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President's Message

Thank you for making 2011 another strong year for MoNEP: a year of wonderful programs, field trips and events. We started out the year with a very successful seminar featuring **Bill Fortney**. Other special events included the distribution of tree seedlings for planting, MoNEP's sponsorship of the **Shaw Nature Reserve's (SNR) Youth Photo Contest** and a **MoNEP photo exhibit at Powder Valley and Busch Wildlife Areas**. We wrapped up the year with an outstanding Holiday Show at Powder Valley Nature Center. All of these things rely upon the help, dedication and time of the board, the volunteer committee chairs and the membership. Many thanks! We look forward to your support in 2012, as we continue to involve MoNEP with events throughout the community.

2012 looks to be busy with our photo exhibit moving to Kansas City in January. Join us at the January 17th meeting as we start off the year with **Greg Basco**. The year also brings: the **Annual Backyard Bird Festival on Saturday, February 4th** at MBG, a joint **reception with NANPA on March 3rd** and the **SNR Youth Photo Contest** in late spring. Our biennial seminar is scheduled for **Saturday, August 4th**, with **Rob Sheppard**. Remember, the profits from the seminars are used to help nature-based organizations and fund our UMSL scholarship.

If you haven't already done so, it is time to renew memberships for this year. We welcome the many new members who joined in 2011 and hope our veteran members will help acclimate the newer ones. Happy New Year! -Scott

2011 MoNEP Holiday Show

With good weather, a great location and plenty of fine food and company, The 2011 MoNEP Holiday Show and party was a huge success. Our sincere thanks to all who made it such a great evening. We would especially like to thank **Margy and Dan Terpstra** for all their hard work coordinating food and logistics and **Jerry Miller and Pat Burgess** for putting together another great holiday show. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped with setup, cleanup or brought food. The party and the show are huge endeavors, and we are so fortunate to have talented people who are willing to give their time and energy to make it a great celebration of the year. We are grateful as well to the staff of Powder Valley, for allowing us to use their facilities and for their support with the arrangements.

Finally, our thanks to the 57 members who submitted images for the holiday show: **Barb Addelson, Scott Avetta, Karen Bade, Kevin Bade, Tim Bade, Ken Biddle, Vearl Brown, Gary Budke, Pat Burgess, Jim Campbell, Sandy Campise, Kathy Cherry, Mark Cherry, Joe Coelho, Jane Deeker, Nancy Donnell, Gary Eaves, Scott Evers, Mark Freeman, Loena Gerdes, Ron Gerdes, Bob Gross, Kelly Hall, Michelle Jones, Paul Kulesa, Butch Lama, Milton Loessberg, Christy Lonero, Bill Lubben, Ed MacKay, Mark McAmish, Monica McAmish-Bahr, Dennis McCarthy, Lori Meier, Rich Merz, Beverley Miller, Jeremy Miller, Jerry Miller, Sandra Miller, Linda Moder, Don Morice, Larry Morrison, Norma Mull, Vicki Northrop, Marcy Pivin, Lori Purk, Sarah Radke, Dick Roman, Joseph Schmidt, Don Sheahan, Richard Spener, Jim Stroup, Dan Terpstra, Margy Terpstra, Larry Terrell, Dug Threewitt and Sammylane Wirth.**



Emerald Toucanet
by Greg Basco

[Nature] is the one place where miracles not only happen, but happen all the time.

~Thomas Wolfe
American Novelist
1900-1938

New Members

We offer a warm welcome to the following new members of MoNEP: **Leandra Lewis, Jim Rhodes and Gina and Ted Rubright.**

Member News

Michael Abbene's photograph of a polar bear at the **Saint Louis Zoo** was part of a November 17th front-page article in the **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** on the Zoo's efforts to build a new exhibit. In addition, several of Michael's photographs are included in the **2012 Saint Louis Zoo calendar.**

Fran Mannis' image of a lilac breasted roller won the **St. Louis Award for Nature** in the **2011 Mississippi Valley Salon of Photography.** The St. Louis Camera Club sponsors this competition, but club members are not eligible for the top medals in the overall competition. Deserving club members may receive St. Louis Awards instead. The competition had two divisions, Color and Nature, and there were approximately 550 exhibitors, from over 50 countries, who submitted roughly 3,700 images. **Chuck Mannis** had four images accepted in the Nature Division and Fran had two, including the winner.

The mayor of Clarksville, Missouri, presented an eagle photograph, taken by **Lori Purk,** to the Missouri Department of Transportation at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in October 2011. The gift was selected to represent both the artists and the town of Clarksville and was presented at a ceremony to commemorate the reopening of a stretch of Highway 79 that had been closed for several years. Artists from the three towns of Hannibal, Louisiana and Clarksville were asked to participate in the ribbon cutting in recognition of the region's **50 Miles of Art** initiative and the fact that Highway 79 is an important connection between the three communities. Lori's image is currently on display at the Missouri DOT's Northeast District Headquarters office in Hannibal.

Richard Spener has a photographic exhibit at the **Maryland Heights Community Center** from **January 9th through February 17th.** On **January 15th,** visitors will be able to meet and talk with Richard from **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Celebrating Missouri Exhibit

The MoNEP member photo exhibit, **Celebrating Missouri,** has moved across the state to the **Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center** in Kansas City, Missouri. It will be on display there from the beginning of **January to the end of February.** The Community Outreach Committee hopes to continue showing the exhibit at other nature centers around the state and will keep the membership posted. Thanks again to all of those who participated by submitting their work, helped at the framing session and also to those members who helped install and move the exhibit to and from the various venues. We couldn't do this without such dedicated members. For more information about the Gorman Conservation Discovery Center visit: [http://mdc.mo.gov/regions/kansas-city/discovery-center/image-gallery.](http://mdc.mo.gov/regions/kansas-city/discovery-center/image-gallery)

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Backyard Birding Festival

MoNEP will be a part of the Missouri Botanical Garden's annual **Backyard Birding Festival,** an educational event, on **Saturday, February 4th.** We will have a booth with an exhibit of members' work and will talk with festival attendees about bird photography and our organization. **Don Morice** and **Lori Purk** are looking for members to join them in shifts to staff the MoNEP booth from between **8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.** This is a fun event and there is always time to visit the other vendors during your shift. The Garden will not have classes as they have had in the past, but they are still planning on conducting bird walks. If you are interested in helping out at this event, please talk to Lori Purk at the January meeting, or you may contact Lori by email at purkyl8r@aol.com or by phone at **314-869-7427.** No experience is required to volunteer at the booth.

NANPA Events

NANPA has announced its 2012 Road Shows and Regional Events. Regional Events are shooting events that take place in the field with five different field trip leaders at each event. The first of the year is in the Everglades from February 23rd – 26th. For details, visit www.nanpa.org.



THE **Corner Gallery**
featuring
MoNEP
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by Richard Spener



Frost Flowers
by Larry Morrison

MEETINGS programs

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Tuesday, February 21st – Far, Far Away

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January 17th Speaker – Greg Basco

Greg Basco, a native St. Louisan, is a resident Costa Rican professional photographer and environmentalist. Greg will join us on **Tuesday, January 17th**, for an extended presentation based on his popular blog feature, ***Behind the Lens***, in which he explains the technical and artistic decisions that went into making some of his favorite images. Though focused on the rainforest, these techniques are transferable to other habitats and will provide you with new and creative ideas for your own nature photography.

Greg enjoys a working relationship with Canon, BH Photo Video, Think Tank and Induro. He is a **BBC/Veolia Environment Wildlife Photographer of the Year** and **Nature's Best Windland Smith Rice** prizewinner. His photos have been published in ***National Geographic*** and other magazines and have been used in many books, public exhibits, calendars and other projects. Greg's latest work in progress is a coffee table book of artistic photos of Costa Rica's national parks and reserves. To learn more about Greg and his photography, visit his web site: www.deepgreenphotography.com. To get a preview of his talk, link to the *Behind the Lens* feature on his blog from his web site. Greg is both very knowledgeable and an engaging presenter with a great sense of humor, so it should be a wonderful evening.

In addition to his doing his own photography, Greg truly enjoys working with other photographers through his photo tours and workshops. To learn more about his photo tours, visit www.fotoverdetours.com, Costa Rica's first and only travel agency dedicated to nature photography.

November Speaker Recap

Many thanks to **Butch Lama** and **Susi Allison-Lama** for taking us on a ***Quest for Tigers: Tracking India's Endangered Bengal Tigers*** during the November meeting. With the help of Butch's stunning images, they shared a wealth of information about the biology, behavior and conservation status of India's magnificent tigers. Tigers occur in a range of habitats, are well camouflaged and can be hard to find. Tracking methods require keen observation skills. Butch and his colleagues look for pugmarks or tracks or the presence of scavengers. They also listen for the alarm calls of prey species, which are all potential clues to a tiger's presence. Tigers are also creatures of habit, which aids in finding them.

Tigers do not live in isolation and our speakers introduced us to some of the other wildlife species of the subcontinent. Like Africa, India has its own "Big Five" mammals including the tiger, lion, leopard, Asian elephant and one-horned rhinoceros. Other intriguing species include the spotted deer with its lyre-shaped antlers and the nilgai, Asia's largest antelope. The male nilgai has a bluish tinge to its coat. The blackbuck is one of the fastest of land animals and the male sports fabulous long, twisted horns. India is home to wild dogs, two different species of wild ass, wild water buffalo and the shaggy sloth bear. If you are interested in birds, India has over 1,200 species from the bizarre hornbills to the lovely plum-headed parakeets. For information on traveling to India with Butch and Susi, visit their web site: www.butchlama.com.

NANPA Meeting in St. Louis

The **North American Nature Photographers Association (NANPA)** will have its annual board meeting in St. Louis in early March. On **Saturday, March 3rd**, MoNEP and the NANPA Board of Directors will hold a joint reception at **Pujols 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for MoNEP members to learn more about NANPA from those who have been key players in its development. Please join us to meet and share the MoNEP vision with some of NANPA's board members. MoNEP was formed based on NANPA's principles and mission statement. They have also been the source of many of our seminar speakers, including this year's speaker, Rob Sheppard. NANPA is a key voice for nature photographers worldwide. This is a great chance to relax and talk about nature and photography with a group of photographers who truly care.

For those interested in attending, there is **\$10 fee** to cover a variety of appetizers, and vegetable, fruit and cheese trays. Non-alcoholic drinks are included. Alcohol will be available for purchase. We do need to get a head count in advance for a room reservation and food. Please **RSVP to Michelle Jones by February 21st** at the latest. Michelle will be at a table at the January and February meetings to take reservations and collect the fee. You may also contact her at **314-496-7616** or michelle@mmjones.us, or you can mail your check, payable to MoNEP, to her at: Michelle Jones, 45 Bellerive Acres, St. Louis, Mo. 63121. Be sure to include your name and contact information.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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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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Camera Club Seminar

The **St. Louis Camera Club** will be hosting its annual seminar on **Saturday, March 31st**, from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The presenter, **Jennifer Wu**, is one of Canon's elite **Explorers of Light**. She is an award winning nature, landscape and night sky photographer.

Jennifer will talk about the five elements of composition for nature photography, techniques for getting great shots, including using polarizing and neutral density filters, use of white balance settings and reflectors and hyperfocal distance focusing. She will also discuss maximizing Camera Raw, the tools and best practices when editing your images and how to make them pop. She will finish with a segment on the Amazing Night Sky and how to create images of the stars and moon.

Registration for this event, to be held at **Maritz in Fenton** is **\$25** and includes lunch. For registration information visit: **www.stlcameraclub.com**. To learn more about Jennifer Wu, visit her website at **www.jenniferwu.com**.



Vearl Brown



Zebra Girls – Jim Irwin

New Members

Welcome to our newest MoNEP members, **Karen and Larry Kotner**.

Member News

Scott Avetta will be teaching five photography courses at the **Missouri Botanical Garden** this spring, and a sixth at **Shaw Nature Reserve**. His topics include **Understanding Your Camera**, two sections of **Basic Photography, Close-up Photography, Color and Composition** and **Seeing Nature Through the Lens**. Most classes are multi-day programs, featuring discussion in the classroom, shooting in the field and constructive feedback sessions. To learn more, visit www.mobot.org/adulteducation.

Gary Eaves took 2nd place and tied for 7th and 23rd places in a **DPreview.com** photographic challenge. Winners in the **Showtime** challenge, focusing on car shows, were announced January 25th.

The work of MoNEP founder, **Ruth Hoyt** is part of a two-person exhibit entitled **The Nature of Stillness** now on display at the **South Texas College Library Art Gallery in McAllen, Texas**. The exhibit is up through **May 11th** and is free and open to the public. For more information visit the college website: <http://library.southtexascollege.edu/lag/current/Pages/TheNatureofStillness.aspx>.

Margy Terpstra will be one of a number of presenters at the upcoming **Garden Blitz** at the **Missouri Botanical Garden** on **Saturday, March 3rd**. The event is from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and costs **\$70 for Garden Members** and **\$85 for nonmembers**. This year's keynote address is by **Doug Tallamy**, author of **Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Beneficial Wildlife with Native Plants**. Margy's presentation, **Our Garden is for the Birds! How to Invite Them and Delight In Them – Close Encounters of the Suburban Kind**, is from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** Preregistration for the Garden Blitz is required. Visit www.mobot.org/adulteducation to register and for a detailed description of all the talks and demonstrations.

For Sale

Dennis Owsley is selling his Epson Stylus Photo R1800 printer for \$100. If you are interested, please contact Dennis at dcowsley@mvp.net.

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Volunteers Needed

The MoNEP board is seeking a volunteer to write thank-you notes to our monthly guest speakers. It is also looking for someone to help organize field trips. If you are interested in either role, please contact **Scott Avetta** at scottavetta@hotmail.com or by phone, at **314-487-3280**.

MDC 75th Anniversary Photo Contest

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, the Missouri Department of Conservation is holding a contest in search of the best photos of Missouri's fish, forests, wildlife and outdoor recreation activities.

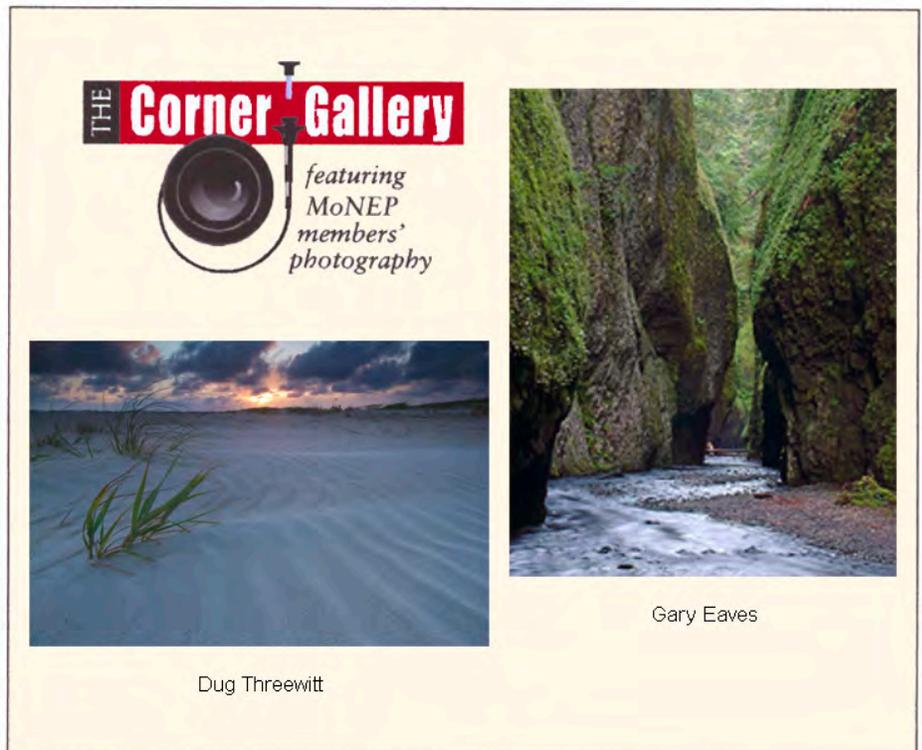
How to Participate

From **February 1st to May 15th** join the MDC 75th Anniversary Photo Contest™ on Flickr™ and submit your best photos in the following seven categories: Birds, Insects and Spiders, Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians, Plants, Habitats and Landscapes and Outdoor Recreation Activities.

A panel of judges chosen by MDC will pick the best photo in each category, and the public will choose the best overall photo from those seven category winners. Voting starts in July. The seven top-winning photos will appear in the October 2012 **Missouri Conservationist**, and they will be published as a slideshow on MDC's **75th Anniversary** Web page through November 2012.

Contest Rules

For contest rules visit the MDC website at mdc.mo.gov/about-us/get-know-us/75th-anniversary/photo-contest. Be sure to review section six on **Rights** before you chose to enter the contest.



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February Meeting – Scott Avetta

Join us at the **February 21st** meeting for MoNEP president, **Scott Avetta's** presentation on **Seeing Nature Through the Lens**. Scott will talk about trying to design a precise image in nature's chaotic world. He will provide insight on what to look for and how to make meaning out of the chaos. A busy image can be confusing and distracting, but often just taking the time to make minor adjustments in the field can produce the image you imagined. He will discuss composing an image to trap the viewer's eye and engage the viewer in the scene. Scott will address how two photographers can produce two very different images from the very same spot, in an effort to provide each of us with the tools to help take us to the next level in our photography.

Scott is a native St. Louisan and specializes in photography of the Midwest, with a focus on nature. He has published three books: **Illinois Impressions**, **Missouri Impressions** and **St. Louis Impressions** and has co-authored two others: **The Ozarks** and **Missouri Simply Beautiful**. Recently, a number of his images were featured on the cover and interior of **The Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Reserve: 85 Years of Natural Wonders**. His photos also appear in a number of other books as well as magazines. Scott's photographs are on permanent display at the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, Illinois, Washington University in St. Louis and Barnes Jewish Hospital. He has done work for nature and environmental organizations such as the Earth Day St. Louis, the Open Door Sanctuary and the World Bird Sanctuary. Find out more about Scott and see his images at his website: www.scottavetta.com.

Journey Through the Arctic – March 7th

On **March 7th** at 7:30 p.m., the **Saint Louis Zoo** will be hosting a lecture and book signing by **Debbie Miller**, journalist, teacher, Arctic explorer, conservationist, photographer and award-winning author of **Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge**. Debbie has explored the wilderness of Alaska for nearly 40 years. She most recently spent three summers paddling 600 miles of rivers in the western Arctic region for her forthcoming book **On Arctic Ground**. A passionate advocate for protecting the Arctic, Debbie has also written 12 nonfiction books for children about Alaska's wildlife, such as **A Polar Bear Journey** and **Survival at 40 Below**. Admission to the lecture at the Zoo is free. For more information call 314-646-4544.

MoNEP members, recent meeting presenters and Arctic conservationists, **Richard Spener and Toni Armstrong** will be hosting a private event with Debbie on **Tuesday, March 6th**. If any MoNEP member is interested in attending this private event, please contact Richard at 314-434-2072.

Webster Groves Nature Study Society Talk

The **Webster Groves Nature Study Society** or **WGNSS** has its next general meeting at the **Powder Valley Nature Center** on **Tuesday, March 6th**, starting at 7:30 p.m. Their featured speaker will be **Tim Guetersloh**, speaking on **For the Love of Nature: Observations of an Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker**. Tim is a passionate nature photographer. In 2005, he fulfilled a life goal of backpacking the complete 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail, carrying a relatively light 4x5 sheet film camera of his own design built just for the trip. The trip had such an impact that he returned to the trail each year after for some short hikes and in 2010–2011 made a second complete hike of the trail. Tim will discuss his experiences along the trail, including some of the most beautiful places and things that he observed. He will also mention some of the resources available to those contemplating a visit to the region. This will be a rare opportunity to meet someone enthralled with the idea of wilderness who has gone to great lengths to immerse himself in nature. For more information visit

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The Great Smoky Mountains Event will be based in Townsend, Tennessee, and will be led by: **Bill Campbell, Jamie Konarski Davidson, Richard Day, Kevin FitzPatrick and Paul Hassell**. Details about the Oregon and Maine Events will be available soon on the NANPA website, www.nanpa.org.

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MoNEP will provide the judges for the contest as well as the prizes. Judging will be based upon the subject matter, composition, creativity and technical difficulty of the images. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes in each category and honorable mentions.

Visit www.shawnature.org for Nature Reserve hours and other contest details, including how to submit images, acceptable formats, entry forms and delivery instructions.

Holiday Show CDs

A number of members have not yet picked up the CDs they submitted with images for the holiday show. Please stop by the membership desk at the back of the auditorium at our next meeting and collect your disks from **Vicki or Shawn Northrop**.

Camera Club Seminar

The **St. Louis Camera Club** will be hosting its annual seminar on **Saturday, March 31st**, from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The presenter, **Jennifer Wu**, is one of Canon's elite **Explorers of Light**. She is an award winning nature, landscape and night sky photographer.

Jennifer will talk about the five elements of composition for nature photography, techniques for getting great shots, including using polarizing and neutral density filters, use of white balance settings and reflectors and hyperfocal distance focusing. She will also discuss maximizing Camera Raw, the tools and best practices when editing your images and how to make them pop. She will finish with a segment on the Amazing Night Sky and how to create images of the stars and moon.

Registration for this event, to be held at **Maritz in Fenton**, is **\$25** and includes lunch. For registration information visit: www.stlcameraclub.com. To learn more about Jennifer Wu, visit her website at www.jenniferwu.com.

Membership Renewals

A reminder that 2012 dues are past due! Many MoNEP members have not yet renewed for the year. If you are among them, please submit a completed renewal form along with your payment in the form of cash or a check payable to MoNEP to the Membership chairs, **Vicki or Shawn Northrop** at the February meeting. You can also mail your form and dues to: **Vicki and Shawn Northrop, 1111 Wilmington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111**. Dues are **\$25 per person** or **\$35 for a two-member household**.



by John Hitzeman

Beauty deprived of its proper foils and adjuncts ceases to be enjoyed as beauty, just as light deprived of all shadows ceases to be enjoyed as light.

- John Ruskin
English Writer
1819-1900

Members News

Scott Avetta's close-up image of a water lily bloom was featured in the **Spring 2012 Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin** in the article **Getting the Shot**. Scott and four other photographers were asked to share their tips for capturing great images at the Garden.

Member **Tina Crist** has relocated her custom picture framing and art restoration business from Crestwood Mall to nearby **9120 Watson Road, Suite 200. Home Is Where The Art Is** is open for business in its new location. However, Tina is currently meeting customers by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, contact Tina at **314-968-9558** or on her cell phone at **314-791-6424**. You can also go to: **ArtandFrameRestoration.com** for more information or **hiwtai.com**.

Webster University is presenting a special concert honoring **Dennis Owsley**, a long-time MoNEP member, Jazz Radio Personality and Jazz Historian. Dennis has recently donated his extensive collection of jazz recordings to the university. The concert, **Musical Reflections on Saint Louis Jazz History**, will be held on **Monday, March 19th at 7 p.m.** at Webster's **Moore Auditorium**. Tickets cost \$5 for the general public and \$3 for seniors. Call 314-968-7128 for more information.

Richard Spener and **Toni Armstrong** have just presented a talk on **Paddling Alaska's North Slope** at the **Canoeopia** in Madison, Wisconsin. The event has an attendance of 22,000 people over three days.

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January Speaker Recap

In January, **Greg Basco** took us to the Central American country of Costa Rica, which is the size of West Virginia and has more bird species than Canada and the U.S. combined. Although he talked about some of the challenges of photographing in the extremes of light in the tropics, many of his ideas are applicable anywhere. He shared ten ideas for adding a little something extra to your images:

- ❖ Be exacting in your composition.
- ❖ Use flash to solve problems and be creative.
- ❖ Learn to see photo opportunities.
- ❖ Meter and expose carefully.
- ❖ Look for motion. It lends a sense of drama to images.
- ❖ Make order out of chaos.
- ❖ Use space and include the environment.
- ❖ Get eye level with the subject.
- ❖ Don't be afraid to push your equipment.
- ❖ Wait for special moments, such as a bird calling.

Greg then led us on a tour of his images, explaining how he visualized the end result before ever pressing the shutter, how he compensated for the lighting and choices he made about aperture based on his desired result. It was a truly inspiring talk, and we thank Greg for a great presentation.

February Speaker Recap

Scott Avetta's presentation on composition at the February meeting provided a reminder to move slowly and carefully consider how to create order out of the seeming chaos of the natural world. We often suffer from blindness due to inattention only to return home, view our images and find distracting elements that we might have eliminated by recomposing in the field. Scott's suggestions to help avoid that disappointment included:

- ❖ Check that the edges of your frame are clean.
- ❖ Avoid mergers.
- ❖ Don't crop too tight. Give your subject some space to breathe.
- ❖ Diagonals help lead the eye into a scene.
- ❖ Triangular shapes help trap the eye in the frame.
- ❖ A shallow depth of field can lead to a pleasing background.
- ❖ Busy scenes are hard to shoot well. Including a foreground, mid-ground and background help.
- ❖ The more layers you include, the more there is a sense of depth.
- ❖ Anchors, such as rocks, can contribute to a strong image.

Many thanks to Scott for his fine presentation and for reminding us of the elements of a good image.



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Shadows & Silhouettes



by Bob Gross



by Scott Avetta

MEETINGS & programs



Meeting Dates and Share & Show Themes

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March Meeting – James Trager

Join us at the **March 20th** meeting for a presentation by **Dr. James Trager**, staff biologist at Shaw Nature Reserve. James will be speaking on the natural history of some of his favorite subjects, insects. He will focus on the order Orthoptera, which includes the katydids, crickets and grasshoppers. He will also discuss techniques for insect photography.

James has a PhD in entomology from the University of Florida and worked for seven years as an ant researcher and part-time university instructor before joining the Shaw Nature Reserve staff in 1991. However, he has been interested in the natural history of insects, ants in particular, since he was five years old. He has said “My bills were paid for eight years by fire ants, so I have mixed feelings, but mostly positive, about them.” That’s quite an endorsement, given how much fire ant bites hurt!

April Meeting

Ray Kersting from **Schiller’s** will be presenting at the **April 17th** meeting. Ray has worked at Schiller’s for nearly 17 years and is a sales manager. Look for more detail on the subject of his talk in the April newsletter.

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NANPA Events

NANPA has announced its 2012 Road Shows and Regional Events. Regional Events are shooting events that take place in the field with five different field trip leaders at each event. Road Shows are one-day classroom-based seminars featuring one speaker. Upcoming Regional Events include workshops in the **Great Smoky Mountains** from **April 26th-29th**, **Bend, Oregon, July**, and **Acadia National Park**, in Maine from **October 4th-6th**.

The Great Smoky Mountains Event will be based in Townsend, Tennessee, and will be led by: **Bill Campbell, Jamie Konarski Davidson, Richard Day, Kevin FitzPatrick and Paul Hassell**. Details about the Oregon and Maine Events will be available soon on the NANPA website, www.nanpa.org.

Ansel Adams Exhibit

The **Cedarhurst Center for the Arts** in **Mt. Vernon, Illinois**, is hosting **Classic Images: Photographs by Ansel Adams** through **May 6th**. The exhibition features 72 photographs that Adams personally printed for his daughter. It is one of his Museum Sets, a portfolio he conceived in the 1970s as the best images of his career. The Center is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is \$5 except on Thursdays, when it is free.

Carnivore Lectures

You can hear Dr. **James Halfpenny**, a carnivore ecologist, animal tracker, educator and author at any of three free public lectures this month. The lectures are co-sponsored by University of Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri Department of Conservation and the St. Louis Academy of Science. Each lecture is on a different species of mammal, and each is being held at a different location. They are:

- Cougars in Missouri Friday, March 23rd, at Powder Valley from 7-8:30 p.m.
- Yellowstone Wolves: Restoration, Science, Management and the Future Monday, March 26th, at Belleville East High School from 7-9:30 p.m.
- Bears of North America Tuesday, March 27th, at Saint Louis Zoo 7:30-9 p.m.

For more information, visit academyofsciencestl.org/events or ce.umsl.edu.

Macro Boot Camp

Mike Moats will be holding one of his Macro Photography Boot Camps in St. Louis, **September 28-30**, at the **Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield Valley**. For information and to register, visit www.tinylandscapes.com.

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MoNEP Seminar With Rob Sheppard

MoNEP will be hosting a photography seminar on **Saturday, August 4th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Our featured speaker will be **Rob Sheppard**, author, well-known speaker and workshop leader. Rob was the longtime editor for **Outdoor Photographer** and is the author of hundreds of articles about photography and nature, as well as over 30 books.

Registration is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Lunch from Honey Baked Ham in Olivette is included in the registration fee.

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MoNEP Exhibit

The MoNEP photo exhibit, **Celebrating Missouri**, has recently been moved from the MDC's Discovery Center in Kansas City to the Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City, thanks to **Lori Purk** and **Larry Terrell**. It will remain on display at Runge until **April 27th**. It is wonderful that we have been able to show the work at so many great venues around the state and that the exhibit will have been on display for a total of seven months by the time it comes down at the end of April. Lori would especially like to thank Larry for his help at the end of February, taking the exhibit down in Kansas City and then transporting it to Jefferson City the same day. The board would also like to thank the 32 members who participated in this exhibit and congratulate them for their works, which were so well received by our various hosts and the visitors they serve. As a result, we have been asked to put up another exhibit at Runge for the months of July and August 2013 during the Center's 20th anniversary. There will be more information to follow about that in the months to come.

The photographs will be returned to St. Louis and will be ready for pick up at the May meeting. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, please ask one of your fellow exhibitors to pick up your work for you or contact Lori Purk at 314-869-7427 or purkyl8r@aol.com to make other arrangements. Lori will send out a reminder email to everyone at the end of the show. Thanks to everyone who helped make this the strong exhibit it is!



Norma Mull

Members News

Mark Braun will be exhibiting some of his work in the **St. Charles Spring Art Walk** on **April 27th, 28th and 29th**. Visit <http://www.saintcharlesriverfrontarts.com/index.php/spring-artwalk-2012> for more information about the event. His work will be in **Remington's Gallery** at **302 N. Main**, and he'll be there all weekend. There will be a wine tasting on Friday night and music throughout the weekend. Mark's work will also be on display at **Schon**, an eclectic boutique at **The Boulevard** in Richmond Heights.

Tina Crist has relocated her art framing and restoration business, **Home Is Where The Art Is**. She has a framing and restoration studio at **9120 Watson Road, Suite 200** in **Crestwood** and Graphic Design at **440 East Jackson Road** in **Webster Groves**. You can contact Tina at **314-968-9558** or at tinacrist@msn.com. Note that for the moment Tina is working by appointment, so it is best to call first before just dropping in. Her website is artandframerestoration.com.

Gary Eaves recently passed the jury process for **Greater St. Louis Art Association** (GSLAA) and is now an Exhibiting Member.

Bob and Judy Gross are opening a new restaurant in Augusta, Missouri. The restaurant, **Rebecca's Café & Desserts**, will also be a showplace for Bob's flower and butterfly photographs. Rebecca's will be open for lunch from 10-2 and dinner from 5-8:30 on Fridays and Saturdays only. The café's address is **5501 Locust** in Augusta. The phone number for reservations is 636-228-4006. Bob and Judy also run **Critter Cottage Bed & Breakfast** outside of Marthasville. It is an 1860's log cabin set on 10 wooded acres and offers good photography options. Visit crittercottagelandb.com for details.

Sandy Moriarty has been busy lately, having been part of juried exhibits at **The Art Fair** at Queeny Park and **The Scarlet Thread** at The Crossing over the past couple of weeks. Her work is currently part of an exhibit called **Passageways** at the **Gateway Gallery** at **21 North Bemiston** in **Clayton**. There will be a reception for this exhibit at the gallery on April 13th from 6-9 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Exhibit: 2012 Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards

Rich Merz wrote about the fabulous **Nature's Best Photography Exhibit**, which he viewed recently at the **Smithsonian Museum of Natural History**. Rich said "I just wanted to let you know about an exhibit I saw in Washington, DC this week. It consists of 48 images from around the world. The exhibit is sponsored by **Nature's Best Magazine** and is one not to miss. If anyone is in DC from now until **January 6, 2013** they should see it. As usual at the Smithsonian, it is free. These images are considered the top 48 from 20,000 entries. All of the images are oversized and the sharpness is just amazing."

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Wildflower Guide Revision

The second edition of **Don Kurz's** field guide, **Ozark Wildflowers**, has just been published. The guide is fully revised and updated with vivid photos and detailed descriptions of the diverse flora of the Ozarks region, from southern Missouri to northern Arkansas. Organized by color and plant family for easy plant identification, this handy reference includes clear descriptions, habitat and bloom time information. It features more than 365 photographs, making it an even more useful guide for the experienced botanist and novice alike.



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March Meeting Recap

Shaw Nature Reserve staff biologist, **James Trager** was the speaker at the March meeting. James has a Ph.D. in entomology and presented **Photographing The Singing Insects Through Knowing Their Habits**. These nighttime insects include crickets, katydids and grasshoppers. James took us on a journey of the mating habits of these insects, all of which use song to attract the females of the species. The "songs" are really the noise that is produced when the male insect rubs his wings together. All but one type sings in the fall, and there is only one type whose song is so high-pitched that humans can't hear it. One of the best ways to find and photograph this group of insects is by knowing their habits.

James showed slides of the many different forms and colors of these insects. He noted the differences between males and females in size, shape and coloration.

March Meeting Recap, continued

Females can be identified by the presence of an ovipositor, a tube for laying eggs that protrudes from their abdomens. The females lay eggs in woody branches of plants or under tree bark by drilling under the surface and laying an egg. The eggs have a protective coating, which allows them to overwinter and hatch in the spring.

The males work very hard to find a mate. Some species project their songs by positioning themselves against a leaf that will then amplify the sound, or they may produce food for the female through a metanotal gland on their backs. This is particularly helpful, as some females will dine on the ends of the wings of the male during mating.

To find them in the field, listen for their songs, especially in cold weather, which slows the insects down. James noted that these insects are well camouflaged, so their songs are particularly helpful in bringing you close to their location. He said they may hide from you on the far side of the branch as you approach, so circling around the area where you hear the sound can help in locating them.

We thank James for his highly entertaining presentation and his lively humor.

NANPA Gathering

On March 3rd, 25 MoNEP members and 12 NANPA board members met at St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame Bar and Grill in Westport Plaza for a reception hosted by MoNEP. This event gave members of both organizations the opportunity to get to know each other and discuss questions and concerns while enjoying appetizers and drinks. Some old acquaintances were renewed, and new friendships were made. The NANPA members were in St. Louis for a Board of Directors meeting and had expressed a desire to get together with MoNEP members after their board meeting. NANPA is a national organization that promotes the same principles MoNEP does. MoNEP's mission statement was influenced greatly by NANPA, and the success of NANPA on a national basis is very important for the future of nature and environmental issues. The event was a success, and we look forward to working with NANPA in the future.

NANPA Opportunities

NANPA still has a few spots left for the **Smokies Regional Field Event** based in **Townsend, Tennessee** from **April 26th-29th**. The trip leaders are **Bill Campbell, Jamie Davidson, Richard Day, Kevin FitzPatrick and Paul Hassell**. For details visit NANPA's website at www.nanpa.org/2012smokies.

The NANPA Foundation is hosting a photo trip to the **Galapagos Islands** on **August 3rd-13th**, and there are a few spaces still available. Travel will be aboard the M/Y Yolita II and is limited to 14 participants. This is a fundraiser for NANPA's educational programs, such as the College and High School Scholarship programs. Visit www.nanpafoundation.org for further information.

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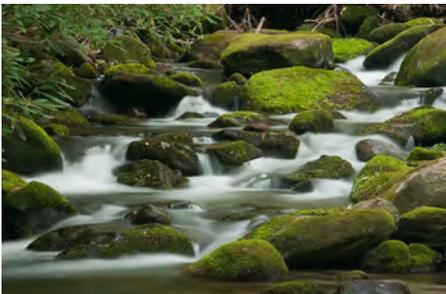
Celebrating Missouri Returns

Celebrating Missouri, the MoNEP photo exhibit that started out in the hallways of Powder Valley seven months ago, is returning home after being shown across the state at four different venues. As **Lori Purk**, who was instrumental in organizing this very strong traveling exhibit, took the exhibit down at **Runge Conservation Nature Center** in Jefferson City, several Department of Conservation staff members expressed their appreciation for the work and their sadness to see it go. **Trana Madsen**, who is in charge of nature center exhibits, said she had received very positive comments from visitors, volunteers and staff, and that she had personally grown very attached to the work during the two months the exhibit graced the nature center's walls.

The MoNEP Board would like to thank the 32 exhibitors and the countless number of volunteers who helped with the selection, framing, installation, transportation and take down of the exhibit. The Board especially wishes to acknowledge the work of Lori Purk who saw to all the details and did much of the moving of the exhibit herself. It was an excellent exhibit and it showed MoNEP in a very positive light.

The work will be available for pick-up at the May meeting. If you are not able to be at the meeting that night, please make arrangements for someone else to collect your work for you. You may call or email Lori Purk at **314-869-7427** or purkyl8r@aol.com with any questions.

In the meantime, get out there and start taking some pictures for the summer exhibit that will be hosted by MDC at Runge in July and August 2013.



Lori Meier

"The world is exploding in emerald, sage, and lusty chartreuse - neon green with so much yellow in it. It is an explosive green that, if one could watch it moment by moment throughout the day, would grow in every dimension."

- Amy Seidl
Ecologist, Author, Educator

Members News

Mark Braun recently won the best in show at the **St. Peters Center for the Arts** with a photo of a lily.

Jim Campbell will have three images on display at the **MySLART** exhibit, **33May** from **May 22nd** through **May 27th**. The gallery is located at **39 S. Old Orchard in Webster Groves** and is open from **noon to 5 p.m.** each day. There will be a public reception featuring the artists, music, food and drink for **33May** on **Friday, May 25th** from **5:30 to 10 p.m.**

Joe Coelho's print of an Eastern tiger swallowtail on a purple coneflower won **Best Color Picture** and **2nd Place** in the Animal category at the annual **John Wood Community College Photo Contest**. He also won the **2012 Earth Day Photo Contest** sponsored by Leatherman, LED Lenser and Hi-Tec Boots, with an image of a hovering honeybee.

MoNEP member, **Lori Purk**, has been invited by the Kirksville Arts Association to participate in a twelve-person exhibit that will be shown from **May 11th** - **June 30th**. The center is located at **117 S. Franklin St. In Kirksville**. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. on Fridays. For more information call **660-665-0500**, or visit www.kirksvillearts.com.

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Bring Conservation Home

The **St. Louis Audubon Society** has started the **Bring Conservation Home** Program, which provides on-site assistance to small, private landowners in the greater St. Louis area for the restoration of native plant and animal habitat on their grounds. They will offer advice on landscaping with environmentally healthy and sustainable native plant species. They will teach owners about the removal of invasive plant species such as bush honeysuckle and will stress water conservation on the urban landscape and other stewardship practices that promote healthy habitat for birds, native wildlife and people. Audubon envisions an ever-growing mosaic of native plant and animal landscapes across the St. Louis region, including even the smallest urban yard.

A modest program fee of \$25 for Audubon members will be payable in advance of the initial site visit. If you are not an Audubon member, a \$50 fee will cover your participation in Bring Conservation Home and one year of support to the St. Louis Audubon Society. The fee includes one initial site assessment and consultation visit plus one follow-up certification visit. To learn more and apply visit stlouisaudubon.org/BCH/.

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May 15th Meeting Speaker – Danny Brown

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June 19th Speaker – Margy Terpstra

MoNEP member, birder and horticulturist, **Margy Terpstra**, will be our presenter at the **June 19th** meeting. Margy will be presenting ***Our Garden is for the Birds! How to Invite Them and Delight in Them***. Margy's goal is to raise awareness of the needs of our native birds and share what each of us can do to meet those needs. She will discuss the plants she has found to be most beneficial to multiple species of birds, butterflies, dragonflies and other native pollinators. With images of the tiniest to the mightiest of birds, Margy hopes to show MoNEP members the possibility of making a difference in sustaining our native birds for future generations.

April Meeting Recap

Ray Kersting from **Schiller's** was on hand at the April 17th meeting to discuss equipment including options for off camera lighting.

Tripods: Ray started his presentation by discussing features of tripods that will make the photographer's challenges easier to address. Among the features he emphasized were tripods with variable spread legs for setting up on uneven ground and for the ability to lower the tripod nearly to ground level. Another key tripod element is having a tripod with a removable center post, so you can set the tripod as close to the ground as possible. He also demonstrated a sidearm for the tripod, which mounts on the tripod's center post and allows you to shoot straight down to the ground without getting the tripod legs in the picture. Cameras can be mounted on either or both ends of the sidearm.

Ring Flash: Ray shared several different types of ring flashes, which attach to the camera lens and provide good wrap-around light, particularly for close-up scenes. He showed a new LED ring light, which can be used at full illumination, or which can be used so that only half of the ring will illuminate for an exposure.

Off-Camera Lighting: Although on-camera flash is convenient, Ray stressed that it is best to use off-camera flash so you have more control and can put the light where you want it. A challenge to off-camera lighting is how to trigger the flash. There are infrared triggers, which can also control the level of flash output. Newer technology makes use of radio signals, using a radio transmitter attached to the camera. Phottix makes a fairly simple one with Through The Lens (TTL) control. However, the premier radio trigger is the Pocket Wizard, which provides more range and accuracy. Additionally, there are any number of stands and small clamping tripods for holding an off-camera flash. He deemed these the "Swiss army knife of tripods".

Diffusers: Since flash can be harsh and cause too much contrast and shadows, there are more and more devices to help diffuse the flash and soften it. Among these are pop-out soft boxes, which enclose the flash and provide a nice round light source. There are grids that can be attached to flash units by Velcro and will put light just where you want it. There are a huge range of diffuser boxes that fit over the hot shoe flash, and even bendable, strap on light bouncers so you can direct the flash upward and bounce the light off a reflector onto the subject. Sunlight can be harsh on a subject as well, so don't forget the variable sized hand held diffusers, which can soften the contrast in close-up work on a bright day. They act like a large soft box and can be clipped onto trees, tripods and other objects to soften the scene.

After his talk, Ray answered questions and encouraged members to come up front to look over all the equipment he brought along. We are most grateful to him for his time, expertise and all that he shared with us.

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After July 28, please call **314-270-2711** or email **vicki_northrop@yahoo.com** to make a reservation. We may not have a lunch for those who do not pre-register. Some of the proceeds from this seminar will go to fund charitable programs chosen by the MoNEP Board. For a preview of Rob's work, visit his website at **www.robsheppardphoto.com** or his blog at **www.natureandphotography.com**.

Future MoNEP Meeting Changes

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Mark Braun has an exhibit in the lobby of the Metropolitan Square building at **211 North Broadway** downtown. The building is open to the public during normal business hours. The exhibit will be up until the end of June.

Joe Coelho will have a photo of a covey of bobwhite quail in *Wildlife Management and Conservation: Contemporary Principles and Practices*, which is scheduled to be published in 2013.

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NANPA News

NANPA, or the **North American Nature Photographers Association**, has several upcoming events including two **Road Shows**, full day indoor seminars with professional speakers. There will be one on **September 9th in Detroit, Michigan**, featuring **Steve Gettle**, who will present *The Art of Nature Photography* at the Environmental Discovery Center at Indian Springs Metropark. Steve's all-day seminar will cover all aspects of nature photography from capturing grand sweeping vistas to the tiny world of macro photography. All levels of photographers will learn how to take their photography to the next level. Topics include equipment, exposure, lighting, composition, creating powerful images that communicate, birds and mammals, macro photography and landscapes. Then on **September 22nd Weldon Lee** will lead an intensive **All About Wildlife** program at the gateway to the Rocky Mountains National Park in **Estes Park, Colorado**. Weldon's seminar will focus on finding the winning image, using Photoshop to transform your images into masterpieces and how to use your photos to safeguard life on planet earth. Also included will be a group critique session of images brought in by participants. For more information, visit www.nanpa.org/road_shows.

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MoNEP Members are also invited to visit 'Shady Oaks' when it is on the **Sustainable Backyard Tour** on **Sunday, June 24th**, from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Volunteers from the *Bring Conservation Home* program will also be there to answer questions. The tour is free, but registration is required at: www.sustainablebackyardtour.com

MoNEP June Field Trip

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Danny is primarily a wildlife photographer. He shoots with a Canon 1D Mark IV and uses a 500mm lens and a 1.4x teleconverter for much of his work. Although 90% of what he shoots is wildlife, Danny also carries 17-40, 70-200 and 300mm lenses. For trekking any distance, he has a lightweight, but sturdy Feisol carbon fiber lightweight tripod and a Markins M-10 ballhead. He also uses and clearly adores, a Whimberley gimbal head that allows his camera to hang like a telescope without budging. Danny raved about his R-strap camera strap, which makes carrying his camera and lens more comfortable.

Danny shoots in RAW and relies on continuous, center and manual focus. He favors aperture priority, so he can maintain control of his depth of field. He shoots with his saturation set at +1 and contrast set at -1. He does his digital darkroom work in Canon's own software and keeps his sharpness slider on 5.

There are many non-camera tools that Danny uses in the field to make his work easier. Among them is a camouflage folding chair, which he says has "changed his life". It is very light and allows him to sit comfortably while waiting for long periods of time for his subjects to appear. To better blend in he uses cut leaf camouflage set up with fiberglass garden stakes to cover his lens. He also takes along some pruning shears to clear any vegetation that blocks the camera's view.

Danny is a Missouri native and concentrates on subjects in his home and neighboring states. He recently returned from a trip to the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma, where he captured stunning images of the collared lizard in its "mustard cap and turquoise sweater" breeding colors. His secret for snake images is to focus on the snout and increase depth of field to get both the snout and eyes in focus. His images were awe-inspiring, and his stories were a delight. Our thanks to Danny for a great program.

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Rob has written hundreds of articles about photography and nature as well as books such as the *Magic of Digital Nature Photography* and the *National Geographic Field Guide to Digital Photography*. He has also written books about Photoshop and Lightroom including *Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2 for Digital Photographers Only* and *Top Tips Simplified: Adobe Photoshop Elements 7*.

During our full-day seminar, Rob plans to discuss the following topics.

- Keeping Up with Digital Photography without Going Crazy
- Techniques to Take Your Nature Photography to a New Level
- Quick and Easy Steps to Mastering Flash
- Down and Dirty Close-up Photography

He will illustrate his points with stories about his experiences in the field and with plenty of images from his collection.

Registration is **\$50 for members and \$60 for non-members**. Lunch is included in the registration fee. You can sign up by filling out the registration form and writing a check payable to **MoNEP**. You can turn your registration in to **Vicki or Shawn Northrop** at the July meeting. You can also mail your form and payment to **Vicki Northrop, 1111 Wilmington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111**. We are unable to accept credit cards for this event.

After July 28, please call **314-270-2711** or email **vicki_northrop@yahoo.com** to make a reservation. We may not have a lunch for those who do not pre-register. Some of the proceeds from this seminar will go to fund charitable programs chosen by the MoNEP Board. For a preview of Rob's work, visit his website at **www.robsheppardphoto.com** or his blog at **www.natureandphotography.com**.

Future MoNEP Meeting Changes

As some of you may already know, the Missouri Department of Conservation is facing budget cuts. These cuts are forcing Powder Valley to reduce the hours when the nature center is open. The Powder Valley staff has worked very hard to accommodate all the organizations that will be affected by this change. MoNEP will continue to hold meetings at Powder Valley into the fall with adjusted hours. Plans are being made for those occasions when we may need to meet elsewhere. As in photography, we must adjust to the changing conditions! We will keep you posted as plans evolve.



Being Green
by Lori Purk

Summer has set in with its usual severity.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge
English Poet
1772-1834

New Members

Welcome to our newest MoNEP members: **Lalita Creighton, Michael Douglas, Bettye Juergens, Robin Meier, Jennifer Perkins** and **Emilie Pressley**. Thanks for joining us!

Members News

Scott Evers was a **Britannica Award Winner** for his image **On Golden Pond** in the **Witness to Nature Photo Contest**, which is co-sponsored by Encyclopaedia Britannica and Ohio Distinctive Publishing. Visit www.ohio-distinctive.com/britannica/photo_contest/winners/ to view Scott's glowing image.

Bill and Judy Lubben will have images displayed in **The Gift of Giving Through the Art of Living** art show at **Crossroads Hospice, 2380 Schuetz Road**, in St. Louis. The opening of the show is **Friday, July 27th**, from **6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Refreshments and music will be provided. The show runs from July 27th through early October.

Clark Willett's photography is on display, along with 19 other artists, at a new gallery in St. Charles, **Missouri Artists On Main (MAOM)**. The gallery is located at **321 South Main**, on the second floor. Their number is **636-724-1260**.

International Photography Hall of Fame Comes to St. Louis

Earlier this year **Scott Avetta** was asked to serve on the **International Photography Hall of Fame (IPHF)** task force advisory committee. Scott relayed that "I was honored, gladly accepted and I have been working with an amazing group of hard working men and women supporting this mission."

The IPHF will be moving to St. Louis in 2013 from Oklahoma City. This will be a great opportunity for St. Louis, particularly for the photography, history and art communities.

In the past we have had to travel great distances to other cities to be able to view some of the finest photographic prints, sometimes trying to view a lifetime of a photographer's work in just a few short hours. We have gone out of our way to see prints from Ansel Adams, Timothy O'Sullivan, Dorothea Lange and so many others. We have studied and marveled at these images and we take them with us every time we go on a photographic outing.

IPHF continued

Soon many of these wonderful images will be as close as Grand Center, along with the tools used to make them. Imagine the privilege of seeing these works of art by traveling just a few miles and being able to view them time and time again for a better understanding of the artist and the craft. Scott reflected on a very powerful experience he had: "I will never forget the first time I saw an Ansel Adams original. I stood in front of his prints, and they appeared to come alive. Details appeared that I had never before noticed. My respect and admiration grew by the second."

Scott also noted that a venture such as the IPHF takes more than a small group of dedicated volunteers. "I ask everyone to take a look at the information on IPHF and consider joining. With the help of many we will have a museum that will allow us to educate ourselves and others, young and old, about the art of photography."

According to the *St. Louis Beacon*, the IPHF will bring 6,000 pieces of photographic equipment and over 30,000 images when they make the move to St. Louis. They will sponsor classes, speakers and special exhibits, among other events. To learn more about the IPHF, visit their web site at www.iphf.org.

SNR Youth Photo Contest

The images from Shaw Nature Reserve's **Take A Shot!** Youth Photo Contest are always impressive, but this year there were quite a number of pictures that adult photographers would be proud to call their own.

Judges **Scott Avetta, Pat Burgess** and **Barb Addelson** found it challenging to pick the winners. Judging was based upon subject matter, composition, creativity and technical difficulty. They viewed over 80 images from 26 entrants and awarded 14 prizes. There were first, second and third place prizes for the four official categories: flora, wildlife, miniature world and people in nature. The judges also awarded prizes to two images for their unique creativity. Visit www.mobot.org/snr/PDFs/Take_a_Shot_Winners.pdf Many of the contest submissions are on display at the Bascom House through August 31st.



by Brendan Potts – Age 12

THE Corner Gallery
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Dickcissel on Sunflower
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Fox by Mark McAmish

MEETINGS & programs

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, July 17th– 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Powder Valley
Tuesday, August 21st–6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Powder Valley

Share and Show

Please note that Share and Show is going to be suspended temporarily, as we adjust to changes in meeting locations and meeting times.

July Meeting – Noppadol Paothong

Join us at the **July 17th** meeting for a wonderful evening with the always-delightful **Noppadol Paothong**. Nop is an award winning staff photographer for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He contributes images to MDC's monthly magazine, **Missouri Conservationist**, as well as many other MDC publications. During his presentation, Nop will showcase his book, **Save the Last Dance – A Story of North American Grassland Grouse**. He will share stories and images from his 11-year odyssey during which he photographed these highly endangered, extraordinary birds. He has managed to document the captivating mating rituals of the various species of prairie chicken, sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse, as well as provide a feel for the habitats of each species.

The book will be published in August and is available for pre-order now. You can preorder a limited edition, signed copy online at www.savethelastdancebook.com. Preordered books also receive a 15% discount and some of the proceeds from sales will be donated to one of three grassland conservation groups.

Visit www.nopnatureimages.com to get a taste for the full range of Nop's work.

August Meeting – Doug Ladd

Doug Ladd, Director of Conservation Science for **The Nature Conservancy in Missouri** will be our speaker at the **August 21st meeting**. He has been involved for more than 25 years with conservation planning, natural-area assessment, management, restoration and research, with particular emphasis on vegetation, ecological restoration and fire ecology. He is author of two plant field guides: **North Woods Wildflowers** and **Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers**. Note that the August meeting time will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Powder Valley.

June Speaker Recap

Our thanks to **Margy Terpstra** for her excellent presentation on providing for the needs of native and migrant birds in our backyards. During **Our Garden is for the Birds!**, Margy talked about the basic needs of both resident and migrating species: cover for nesting or resting, food and water. Margy and her husband, Dan, have set out to provide all of those things for the many birds that pass through our area during migration. It is one of the main reasons they have been able to attract 145 species of birds to their yard, including all 35 of the

warbler species that can be seen in the St. Louis area.

The Terpstra's wooded property is located in a larger tract of older native trees. Their oak trees provide plenty of food for insect eating birds, but Margy and Dan have improved their property by removing invasive plants, replanting the grounds with native species and adding water features to the landscape. They have created a re-circulating stream with a bubbler and a water garden. In addition they have diversified their habitat by planting a songbird and butterfly garden and also maintain a swampy thicket. This diversity has drawn in many wonderful birds and very recently, a family of mink. Their grounds have been classified as a **Silver Certified Habitat** by the St. Louis Audubon program, **Bring Conservation Home**. Margy used both her stunning photographs and short videos of birds visiting the bubbler to show us how their efforts have paid off in attracting a wide range of birds to their yard. As always, our thanks to Margy for a wonderful and inspiring talk.



June Field Trip Recap

The 6:30 a.m. arrival time did not keep a dozen MoNEP members from attending the June 23rd field trip at Shaw Nature Reserve. The heat broke to provide very pleasant temperatures with early broken cloud cover. Even the wind cooperated with very low winds throughout the morning. MoNEP members had plenty of photo opportunities and subjects despite the dry conditions; botanicals, insects, reptiles and birds were just a few of the subjects. SNR always presents a wide variety of subjects for those willing to take a closer look.

July Field Trip

Due to the extreme heat and low rainfall total we are delaying the announcement for the July field trip. We are researching a couple of options and will update everyone via email and at the July 17th meeting.

Doug Tallamy Talk in Jefferson City

Doug Tallamy, author of the very popular book, **Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens**, will be presenting on that topic at **Lincoln University on August 30th**. Lincoln University Cooperative Extension's Native Plant Program is hosting the event in collaboration with the Missouri Prairie Foundation and Missouri Wildflowers Nursery. The presentation will be held at **9:30 a.m. at Scruggs University Center, 819 Chestnut Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101**. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students with valid IDs. For more information, please contact Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall at 573-681-5392 or by email at Navarrete-TindallN@LincolnU.edu.

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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 fall and winter photos.
4. Only submit images you have not submitted in the past.
5. We cannot use all of the images provided, but we aim 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 18th**. Images submitted after that cannot be included.



Ed MacKay

**A flash of harmless lightning,
A mist of rainbow dyes,
The burnished sunbeams
brightening
From flower to flower he flies.**

John Banister Tabb
American Poet/Priest
1845-1909

Members News

Scott Avetta will be teaching five photography courses at the **Missouri Botanical Garden** this fall and a sixth at **Shaw Nature Reserve**. His topics include **Understanding Your Camera**, two sessions of **Basic Photography**, **Basic Photography: The Next Step**, **Landscape Photography** and **Seeing Nature Through the Lens**. Most classes are multi-day programs, featuring discussion in the classroom, shooting in the field and constructive feedback sessions. To learn more, visit www.mobot.org/adulteducation.

Gary Eaves' photography is on display at the **Daniel Boone Branch** of the St. Louis County Library System for the month of **August** as an exhibiting artist with the **Greater St. Louis Art Association** (GSLAA).

Sammylane Wirth won the Merit Award in the photography section of the **First Annual Southwestern Illinois College Senior Art Exhibit**, with her black and white image of a lotus pod.

Julian Pfannmuller

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of one of our earliest members, **Julian Pfannmuller**. Julian passed away at the age of 87 on July 19th. He was active in MoNEP until fairly recently, volunteering to staff the MoNEP booth during the Backyard Bird Festival among other events.

Julian was an aeronautical engineer his entire career and retired from McDonnell Douglas where he worked for 26 years. He was married to his wife, Mae, for 64 years and has two daughters, Susan and Lee. Susan has a career in photography, and Lee works in natural resources. It seems fitting that he would combine the two to become a nature photographer. He spent many days at Missouri's state parks and conservation areas and particularly liked to photograph birds.

MoNEP Vice President Don Morice said, "Julian was a longtime member, and a gentleman, always willing to volunteer when help was needed. He will be missed."

Memorial contributions may be made in Julian's honor to the Missouri Heritage Conservation Foundation and should be directed to the August Busch Conservation Area Nature Center.

July Speaker Recap

Noppadol Paothong's story is a remarkable one. He came to the United States from the bustling city of Bangkok, Thailand, to go to college and study journalism. Despite growing up in the city, he had developed a fascination with nature on frequent visits to his grandmother's home in the countryside. While working on his college newspaper as a photographer, he rediscovered his love of nature, and his interest in becoming a wildlife photographer grew. He eventually landed a job with the Missouri Department of Conservation fulfilling his dream, doing work he loves.

In the wee hours of a frigid March morning in 2001, Nop was camped out in his blind on a prairie where he first witnessed the mating dance of a prairie chicken. This almost mystical experience began an 11-year journey, which took Nop across the grasslands and sagebrush areas of the U.S. from Idaho to Massachusetts. The end result is a fabulous book, **Save The Last Dance**, which chronicles both the natural history of the six remaining species of our native grassland grouse, and Nop's amazing adventures along the way.

Nop told of the challenges of being a wildlife photographer, including trying to locate a blind in the dark, waiting in

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the freezing cold for the birds to appear on their leks or display grounds and tromping through thigh deep snow to get to these dancing grounds. The males of each grassland grouse species compete through elaborate displays or dances for the right to mate with the females who gather to watch.

These fascinating birds are declining in number, and the Attwater's prairie chicken, a subspecies of the greater prairie chicken, has a population of only 60 birds. The causes of their decline include habitat fragmentation, oil and gas drilling, noisy, tall wind turbines in an otherwise low habitat, road collisions and the increasing range of the fire ant. There are groups trying to preserve the grouse's grassland habitat, but at times it seems like an overwhelming challenge, given the rapid decline of these birds over the past century.

Nop had a clear vision of what he hoped to achieve with this book. His aim was to bring attention to the grouse's precarious existence and to encourage readers to ask themselves how they could help save these remarkable birds. With his stunning images, background information and the great stories of his adventure, he has clearly succeeded. Thanks, Nop!

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Common Buckeye
Barb Addelson

American Kestrel
Butch Lama

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

***Please note that starting this month the meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. due to changes at Powder Valley.**

Tuesday, August 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The August and September meetings will be held at **Powder Valley Conservation Area Nature Center.**

August Speaker – Doug Ladd

Doug Ladd, Director of Conservation Science for the Missouri Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, will be our featured speaker at the **August 21st** meeting. Please remember that this meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.** at **Powder Valley**. Doug will talk about tall grass prairies, including an overview of their natural history, life cycles, mysteries and new and unexplored photographic opportunities. This will be a great follow-up to last month's presentation on grassland grouse. Doug also has a reputation as a great presenter.

Doug has been involved with fire management and fire ecology, conservation planning, natural area assessment and ecological management, restoration and research for more than thirty years. His particular emphasis has been on vegetation, ecological restoration and fire ecology. He has also worked on lichens in the Midwest for over two decades and is currently collaborating with Richard Harris of the New York Botanical Garden on a study of Ozark lichens, which has resulted in the discovery of several species and genera new to science. He has undergraduate degrees in botany and chemistry and a master's degree in botany from Southern Illinois University. In addition to numerous articles and reports, he is the author of two plant field guides, **North Woods Wildflowers** and **Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers**, and coauthor of **Discover Natural Missouri** and **Distribution of Illinois Vascular Plants**. He is a research associate at the Missouri Botanical Garden as well as the Morton Arboretum in Chicago.

September Meeting – Dan Zarlenga

Join us at the **September 18th** meeting for a talk by **Dan Zarlenga** on **Nightscape Photography – The World Under Twilight, Moonlight and Starlight**. Dan has been in love with the night sky and the stars all of his life. After becoming interested in photography, it seemed only natural to bring the two together. Dan enjoys photographing twilight scenes, starscapes, star trails and moonlit landscapes. He will display his photographs and share some things he has learned about the unique challenges and rewards of photography after sunset. Techniques discussed will include star trails—long exposures vs. stacked sequences, ideas for foreground illumination and light painting and incorporating astronomy into nightscape photography.

MoNEP Seminar with Rob Sheppard

MoNEP's members and guests enjoyed an inspiring and informative seminar with **Rob Sheppard** on Saturday, August 4th. One hundred and forty participants showed up for a steamy hot start to the day both inside and out but walked away saying that it was one of the best seminars they had ever attended.

Rob shared many helpful ideas and techniques that went beyond the basics of photography. He started by encouraging us to reflect upon several questions: What do you want from your photography? What stories do you tell yourself about photography, nature and you? Who is in charge, you or the technology you're using? The editor-at-large of *Outdoor Photographer* magazine then encouraged us to find a purpose and a vision for our photography. He emphasized trying to make each photograph speak to its audience by composing images that focus the viewer's attention on the subject we seek to help them understand. He said, "Nature photographers are the eyes of the public. If people don't see it, they aren't aware of it." Our images can help make people aware of many things in nature that they wouldn't otherwise encounter. Our images can send a message about preserving the environment or saving a species from extinction, which is what our recent speaker, Noppadol Paothong, is striving to do with his book on species like the prairie chicken and other grassland grouse.

The stories we tell ourselves can limit our photography. As an example, Rob talked about not being too keen on spiders and therefore overlooking them as a subject. Once you stop telling yourself that spiders are creepy you discover an amazingly diverse realm of nature that lends itself to great storytelling. Rob summed it up by saying, "Storytelling photography is what inspires people. The photo story should be told by your image, not your words."

Rob also shared a number of techniques. He showed us using his stunning images that sometimes breaking the conventional rules is necessary for creating the image that tells a story best. To help us do just that, Rob taught us about using a flash creatively. He discussed using fill flash to provide detail in the shadows of the subject and also using flash to draw attention to a subject. He reviewed the basics of High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography. He also emphasized how important it is to stay outdoors and shoot long after the sun goes down. Many great images are found in the forty-five minutes between sunset and dark. He reviewed the newest photographic technologies and highlighted their pros and cons and then gave us a very close look at macro photography.

At the end of the day, and to much applause, Rob left us with these pieces of wisdom: "Learn what you can as you can. When you know better, you do better." "Practice, practice, practice and take lots of photos." Thanks, Rob, for a great seminar and a very fun day! Thanks also to the many wonderful volunteers who made the seminar go so smoothly. It was a wonderful event, and we appreciate everyone's help.

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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 18th**. Images submitted after that cannot be included.



Thunderstorm
Dennis McCarthy

"The more you know about an ecosystem and the species in it, the better you'll be at whatever you do in the outdoors."

~ Doug Ladd
Director of Conservation Science
The Nature Conservancy
Missouri Chapter

New Members

We would like to welcome our newest MoNEP members: **John Byrne, Lyndy Cogburn, Bill and Sarah Duncan, Nelle Garrecht, Patsy Hodge, Joe Klipsch, Sripatt Kulkamthorn, Jennifer Perkins, and Mario Ramirez.**

Members News

The second edition of **Scott Avetta's** book, **St. Louis Impressions**, has just been published. The book is a portrait of St. Louis and captures some of its most iconic sites, as well as many of the lesser known jewels and neighborhoods. It also features images of St. Louis' natural landscape.

Jim Campbell will have three prints on exhibit at the **33September** show at **Old Orchard Gallery** in Webster Groves. The exhibit runs from the evening of **Friday, September 21st** through **October 3rd**. For details visit www.myslart.org/events/33september.

Gary Eaves' photography is on display at the **Daniel Boone Branch** of the St. Louis County Library System through the month of **September** as an exhibiting artist with the **Greater St. Louis Art Association (GSLAA)**. Gary is also listed among the exhibitors at the **33September** show above.

Michelle Jones and **Don Morice** will have photo artwork for sale at **Schön**, a gift shop at **The Boulevard-St. Louis** across from the Galleria. Their work should be on sale by the end of the month of September.

Why Bother?

Do you ever look at other people's images and think about putting your camera away for good? I know I do! **Larry Terrell** wrote in to share a recent blog post that addresses why we should carry on. The post is by **Bill Fortney** and is entitled **Why Bother?!** "Scott Kelby says it's the best he has ever seen and I agree," wrote Larry. After reading that I had to check it out, and felt it might be motivating for many of us. Bill writes: "The relevant question is, am I enjoying working hard to get better? If your hobby or passion makes you miserable, stop doing it, pick a new hobby!" He then goes on to share five ways to get better at photography and enjoy it more in the process! To read the entire post go to Bill's website at <http://billfortney.com/?p=6176>.

August Speaker Recap

In August we were treated to the incredible knowledge and good humor of **Doug Ladd**, the Director of Conservation Science for the Missouri Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. His presentation, *Splendor in the Grass*, took us on a journey from 65 million years ago to the present. It covered the origins, evolution, destruction and protection of our native grasslands, or prairies.

Sixty-five million years ago, the Rocky Mountains rose up through volcanic activity. They created a barrier to moisture-laden air traveling from west to east across the country. This created a rain shadow east of the Rockies. In eastern Colorado, which receives only 10 to 20" of rain per year, you find the short grass prairies. As you move farther east across the plains, rainfall gradually increases. In this part of Missouri we receive 40" of rain per year. That is enough precipitation to support forested land, and a good portion of Missouri was forested. However, the Native Americans of the region employed fire to shape and maintain the prairies, and held the forests at bay.

The prairies are an incredibly rich and diverse ecosystem, with over 1,000 species of native flowering plants

found in Midwestern grasslands. Long-lived, deep-rooted grasses and forbs dominate our prairies, with roots reaching 10-20 feet into the soil. In fact, more of the mass of the prairie plants is underground than above. Twenty to forty percent of the root matter dies every year. As these roots decompose, they form deep, rich black loam soils.

Over one-third of Missouri was prairie at the time of European settlement. As settlers moved west, the practice of burning the prairies ceased, and with the invention of the steel plow, settlers were able to turn the prairies into rich farmland. This fragmented the prairie ecosystems and has endangered the habitat and many of its inhabitants.

Finally, people have begun to protect and restore the prairies. Although there are very few original remnant prairies left, the Nature Conservancy and other organizations are working hard to conserve core remnants. They also strive to eradicate invasive species, restore plowed land to prairie and increase public awareness. Doug summed up the conservation effort: "Success means sustaining viable ecosystems and natural communities while meeting human needs." Our sincere thanks to Doug. In support of their work, MoNEP has made a donation to the Nature Conservancy.



THE **Corner Gallery**
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Trees in Fog
Kathy Cherry



Scott Evers

MEETINGS *programs*

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

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September Meeting – Dan Zarlenga

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After becoming interested in photography three and a half years ago, it seemed only natural to bring photography and his passion for astronomy together. Dan enjoys photographing twilight scenes, starscapes, star trails and moonlit landscapes, in addition to lighting his own foregrounds. He will show many of his fabulous images and share some things he has learned about the unique challenges and rewards of photography after sunset. He will compare techniques such as long exposures star trails to stacked sequences. Dan will also cover ideas for foreground illumination and painting with light, as well as incorporating astronomy into nightscape photography.



Council Bluff Star Lake Trail – Dan Zarlenga

Visit <http://500px.com/DanZarlenga> to see more of Dan's photography.

Noppadol Paothong Presentations

For those of you who missed the July meeting and **Noppadol Paothong's** wonderful presentation, there are a couple of upcoming opportunities to hear him speak in St. Louis. Nop will present at the **St. Louis Camera Club** on **Wednesday, September 12th.** He will talk about the creation of his book, ***Save the Last Dance.*** According to Nop, "My program at SLCC will be similar but not exactly the same as I presented at MoNEP. And I will have book signing before and after my program." SLCC meets at the **Ethical Society in Clayton at 7:00 p.m.**

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Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk

This year marks the fifth year of the **Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk.** The date for the Photo Walk is **October 13th.** This annual event is a two-hour gathering during which photographers get together to walk around, shoot photos and generally have fun with other photographers. There is also a photo contest walk participants can enter, with images from their specific walk. There are currently five separate walks scheduled for the St. Louis area. For details, visit the website: <http://www.worldwidephotowalk.com>.

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Donation for Student Photography Program

Thanks to **Pat Brock Diener** for donating two film camera bodies and lenses. These will be given to the Meramec Community College student photography program.

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Volunteers needed:

Margy and Dan would like to have 3 volunteers to help with set-up, starting at 5:30 p.m., and another 10 to help with clean up after the event. If you are able to volunteer for one of these tasks, please contact Dan or Margy by email at hummerhaven@sbcglobal.net or by phone at **314-606-6957**.

Holiday Show Presentation:

Jerry Miller and **Pat Burgess** are already busy planning and preparing the annual holiday slide show. Please note that the submission deadline has passed and they are unable to accept any additional images. **The show will begin around 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium.** Please remember that food and drinks are not allowed in the auditorium.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the holidays and another great year with your MoNEP friends.

MoNEP 2013 Exhibits

MoNEP has been invited to show our work in two back-to-back exhibits next summer and fall.

The first exhibit will be at the **Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City in July and August.** We will be showing members' work related to all things natural found in Missouri.

Then, **Shaw Nature Reserve** has invited us to submit an exhibit for the Bascom House in **September and October.** We will be showing work related to the Missouri Botanical Garden's theme for the entire year, which is **Food.** This theme can be interpreted many ways. For example, images of insects feeding on plants, mammals eating plants or birds eating insects. We suggest you think about it as who eats what, or who eats whom in nature. Since this is a more narrow theme than we are used to, we wanted you to be aware of what we will be looking for so you can start shooting now. It would be great if some of the work in the first show could be used for the second exhibit, so please keep this in the back of your mind while you are out photographing in the coming months. More information, including submission details and dates will be covered in future newsletters.



by Lori Meier

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

~ Albert Camus
Author, Journalist, Philosopher
1913- 1960



Loena Gerdes

Members News

Don Morice's image of a bison feeding in winter, *Tatonka in Snowstorm*, is on display as part of the **North American Indian Photography Exhibition at Cahokia Mounds**. This image was a 2nd place winner in the color category in their 2011 photography contest. The exhibit is up from October 6th through December 16th at Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville, Illinois. For details visit www.cahokiamounds.org or call **618-346-5160**.

MoNEP member **Lori Purk** will be graduating from the **Missouri Master Naturalist** program this month.

The Missouri Master Naturalist program is a community-based, adult natural resource education and volunteer program. **University of Missouri Extension and the Missouri Department of Conservation** jointly sponsor the program. The 12-week Level 1 training consists of a combination of classroom and field instruction for a total of 15 sessions and is held throughout the St. Louis region.

Lori will also be required to complete 40 hours of natural resource-based volunteer service and an additional eight hours of advanced education to continue her certification. She will be joining one of the three local Master Naturalist Chapters. For more information on the program visit http://extension.missouri.edu/master_naturalist/.

The **National Wildlife Federation** is going to publish two of **Richard Spener's** images on their web site.

MDC 2013 Calendar

The Missouri Department of Conservation's **2013 Natural Events Calendar** will be on sale soon at the Powder Valley Visitor Center. It should be available after October 18th. You can also purchase it from the MDC website at www.mdcnatureshop.com and at Shaw Nature Reserve. The calendar is great for keeping up to date on the timing of seasonal changes, including what is in bloom, bird nesting dates and a wealth of other natural phenomena. There are also great photos, including those of past MoNEP speaker **Danny Brown**. This is a great holiday gift for the naturalist or photographer on your shopping list, and it only costs \$7.

September Speaker Recap

Dan Zarlenga gave a stellar presentation at the September MoNEP meeting. His talk, *Nightscape Photography - Adventures After The Sun Goes Down*, was full of tips and techniques for expanding our photography to a time when other photographers are putting away their equipment for the day. Dan made the point that familiar locations take on a whole different persona after dark. Dan, who is a Media Specialist with the Missouri Department of Conservation, became interested in astronomy as a boy. When he took up photography a few years ago, it wasn't long before he combined the two.

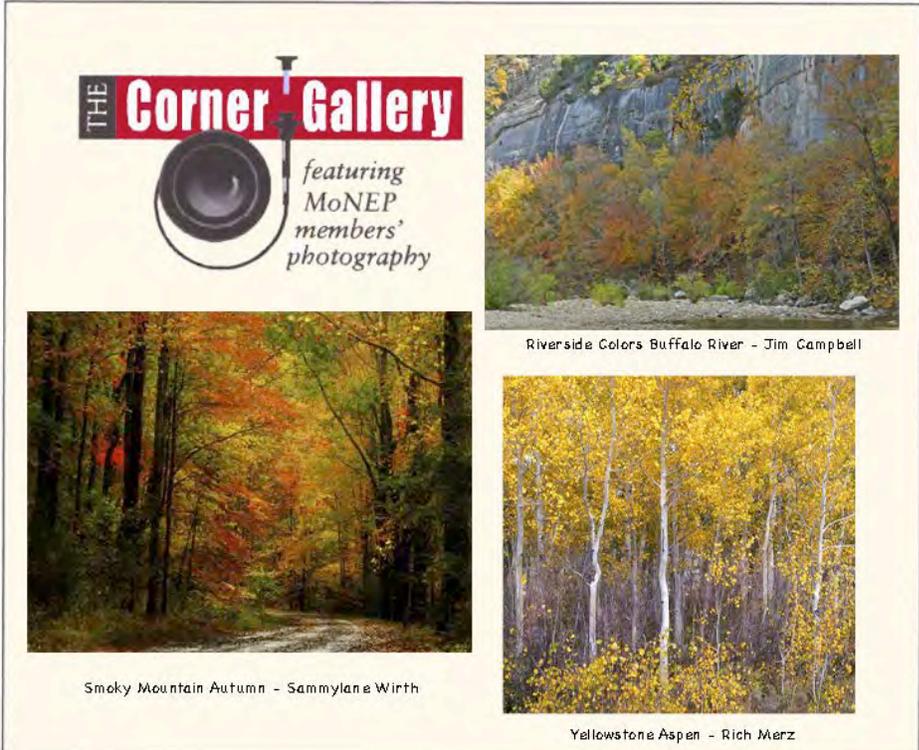
Dan defined nightscape photography as "creating night images that have significant elements both on the ground and in the sky." He included moonlit landscapes in his description. The difference between nightscape photography and astrophotography is that the latter focuses on close-ups of celestial objects and generally doesn't include foreground elements.

The equipment Dan recommended includes a DSLR with a high ISO capability and minimal noise. Full frame sensors provide better results than cropped sensors. For lenses, he suggests using a wide-angle lens of

28mm or less for full frame cameras, or 18mm for cropped sensors. Faster lenses are better for this type of photography, and he suggests using a 2.8 or faster lens. A tripod is an absolute must because this kind of photography involves long exposures. Dan also recommended using a camera timer remote control for both star trails and long moonlit shots. He also relies heavily on some optional equipment including flashlights, or speed lights to light the foreground of the scene. The other required element is to have a very dark sky with little or no light pollution from surrounding areas. Dan also stressed waiting until one hour after sunset to start his nighttime photography because there is still a great deal of residual light in the sky after the sun goes down.

Dan divided nightscape photography into four different types. These include star fields and constellations, the Milky Way, moonlit landscapes and star trails. Each type requires its own special set up and exposures. For Dan's recommendations, visit the photo tips page on www.monep.org, where you can review his PowerPoint presentation and read Jerry Miller's extensive outline notes.

Our thanks to Dan for a fascinating presentation and inspiration to get out there and shoot the night skies.



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Riverside Colors Buffalo River - Jim Campbell

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MEETINGS & programs

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Tuesday, October 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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NOTE: The October meeting will be held at the **St. Louis County Library Headquarters at 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.** The library headquarters are located just south of the intersection of Lindbergh Boulevard and Clayton Road, across from Plaza Frontenac. The meeting rooms are on the north side of the building. There is a separate entrance on the north side so you do not have to walk through the main library.

October Meeting Speaker – Dennis McCarthy

Dennis McCarthy will be the presenter at our **October 16th** meeting. His talk, ***Integrating Weather and Nature Photography Safely***, will focus on incorporating weather into nature photography while staying safe. Dennis has been a meteorologist for more than 40 years. He started as a Weather Officer in the Air Force then moved to the National Weather Service. His career took him all over the U.S., but one of his most interesting assignments was Meteorologist in Charge of the forecast office in Norman, Oklahoma, the prototype office for the Weather Service modernization in the 1990s. His last position, before retiring five years ago, was Director of Climate, Water, and Weather Services. Currently, he is teaching an introductory meteorology class at Lindenwood University. Dennis has always been an avid photographer. He has been a member of MoNEP and the St. Louis Camera Club since returning to the St. Louis area four years ago. His primary interests are nature and photojournalism. He is also a member of the National Press Photographers Association. His photos have been published in ***Weatherwise*** magazine and one was used on the cover of the ***National Weather Digest***. Others have appeared in numerous local news and sports publications.



Thunderstorm – Dennis McCarthy

November Meeting Speaker – Alex Wild

Alex Wild, a biologist and superb close-up photographer, will present on macro-photography at the November meeting. Alex studies the evolutionary history of a variety of groups of insects. Visit **www.alexanderwild.com** for a preview of his work.

Noppadol Paothong Presentation

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Fall Color

For the latest update on where the color is in Missouri, check out **<http://mdc.mo.gov/node/4548>**. This page on the Missouri Department of Conservation's web site indicates that mid-October is usually the peak of fall color in Missouri, although it varies from region to region. The web site provides detailed reports, which are updated weekly on the color of the different regions through mid-November. They specify what trees, shrubs and vines are vibrant and which hues are dominant in the landscape at the time of the update. For a wonderful brochure on why leaves change color and routes to travel for typically colorful areas in Missouri see MDC's website: **<http://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/resources/2010/05/fallcolors2011.pdf>**



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“For the man sound in body and serene of mind there is no such thing as bad weather; every day has its beauty, and storms which whip the blood do but make it pulse more vigorously.”

- George Gissing
English Novelist 1857-1903



Mark McAmish

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During the evening please take a moment to get to know someone you don't know and to thank the volunteers, your officers and board members who work all year long to make this the excellent organization that it is.

We hope you will join us for this special evening to celebrate the holidays and another great year for MoNEP!

Meeting Rooms and Dates

This is an important message from the President, **Scott Avetta** –

The reason for the recent shift in our meeting locations is entirely based on the fact that Powder Valley was forced to make budget cuts due to less revenue. They were told to reduce the hours and nights the meeting rooms were available to all groups. The maximum meeting slots allowed for an organization is 6 per year and the times were changed to 6-8 pm. We do plan on using Powder Valley for the dates which we are allowed and will continue to research options for the other 5 meetings each year. The entire Board loves the facilities at Powder Valley and we would not have changed locations.

We are still looking for solutions to best handle this situation. MoNEP needs a location that is open in the evenings, that is dark enough to project images, is reasonable in cost and can handle 60-100 people. We would also like to keep meetings on Tuesday nights and prefer a somewhat central location. This is not easy to find. We started with the Library because we met there for many years, but it is no longer an ideal fit. We have found other options and are trying to minimize the number of changes.

In 2013 we will be required to meet in more than one location. We are open to member suggestions and hope that everyone continues their membership. We will continue to keep you up to date and try to improve the situation. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Members News

MoNEP member, **Becky Joseph** has a photography exhibit entitled "Living Water" at the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, IL. The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year and a special reception will be held on Nov 18th from 2-4 p.m. For more info visit www.rmsphoto.ifp3.com.

MoNEP member, **Tom Rollins** has arranged a **photography tour to India** with MoNEP members **Butch Lama and Susi Allison** owners of **Wild India LLC**. Dates: March 8 – 26, 2013. The tour will be half wildlife viewing and half culture and is open to MoNEP members, with room for up to 4 more participants. The tour features: a 10-day tiger safari, Taj Mahal, Varanasi and the River Ganges, Old and New Delhi. If you're not familiar with Butch and Susi or their tour business visit: www.butchlama.com. Please call or email Susi Allison at 314-925-8380, wildindia@swbell.net or Tom Rollins at 618-281-5385, rollinsthomas@aol.com to sign up or for more information.

MoNEP founder **Ruth Hoyt** received a commission for a photographic mural from the Executive Director of Economical Development Corporation (EDC) in Weslaco, Texas. The board wanted to use nature photography in their new building that has four large niches along the interior walls. After several meetings and presentations it was decided that they wanted to fill the spaces with Rio Grande Valley bird photos. She contacted various photographers and served as their agent for the project. The four photographs that were selected for the project were: Ruth's buff-bellied hummingbird, a green kingfisher by John Pickles, an altamira oriole (the city's mascot bird) by Alan Murphy and a great kiskadee and oriole, also by Alan Murphy. The photographs will be installed later this month. Below is a Photoshop mock-up of how the space will look once the murals are in place.



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MoNEP has been invited to show our work in two back-to-back exhibits next summer and fall.

The first exhibit will be at the **Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City in July and August**. We will be showing members' work related to all things natural found in Missouri.

Then, **Shaw Nature Reserve** has invited us to submit an exhibit for the Bascom House in **September and October**. We will be showing work related to the Missouri Botanical Garden's theme for the entire year, which is **Food**. This theme can be interpreted many ways. For example images of insects feeding on plants, mammals eating plant or birds eating insects. We suggest you think about it as who eats what, or who eats whom in nature. Since the theme is narrower than we are used to, we wanted you to be aware of what we will be looking for so you can start shooting now. It would be great if some of the work in the first show could be used for the second exhibit, so please keep this in the back of your mind while you are out photographing in the coming months. More information about the two exhibits will be provided in future newsletters.

MDC 2013 Calendar

The Missouri Department of Conservation's **2013 Natural Events Calendar** will be on sale soon at the Powder Valley Visitor Center. It should be available after October 18th. You can also purchase it from the MDC website at www.mdcnatureshop.com and at Shaw Nature Reserve. The calendar is great for keeping up to date on the timing of seasonal changes, including what is in bloom, bird nesting dates and a wealth of other natural phenomena. There are also great photos, including those of past MoNEP speaker **Danny Brown**. This is a great holiday gift for the naturalist or photographer on your shopping list and it only costs \$7.



Richard Spener

THE Corner Gallery



featuring
MoNEP
members'
photography



Sarah Radke



Jelly - Monica Bahr

MEETINGS & programs

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Tuesday, November 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: The November meeting will be held at the **St. Louis County Library Headquarters at 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.** The library headquarters are located just south of the intersection of Lindbergh Boulevard and Clayton Road, across from Plaza Frontenac. The meeting rooms are on the north side of the building. There is a separate entrance on the north side so you do not have to walk through the main library.

November Speaker – Alex Wild

Alex Wild, a biologist and superb close-up photographer, will present ***How To Photograph Army Ants and Survive*** at the November meeting. Army ants are small, fast-moving animals that live in dark habitats, making them especially challenging as photographic subjects. To make matters worse, they aren't shy about biting and stinging. This talk will cover the macro-photographic techniques used to shoot these difficult but fascinating insects. These techniques are applicable regardless of the photographic subject.

Alex is a biologist in Illinois where he studies the evolutionary history of various groups of insects. He considers photography to be an aesthetic complement to his scientific work. He blogs about photography at ***Scientific American*** and about entomology at ***Myrmecos***. Alex is a founding instructor of ***BugShot Insect Photography Workshops*** at **bugshot.net**. To preview his work, visit **www.alexanderwild.com**. See his blogs at **http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/compound-eye/** and **http://myrmecos.net**.

October Speaker Recap

Integrating Weather & Nature Photography Safely
Interesting weather conditions can provide the opportunity to photograph something ordinary in an extraordinary way or maybe shoot something very extraordinary. MoNEP member, **Dennis McCarthy**, shared his expertise of 40+ years of meteorology and his love of photography with members at the October meeting.

There are many different weather events to photograph including cloud formations, sun effects, storms, lightening, snow, ice, fog and mist. In order to take good weather-related photographs be sure to do research of the area you'll be photographing and always have your camera ready to catch these amazing occurrences.

Safety should be a top priority when going out to shoot weather related conditions. Be especially aware of lightening, flash flooding, frostbite or heat exhaustion. Be informed by having current radar data, forecasts and warning information. Heed the advice of emergency

(October Speaker Recap - continued)
officials, and be aware of your surroundings so a sudden storm doesn't trap you. Be prepared by packing emergency gear and always let someone know where you are traveling.

Many people are storm chasers. If this is something you may be interested in, be sure to get the proper training. Become educated by reading books and gathering information from a variety of sources and learn about severe storm behavior. A radio scanner, detailed maps and GPS units are a must. Of course, you can always be a "front porch storm spotter." We thank Dennis for an interesting and entertaining program, filled with many extraordinary photographs.

The following websites and local TV stations provide excellent weather information:

www.weather.gov (National Weather Service)

www.spc.noaa.gov (National Weather Service storm prediction center)

www.ucar.edu (University Corporation for Atmospheric Research)

www.ssec.wisc.edu/data (University of Wisconsin Space Science & Engineering Center)

The Weather channel (www.weather.com)

Weather Underground (www.wunderground.com)

Some other weather resources sent by **Nancy Phillips**:

<http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/stormmaps/mo-cwa.htm>

Contact information for NOAA regional office

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lx/>

St. Louis page of National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/SGJune6-11.pdf>

Weather spotters' field guide. Lots of photos, covers much of the material in October's talk.

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lx/?n=schedule>

Schedule of St. Louis area free storm spotter classes.

NANPA Summit

The **2013 North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) Summit** will be held in **Jacksonville, Florida from February 28th through March 3rd**. It promises to be a very interesting summit with a number of new features. There will be 18 different programs over the course of the three days and several general sessions. One highlight will be an evening featuring the images of **Robert Glenn Ketchum** accompanied by a live performance by the **Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra**. The keynote speaker will be **Clyde Butcher** one of premier black and white nature photographers. Clyde specializes in photographing in Florida, especially the Everglades. Other featured speakers include **George Lepp, Rob Sheppard, Tony Sweet, Greg Downing, Lewis Kemper, Mike Moats** and **Guy Tal** among others. For more information, visit the NANPA website at **www.nanpa.org**.

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