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# MoNEP News

## MoNEP Exhibit: Call for Submissions

MoNEP has been invited to exhibit 24 - 30 photographs by members at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center later this year. The theme for this exhibit is *A Walk in the Park*. Work that is related to visiting any type of park or natural area, large or small, and nature subject matter found there is acceptable. Members are encouraged to submit digital images saved on a CD or DVD at the May, June, and July meetings. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact the exhibit coordinator, Lori Purk, at 314-869-7427 or purkyl8r@aol.com to discuss other arrangements.

The exhibit will be on display from the beginning of November through mid-December. The exact dates of the exhibit are to be determined. Please keep in mind, seventy percent of work shown must represent Missouri and this will be a fall/winter exhibit. Information related to where you took the photograph will need to be supplied. High quality work that is artistic in nature and does not include "the hand of man" is most desirable. In order to allow time for uniform framing of the entire exhibit, a committee will select the images for the exhibit and will notify participants in August. Professional quality printing, mounting, matting and framing costs will be the responsibility of the member. As with past exhibits, MoNEP will supply image preparation suggestions and possibly arrange a group framing session. Please look through your files and plan to submit up to 5 of your best images, past or present, using the same file sizing instructions used for the *Holiday Show* and *Show and Share*. The instructions can be found on the MoNEP web site, [www.monep.org](http://www.monep.org). Include your name, phone number, and email address, as well as the image title or explanation of the subject matter and where it was taken along with your submission. Please contact Lori with any formatting, subject matter, or exhibit timing questions. You must be a current MoNEP member to participate in this exhibit. We look forward to seeing what you saw on your walk!



Image by E. Mac MacKay

## Sunset Shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve

We are once again offering an early evening/sunset shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve on Friday, May 26th, the start of Memorial Day weekend. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Carriage House adjacent to the Whitmire Wildflower Garden. Wine and cheese and other refreshments will be provided. Space is limited and there is a fee of \$15 per person to cover the Nature Reserve's expenses. To register, members should see Barb Addelson at one of the back tables at the May 16th meeting or you may contact Barb at [baddelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baddelson@sbcglobal.net) to hold a spot and arrange for payment. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required so we can plan ahead for purchasing refreshments. Payment may be made by checks made out to MoNEP. We will also accept cash at the May meeting, but we would appreciate it if you would provide the exact amount, so we do not need to make change. Further details will be sent to registered participants.

Cover Images (from left to right and top to bottom):

Linda Moder, Dick Roman, Larry Morrison, Bill Duncan, Scott Evers, Sammylane Wirth, Don Morice, Butch Lama, Sage Rohrer, Scott Avetta, Chuck Mannis

# Members and Membership

## New Members

Welcome to our newest MoNEP members Sunita Garg and Jeffrey Williams.

## Member News

Yvonne Ping had three images published in McKendree University literary magazine, *The Montage*.

Toni Armstrong and Richard Spener presented two programs last month on *Paddling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from the Mountains to the Arctic Ocean*. One was on April 19th to the St. Louis Camera Club and one on the 26th at the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. They have also been invited to present their program on the *Eight Wilderness Areas in Missouri* to a national meeting of the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance on October 3rd in Russellville, Arkansas. This is an organization primarily made of National Forest people.



Image by Yvonne Ping

## MoNEP Meetings

### Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

*Dates: Tuesday, May 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

*Tuesday, June 20th 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: 5/13 for the May Meeting and 6/17 for the June 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. May: *"Wild" Flowers* and June: *Hidden Photo Hot Spots*



Image by Jane Griesenauer

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, May 13th for the May meeting or Saturday, June 17th for the June 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.

## May 16th Meeting – Member Presentations

The May meeting will consist of three shorter presentations by MoNEP members, and will conclude with refreshments and time to meet with the presenters and to socialize with other members. The presenters are: Mark McAmish, Anne Kelsey, Don Morice and Michelle Jones.

Mark McAmish will discuss *Using Flash in Nature Photography*. He will cover basics of flash including modes and how and when to use flash to enhance nature images.

Anne Kelsey will present *Telling the Story of Family Land*. The decision to sell land that has been in a family for generations raises the question of how best to remember it. Faced with that question, Anne decided to document her family's 118 acres in northeastern Ohio by photographing as much of it as possible through the seasons of the year. Because the property encompasses a ravine, a lake, and woodlands, she has seen an abundance of wildlife such as beaver, muskrat, deer, wild turkeys and the great blue heron for which it is named, as well as an occasional treat like an osprey. Anne will share some of those photos and describe the process of creating a collection that can be made into a book that can be turned to when the land is no longer available to the people who love it.

Don Morice and Michelle Jones will share tips for *Planning and Prep for Photography Trips to Remote Locations*. Based upon their photo trips to Guyana and a remote location within the country that had none of the modern conveniences, they will discuss what information you need to assemble before such a trip, some helpful packing and travel suggestions, and ways to avoid the accidental loss of images. Also on the agenda are common sense ways to prevent health issues while in the field. They will also briefly discuss dangerous animal encounters in the wild.

## June 20th Meeting – Larry Morrison

In June, MoNEP member Larry Morrison will present *Some Rare (or at least unusual) Wildflowers of Illinois*. Larry is a self-described neo-Luddite who still uses 35 mm slides, so he invites you to come take a walk down memory lane during his actual slide presentation. Larry is an historian by education and occupation (now retired), but is an avid wildflower enthusiast by avocation. He has spent nearly 40 years “chasing” and photographing wildflowers throughout the United States and Canada. Past president of the Missouri Native Plant Society, he is a member of the Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri Native Plant Societies, and takes frequent wildflower walks with those groups. One of the first Illinois residents to join MoNEP, he participates in as many MoNEP activities as time allows.

## Solar Filter Workshop Recap

On April 22nd, members of MoNEP met for a free hands-on workshop to assemble solar filters for their own camera lenses. With these, those who attended will be able to photograph the total solar eclipse on August 21st. Steve Sands presented step-by-step instructions and everyone went home with a custom filter, instructions for use and trouble-shooting tips. The filters are removable and allow the user to take photos before and after totality during the eclipse. Our thanks to Steve and Ted Moreno for providing the necessary materials and organizing the activity.



Image by Michelle Jones

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.

Visit our website at [www.monep.org](http://www.monep.org)



Image by Mark McAmish