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Color of Sand in River in Palo Duro Canyon by Don Morice

PEOPLE & PLACES

Holiday Show Submissions

The **2011 MoNEP Holiday Show and party** will be held on **Tuesday December 13th** at Powder Valley Nature Center. One of the highlights of the evening is a digital presentation of members' photographs. If you haven't already submitted images, **September 20th** is the deadline for doing so.

Submission Guidelines:
Each MoNEP member may submit **up to 20 nature images** for the show. In addition to your 20 nature shots, we would like to include images of other members in action. Submissions should be handed into **Vicki or Shawn Northrop** at the **September 20th** meeting. You may also submit your images via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) through the MoNEP website by the deadline of September 20th. Visit **www.monep.org/pages/phototips.html** for instructions on how to facilitate FTP.

Format:
Digital submissions are required. Any slides need to be scanned. Place up to 20 images **on a CD-ROM in a folder with your name as part of the folder's title. Each individual photo file should also have your name included as part of its title.** However, no text should appear on any of the images.

Image size:
Images should be resized to **768 pixels on the longest side**. Vertical images must be sized with a height of 768 pixels and horizontal images with a width of 768 pixels. The resolution can be between 96 and 300 dpi (dots per inch). The size of each image should be less than 2.5 MB. For further information about resizing your image, please see the instructions at **www.monep.org**.

Holiday Show Submissions continued

Image Release
When you submit your photographs, you are providing MoNEP with permission to use your images in the Holiday Show, in the MoNEP newsletter, on the website and in promotional materials for the club. However, you will retain all rights to your images and will be given credit for each use. Your images will only be used to promote MoNEP and the mission of the organization. They will not be sold or used in any other ways than those stated above.

Tips for submissions
When choosing and preparing your images, please consider the following:

1. We would like a variety of your strongest nature subjects.

2. The more images we get, the greater our flexibility in choosing the right subjects for the show. Please provide us with as many quality pictures, up to the limit of 20, as you can.

3. Remember to include images from all seasons. Despite the time of year, please include some winter photos.

4. Only submit images you have not submitted in the past.

5. We cannot use all of the images provided, but we will try to include everyone who submits photographs.

6. In addition to your 20 images, please submit photos of yourself or other MoNEP members in the act of doing nature photography. We really need your help gathering images of the group.

7. Bear in mind that the absolute final **deadline is September 20th**. Images submitted after that cannot be included.

Member News

Jim Campbell will have three images on display at the **Old Orchard Gallery in Webster Groves** on **September 23rd and 24th**. The exhibit features the work of 33 local artists. Join the artists at the reception on Friday the 23rd between 5:30 and 10:00 p.m. The exhibit, which is sponsored by MySlart will be on view at the gallery from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 24th.

Mac MacKay will be leading a local **Scott Kelby World Wide Photo Walk** on **Sunday October 2nd at 8:00 a.m**. The two-hour walk starts in front of the courthouse in Kiener Plaza. There are some spots open for anyone who is interested and photographers at any level. The best image from each local walk will be awarded a prize of a book from Scott Kelby. For information visit: **http://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/st-louis-mo-united-states-downtown-2/**

Rich Merz has two images that received honorable mentions in the National Park Service's ***View From the Park*** photo contest at the **Jefferson National Expansion Memorial**. The images will be on view in a projected format until September 15th in the museum area under the Arch.

One of **Kevin Sees'** images was selected by the **Missouri Department of Conservation** to be in the ***2012 Natural Events Calendar***. The image of a grass pink orchid image, which was also selected for the upcoming MoNEP Powder Valley exhibit will be one of the inset photos for the month of July in the 2012 MDC calendar.

Volunteer at Two Rivers NWR

Ken Biddle often assists fellow MoNEP member, **Sam Harrison**, as he volunteers doing weekly bird counts at Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge. They do their bird counts in the Calhoun Division of the Refuge, located in Calhoun County, Illinois. Sam relayed that additional volunteers are needed to help out with various other jobs at Two Rivers. The refuge staff would welcome help from some eager, self-starting workers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Sam at 314-752-0905 for additional information.

Top Ten Fall Forests

Visit **www.gorp.com** to read about the top ten forests in the country in the fall. Among the list is Mark Twain Forest!

Nancy Rotenberg

It is with great sadness that we report that Nancy Rotenberg, distinguished nature photographer, writer and teacher, recently lost her long battle with cancer. MoNEP had the honor of hosting **Nancy Rotenberg** as the presenter of its 2007 seminar. By all accounts, hers was one of the most inspiring seminars MoNEP has sponsored to date. Nancy led workshops around the country. She published several books, and her photographs appeared in many magazines and galleries. On her website Nancy expressed that her goal as a photographer was to "photograph intimately, beyond documentation, and to discover each subject's essence." She also sought to share "the beauty and magic that I have discovered through photography, observation and appreciation." Visit **www.naturaltapestries.com** to learn more about this remarkable woman.

Fall Color

For the latest update on where the color is in Missouri, check out **mdc.mo.gov** and search for "fall color." **Linda Moder** also supplied this link for a great road tour including old stone bridges in nearby Illinois: **http://www.greatriverroad.com/steg en/monroe/bridges.htm**

NANPA News

NANPA is pleased to announce the **2011 Houston Road Show Seminar** to be held in Houston, Texas, on **September 24th, 2011** in a classroom at the **Houston Zoo**. Road Shows are indoor seminars hosted by well-known leaders in the field of nature photography. The hosts for this event will be **Kathy Adams Clark** and **Ted Washington**. Topics include: library feature in Lightroom 3, image critiques, Camera Raw Processor in Photoshop CS5 or Develop in Lightroom 3, and the final session of the day will be about pushing the envelope in travel and nature photography with HDR, light blending, painting with light and night photography. The cost is $99 for NANPA members and $129 for non-members. For more information visit **www.nanpa.org** and select NANPA events.

Microsoft 64-bit CODEC

For all those people who have Windows 7 or Vista 64-bit who have been unable to view Canon or Nikon thumbnails in their Windows Browser, Microsoft has finally published a fix. A new 64-bit CODEC was released last month. Members can search for it on the Microsoft web site or download it from the MoNEP tips page.

MEETINGS & programs

Meeting Dates and Share & Show Themes

Tuesday, September 20th – My Backyard
Tuesday, October 18th – Orange
Tuesday, November 15th – Rocks

Meetings begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.** at ***Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center***.

Share and Show Nature Images

Members are invited to share their **nature** images at each MoNEP meeting. If you wish to participate, you should prepare up to **four (4) nature-related images**. Be sure to:

- Resize your images so vertical images are 768 pixels high and horizontal images are 768 pixels wide.
- Save your images as .jpg files.
- Place your four resized images on a drive or disc in a folder with your name and the meeting date.
- Give your images to **Pat Burgess** no later than 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.

For more information about *Share and Show* formatting please see ***Resize an Image for Submission*** in the photo tips section on the MoNEP web site, **www.monep.org**.

September Speakers

MoNEP member **Richard Spener** and his wife, **Toni Armstrong** will be the speakers at our **September 20th** meeting. They will be presenting a program on ***The Alaskan Arctic - by Camera and Canoe***. It will feature the challenges of photographing and surviving in the wilderness of Alaska north of the Arctic Circle. Avid canoeists, they have traveled to and paddled in Alaska together 15 times. Both Richard and Toni serve on the board of the Alaska Wilderness League, a national organization dedicated to preserving the outstanding places in Alaska. Toni also serves on the Executive Committee of the local Sierra Club, and both of them lead Sierra Club trips in Missouri. Their adventures in Alaska were featured in an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Richard has been profiled in *St. Louis Magazine*, *The Webster-Kirkwood Times* and *County Journals* and *Missouri Traveler*. Richard is a regular contributor of photographs to the Alaska Wilderness League publications and their website. To see his work visit **www.richardspenerphotography.com**.

October Speaker

Harry Jackson will be the speaker at our meeting on **October 19th**. Harry is a writer and photographer with the ***St. Louis Post-Dispatch***. His articles on health and fitness include a weekly column, ***Trail of the Week***, which appears in the Wednesday Community section. Each week he highlights different hikes in the region. His presentation will feature some trails in our area that offer good opportunities for photography, along with ideas on how to find new areas for great photos on your own.

September Field Trip

The September field trip will be at the **St Louis Zoo** on **September 24th**. The group will meet at the entrance to The Living World at **7:00 a.m.** For more information contact **Randy Hunter** at **314-845-3914**.

July Speaker Recap

Stephen Weiss, owner of **Creve Coeur Camera,** spoke at the July meeting about the use of flash and macro photography. He spoke about different types of flash, including using a separate external flash, ring flash and fill flash. Ring flash is a good tool for macro photography. Fill flash is useful in outdoor photography, particularly on high contrast days to fill in shadows. Stephen discussed the challenges of focusing and depth of field in macro photography. He suggested it is best to focus on your subject manually. However, it is important to think about depth of field in macro photography and to stop the camera down to a smaller aperture, which will provide you with a greater depth of field. Stephen also emphasized that a tripod is a necessity when doing macro work. Creve Coeur Camera offers a variety of classes. Visit their website, **www.crevecoeurcamera.com** for their listings.

August Speaker Recap

At the August meeting, **Bruce Schuette**, a Naturalist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources since 1978, spoke about **Graham Cave State Park** near Danville, Missouri. Bruce described this 386-acre area as "a wonderful little park, rich in natural and cultural resources". Graham Cave is the central feature of the park. The history of the park is long. Native American tribes used the cave for shelter as far back as 10,000 years ago. In 1847, Robert Graham brought the property, and it remained in his family until 1964. In the late 1940s, the University of Missouri convinced the owners to allow them to excavate the cave and in the process found many artifacts relating to early Native American life. In 1961, the cave was recognized as a Natural Historic Landmark – the first archeological site to be named a landmark in the nation. In 1964, Graham's descendants donated the cave and 250 acres of land to Missouri for a state park.

The park is also home to a number of different natural communities. Bruce shared images of the diverse communities found within the park, including an 82-acre tract of sandstone and dolomite glades. There are an amazing 500 species of plants in the park's bottomland, oak-hickory forests and glades, and the Loutre River runs along the western edge of the park.

Our thanks to both Stephen and Bruce for their very interesting and informative talks.

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The mission of the Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers is to provide a forum for individuals interested in the field of nature photography and the environment, provide education, gather and disseminate information, and promote nature photography as an art form and medium of communication.

MoNEP meetings are held once a month at the Powder Valley Conservation Area Nature Center on 11715 Cragwold Road, near the intersection of I-44 and I-270 in southwestern St. Louis County. Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, January through November. Meetings take place in the Nature Center auditorium. Specific dates are posted in the newsletter.

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