to try and identify the varied species we wander upon and enjoy researching to discover the names and other insights of these flowers.

We plan to visit a wonderful hollow with many wild flowers in early May. Thanks to Heather for allowing us to visit. We will update you in the next newsletter to our adventures here.



The Chimney

Visit Hocking Hills

The season is upon us here in the Hocking Hills of Ohio. Daily visitor totals continue to increase and the breadth of adventure possibilities expands.

Legends and Mysteries:

The region is well known for ghosts and other supernatural phenomena.

Click this [link](#) to read about many known areas supposedly haunted.

We have tried to compile the numerous lore and insights into the peculiarities at each location.

Often we are visiting some of these locales in the "off hours" and had have the feeling of eeriness come over us. Who knows.....

Buckeye Trail:

We are hiking sections of the Buckeye Trail through Hocking County and have completed several. Most are well-maintained and often travel through pristine hollows with wonderful rock outcrops and peaceful meandering streams along the hollow bottoms. Check out www.buckeyetrail.org for more information and upcoming events.

Follow the Blue Blazes!



Spring Beauty

New blogs:

We post new blogs of our world periodically.

We recently have spent considerable time hiking the lesser known areas of the Hocking Hills and have been providing insights, discoveries and thoughts on these experiences.

We just posted a review of our recent hike through a state preserve that requires special permission to enter. Check it out at www.dustyblues.com/blog and leave your comments.

After decades of visiting this area, we are finding so many areas we never knew of. As we explore these we will add new blog entries to provide insights to our experiences.

Hocking Hills Information:

Sharing information attracts visitors to the region and helps to promote our local businesses.

If you are looking for insights into local area attractions or looking for places to stay that suits your fancy, contact us via email or phone. Our visitors include many great folks, patrons and acquaintances stopping by the gallery and looking for activities in the area. While we rely on our personal experiences, we continually gather new information daily into the regions people, places, and things.

If you are a local business and want to hook up with us to share your hidden gem, contact us via email or phone so we can share references. We have had many visitors stopping in asking about cabins, activities and horseback riding. Many of our out of town friends are always seeking insights to plan their trip to the region.

Our mission is to provide you with great images of memories that you can take home!

Monthly Happenings

Friday, April 17th

Women of Appalachia: Women Speak

The Bowen House; 196 N. Market St; Logan; 740-385-0344; 6 p.m. Many people have an image of an Appalachian Woman, and they look down on her. The women of Appalachia Project encourages participation from women of diverse backgrounds, ages and experience to come together, to embrace stereotype, to show the whole woman; beyond the superficial factors that people use to judge her. Will feature poetry, story and song and a reception following the end of the event

Saturday, April 18

The Wonders of Old Man's Cave

Old Man's Cave Hocking Hills State Park; 18905 OH-664 Scenic; Logan; 740-385-6841; 10 am. Meet the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin for a short hike and discover some facts about the history of the area and the rock formations that are found throughout the park.

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