

Time for wildflower pix

Spring is here — at last! Aching backs from shoveling, frozen fingertips and streets piled with snow are gone, at least until next year.

Springtime livens our hearts, stimulates our senses, and serves as an incentive to get the camera out of winter hibernation.

Many exciting and challenging picture-taking opportunities are available in springtime. Now is the time to dust off the camera and get in gear for some rewarding photo-taking experiences.

If YOUR camera has been sitting around all winter, make sure the batteries are fresh and that you brush up on your knowledge of all controls.

Ready to begin? There's a lot of picture potential out there. Here are some ideas of what to shoot, where to go, and how to do it.

Perhaps the best place to begin your springtime photography is with the abundance of flowers and blossoms in the area.

Some flowers have vivid and bold colors, some soft and pastel, but all invite your camera to record their springtime serenade.

For best results, move in tight, using close-up equipment such as close-up filters, extension rings or a macro-lens. You'll need to maximize depth of

photography

Monte Nagler

field by using a small aperture, so be prepared to take along your tripod to steady your camera for the required longer shutter speeds (see photo at left).

Carry a dark piece of poster board with you to place behind the flowers in order to eliminate distracting, out-of-focus backgrounds.

For blossoming trees, shoot by early morning or late afternoon light to get maximum texture and detail in the foliage. A polarizer filter will darken the sky, adding further impact to your shot.

AN EXCITING springtime locale is the Detroit Zoo located on 10 Mile Road in Royal Oak.

While the zoo offers year-round picture possibilities, it is especially attractive in spring. Many animal species — such as deer, sheep and goats — have their offspring this time of year.

The children's zoo is always alive with springtime activity, and the avi-

ary offers excellent picture potential of the vivid spring colors of our feathered friends.

Bring your telephoto lens. And don't overlook the flowering trees, numerous tulips and other springtime plants that grow in abundance at the zoo.

Short shots

• Cranbrook Institute of Science offers "The Creative Closeup: Spring Photography" from 7-9 p.m. tonight, May 13 and 26 and June 6. Instructor Alan Lowy said the workshop will deal with both technical and creative elements of close-up photography in classroom and field. Fee is \$40 for non-members. Participants will need a 35 mm single-lens reflex camera, tripod and cable release.

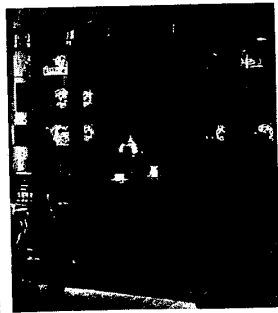
• Monte Nagler will hold a spring photo workshop Saturday, May 15 at the Detroit Zoo. For course information, call Henry Ford Community College's Center for New Directions at 271-2750 Ext. 330.

Spring violets were shot by Monte Nagler in the oriental garden at Cranbrook. His lengthy time exposure — 15 seconds — results in a feeling of movement in the stream.

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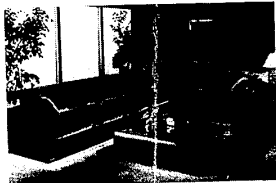
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