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MoNEP News

Meeting Location and Time Have Changed

We have moved! Our monthly meetings are now being held at Powder Valley Conservation Area Nature Center in Kirkwood. Powder Valley's address is 11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122. We will have also changed the meeting time to 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. as the center closes at 8:30. We will send out reminders before the September meeting, along with a map to help you join us at the right place at the right time.



Image by Mark Cherry

MoNEP Holiday Show

Every year we hold a Holiday Show and party on the second Tuesday in December in place of our monthly meeting. This year, it will be on December 12th at Powder Valley. The highlight of the evening is a program of members' images put to music by Jerry Miller and Pat Burgess. We encourage current members to submit twenty of their best nature images, some of which will be included in the show. Image submissions for the 2017 MoNEP Holiday Show are due by the September 19th meeting if you are submitting in person, or by September 30th for email submissions. In addition to your twenty nature shots, we would like to have images of other members in action. Submissions can be turned in to Michelle Jones or Barb Addelson at the back table at the September meeting. You may also submit your images by sending them to share@monep.org by the September 30th deadline. For guidelines and formatting instructions, please review our email of September 7th.

Photography Blind at Shaw Nature Reserve

Thanks to a grant from the North American Nature Photography Association Foundation (NANPA), with additional support from MoNEP, a photography blind has been constructed at the wetlands area of Shaw Nature Reserve. NANPA and MoNEP funding provided the construction materials. Nature Reserve staff supplied the labor, tools, and equipment to build the blind. The wooden structure has a metal roof and several openings at varying levels. It looks onto the wetlands from three different directions. Curtains hang in the openings and there are a couple of chairs for seating. The blind is for use by all visitors to Shaw and is accessible. Thanks to everyone who worked on the project and to Ted Moreno for taking the lead on the proposal to NANPA.



Wetland Blind

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Members and Membership

MoNEP Exhibit at Powder Valley

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Missouri State Parks, 28 members of MoNEP will be sharing images from their visits to parks of all types, large and small. A *Walk in the Park* exhibit will be on display from the beginning of November through mid-December and represents the scenic beauty and natural encounters our parks provide to millions of visitors each year.

For those members who submitted images, the matted print is due to Lori Purk at the September 19th meeting. If you will not be able to attend that meeting you need to contact Lori at **314-706-3604** or **purkyl8r@aol.com** if you haven't already done so. There will be a framing session at Powder Valley on October 28th. We will provide more details in October and will have a sign up sheet at the October meeting for those willing to help with framing.



Image by Dick Roman

New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Carmen Consueera and Michael Smith.

MoNEP Meetings

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Dates: *Tuesday, September 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm* at Powder Valley Nature Center
Tuesday, October 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

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Show and Share Nature Images

Submissions Due: 9/16 for the September Meeting and 10/14 for the October 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 offer a suggested topic each month. These are suggestions only, and you may show any nature related images you would like. *September: Arachnids* and *October: A Spot of Color*.

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 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 by midnight, Saturday, September 16th for the September meeting or Saturday, October 14th for the October 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 or by phone at 314-517-6395.

September 19th Meeting – David Bruns

Spiders make intriguing and challenging subjects for photography. This month, David Bruns will present *Stalking the Wild Spiders*, sharing stories and showing images from his journey photo-documenting the arachnid diversity of Missouri over the past several years. His work in this area has revealed a rich array of spider species living largely unnoticed within our neighborhoods, favorite parks, and conservation areas. Characteristics of spiders, spider identification, habits, and habitats will be covered, as well as his methods of capturing the images and recording relevant data. He will also discuss the use of technological tools and applications including contributing images to citizen-science websites.



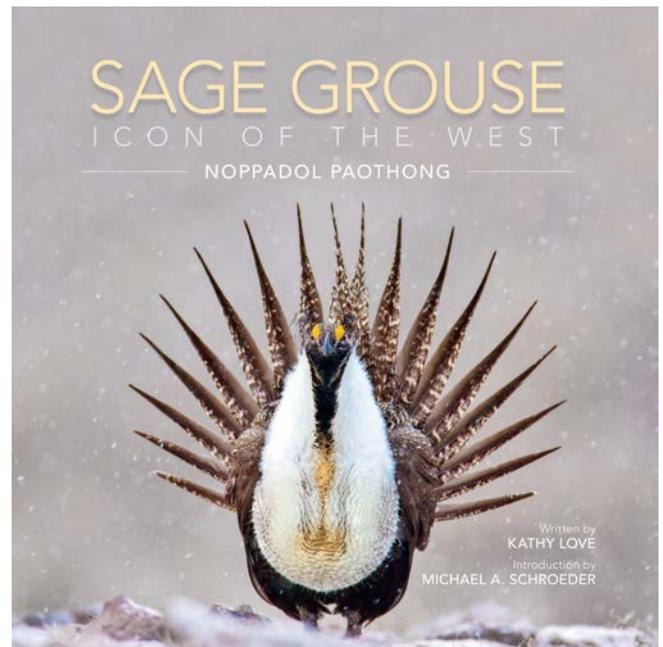
Image by Scott Evers

David has applied his enthusiasm for the outdoors and nature study throughout his professional career with organizations that have included the National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Missouri Botanical Garden. David started with the Missouri Department of Conservation, Education Division, as the Naturalist at Rockwoods Reservation before entering into his current position as Conservation Education Consultant. David has degrees in Environmental Studies and Outdoor Education and is a Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association for Interpretation. He lives in St. Louis and works at Powder Valley Nature Center.

October 17th Meeting: Noppadol Paothong

In October, Noppadol Paothong will showcase the sage grouse, a beautiful species of bird that makes its home in the sagebrush sea of the North American West. It is the largest grouse in North America. Nop will share the natural history of the sage grouse along with stories of his own work in the field, documenting these magnificent birds. With up-close and captivating images that have never been documented before, he will introduce us to his upcoming book, *Sage Grouse, Icon of the West* on this unique and remarkable species and the land upon which they depend.

Noppadol Paothong is a nature/conservation photographer and has been focusing on documenting rare and endangered species. For over a decade, he has worked primarily on grassland grouse and their fragile habitat. He is a staff wildlife photographer with the Missouri Department of Conservation and contributes his images and stories to its publications, *Missouri Conservationist*, *Xplor*, and many others. With a monthly circulation of over 500,000, the *Missouri Conservationist* is known as one of the largest and highest quality state conservation magazines.



Cover of *Sage Grouse, Icon of the West*

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 6:30 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