

# FEATURED MEMBERS PICTS.

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In this issue we are featuring, "Close-up" Photographer Linda Urban. Like some of the other true fanatics out on the Trails, you may have seen Linda on one of the HM Hikes with her tripod, huge lenses and extensive equipment. Quite the load to be carrying. But....you will see it is worth the effort from the results she achieves in her pictures.

Mackinaw Bridge in January



Linda has been taking pictures ever since her parents gave her a Kodak Instamatic with the flash cube on top for her tenth birthday. She enjoys nature and travel photography, capturing the beauty of God's creations. One particular passion is getting a bee's eye view of a flower using a macro lens. Linda and her husband Mike (her pack mule) enjoy photographing different parts of the U.S. & foreign countries.

Mama Moose & calf taken at Isle Royal National Park



Whitefish Point in the U.P. of MI



Mallard pair in flight taken at Dodge Park



Dancing Loon taken at Isle Royale National Park





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Blue Heron hunting  
taken at Lake St. Clair Metro Park Nature Center



Honey Bee  
taken at Shadbush Nature Center

Bird with fecal sac: A fecal sac is a mucous membrane, generally white or clear with a dark end, that surrounds the feces of some species of nestling birds. It allows parent birds to more easily remove fecal material from the nest (keeping the nest clean and bacteria free). The nestling usually produces a fecal sac within seconds of being fed; if not, a waiting adult may prod around the youngster's cloaca to stimulate excretion. Young birds of some species adopt specific postures or engage in specific behaviors to signal that they are producing fecal sacs.



Northern Apple Sphinx Moth caterpillar  
taken in my backyard



Nesting Loons  
taken at Isle Royale



Smiling Goat  
taken at Wolcott Mill Farm