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# MoNEP News

## 2017 Membership Renewals

MoNEP membership runs from January through December each year. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership now. We will purge the membership rolls after the April meeting and those who haven't renewed by then will no longer receive the MoNEP newsletter and email announcements. Dues are \$30 per person and \$40 for a household of up to four. There are three ways to renew your membership:

1. You can submit dues with your completed form at the membership desk during the March meeting. At the meeting, you can pay with cash or by a check made out to MoNEP. If you pay by cash, please be sure to have the exact amount.
2. You can mail your renewal form, along with a check made out to MoNEP, to the MoNEP membership chair, Michelle Jones at 45 Bellerive Acres, St. Louis, Missouri 63121. Please do not mail cash.
3. You can pay by PayPal by visiting our website at <http://monep.org/membership.html>.

If you have questions, contact Michelle Jones at 314-496-7616 or by email at [michelle@mmjones.us](mailto:michelle@mmjones.us).

## Call for May Presenters

As we did last year, we are looking for four members who would be interested in presenting a fifteen-minute program each at the May Meeting. Last year, Patrick Jones spoke about photography on Sanibel Island. Jim Rhodes presented on the work of Eliot Porter. Dick Roman shared information on photographing reptiles and amphibians and Richard Spener presented on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Is there a nature photography topic, technique, or special location you would like to share? If you are interested in presenting to the group, please contact one of our program chairs, Ken Biddle at [kdbiddle@swbell.net](mailto:kdbiddle@swbell.net) or Scott Avetta at [scottavetta@hotmail.com](mailto:scottavetta@hotmail.com).



*Image by Dick Roman*

## Member Survey

In an effort to gather feedback from MoNEP members, we have created a survey to find out about your thoughts on the strengths of the organization and how we might continue to improve MoNEP. The survey solicits information on meeting topics, speakers, field trips and Show and Share. We hope you will take a few minutes to think about these topics and to fill out the eleven-question survey so we can continue to provide relevant opportunities for our members. The survey will be available in a paper format by email, in print at the March meeting and also online on Survey Monkey. We will send out an email with an attachment of the survey just prior to the March meeting and will include a link to Survey Monkey for those members who prefer to fill the survey out online. We truly value our members' feedback and hope you will take the ten to fifteen minutes required to provide it to us.

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Beverly Miller, Dan Terpstra, Jerry Miller, Norma Mull, Jim Rhodes, Alex Hoffmann, Christy Lonero, Karen Bade, Toni Armstrong, Dave Alexander, Chuck Mannis

# Members and Membership

## New Members

Welcome to our newest MoNEP members: Kevin Clark, Robert Drzymala, Andy Hoyne, Joe Kopp, John and Martha McAlister, Wes Pittman, Jack Rainey and Robert Rowlands. We are glad to have you join the group and encourage you to reach out to any of the Board or other members for information and ideas. We also ask all our members to help make these newcomers feel welcome.

## Member News

Professional photographer, Dan Dreyfus is once again offering his Light + Discovery Photo Workshop on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 19-21, 2017. This photo workshop is a great opportunity to increase your understanding of light and take your creative photography to a higher level. The group will be photographing at the beautiful 200-acre Sycamore Plow Farm farm located just two hours from St. Louis. Quaint Bed & Breakfast lodging and home cooked meals are included. For more information, visit [www.dreyfusphoto.com/workshops/](http://www.dreyfusphoto.com/workshops/).

Two of Betsy Litton's images have been selected for inclusion in the Wetlands 2017 exhibition at the Holt Russell Gallery at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. The exhibit is on display from April 6-28, 2017. One image is of wetlands at Caddo Lake in Texas and the other is from Yosemite National Park.

Steve Sands is hosting a 60-minute NANPA webinar similar to the solar eclipse presentation he gave to MoNEP a few months back. It is scheduled for Tuesday March 21st at 6:00 p.m. It is titled "*The 2017 North American Total Solar Eclipse: How to safely view & photograph this spectacular event*". The purpose of this webinar is to explain the details for viewing the total solar eclipse that will cross the Continental United States, starting in Oregon and exiting in South Carolina, on Monday, August 21, 2017. During the webinar, Steve will emphasize viewing and photographic safety.



Image by  
Robert Charity

## MoNEP Meetings

### Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

*Dates: Tuesday, March 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 pm*  
*Tuesday, April 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

Meetings are held at The Ethical Society at 9001 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, 63117. Parking and the evening entry to The Ethical Society are at the rear of the building. Follow the driveway down the hill, along the side of the building to the large parking lot at the back. Enter through the door on the right side of the lower level.

### Show and Share Nature Images

*Submissions Due: 3/18 for the March Meeting and 4/15 for the April Meeting*

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. They do not have to be recent images. For those members who would like a little inspiration for Show and Share, we are going to offer a suggested topic each month. These are suggestions only, and you may show any nature related images you would like. *March: Signs of Spring* and *April: Clouds*.

To submit for Show and Share:

- Resize your images so vertical images are 1,800 pixels high and horizontal images are 1,800 pixels wide.
- Name your images according to the directions at [monep.org](http://monep.org) under tips.
- Save your images as .jpg files.
- Compress your five resized images into a zip file.
- Attach the zip file to an email addressed to [share@monep.org](mailto:share@monep.org) by midnight, Saturday, March 21st for the March meeting or Saturday, April 15th for the April meeting.

Although submissions usually get an email response before the meeting, if you do not get a notice and want to confirm that your submission has been received, please contact Jerry Miller by email at [sirlukeman@yahoo.com](mailto:sirlukeman@yahoo.com) or by phone at 314-517-6395.

## March 21st Meeting – Mark Glenshaw on Forest Park’s Great Horned Owls

Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of great horned owls in Forest Park since December 2005. He shares his work on his blog, Forest Park Owls, [forestparkowls.blogspot.com](http://forestparkowls.blogspot.com). The owls and his work with them have received regular coverage from local and regional media outlets spanning the gamut of TV, radio, print and web.

Mark does extensive outreach work with the owls. He leads dozens of owl prowls each year in Forest Park. He also gives scores of talks each year across Missouri and Illinois to different groups ranging from natural history/conservation organizations to schools to public libraries. He was awarded the Citizen Scientist Award by the Academy of Science-St. Louis in 2006. Mark is a certified Missouri Master Naturalist and a volunteer for Forest Park Forever.

A native of Washington, D.C. and a dual citizen of the United States and South Africa, Mark has his bachelor’s degree in history with a minor in communications and journalism from Washington University in St. Louis. When not studying owls, Mark works at Fontbonne University where he is the Daytime Services Manager at the Taylor Library.

Mark’s talk, *Forest Park Owls: Evidence, Equipment and Ethics*, will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and the different behaviors he has been able to see and document to illustrate these behaviors. He will also address vital equipment and ethical approaches he uses in his work.



Image by Susan Standish

## April 18th Meeting – Richard Day on Panoramic Images

Richard Day will show you how to create beautiful panoramic photographs. He will discuss the basic equipment, composition, and software. He will also show you the technique to get the most out of your panoramic.

Richard is a professional nature photographer who has published photos and taught workshops since 1984. He specializes in birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and backyard habitats. His work has been published in *Audubon*, *Birds & Blooms*, *National Wildlife*, *National Geographic* and many other nature-related publications, calendars, and books worldwide. Richard leads photo tours and teaches many workshops.



Image by Richard Day

Richard and his wife, Susan, own Daybreak Imagery and live near Alma, Illinois where they have created a wildlife sanctuary on their 63-acre property. They host numerous field trips and workshops each summer for bird, butterfly, and dragonfly viewing and photography opportunities. They have documented nearly 200 species of birds, 70 of butterflies, and 36 dragonfly species at their sanctuary.

## January and February Meeting Recaps

In January, Barb Addelson presented *Phenology: To Everything There is a Season*. In February, Dug Threewitt presented *Creativity through Experimentation*.

To read write-ups of their presentations, visit [monep.org/meetings/recaps.html](http://monep.org/meetings/recaps.html).



Image by Dug Threewitt

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

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, except for December. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Specific dates and meeting locations are posted in the newsletter and on the website. The bi-monthly newsletter is edited by Barbara Addelson and designed by Dug Threewitt.

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