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MoNEP News

MoNEP Holiday Show – Tuesday, December 12th

The 2017 MoNEP Holiday Show and party will be held on Tuesday, December 12th, starting at 6:15 p.m. at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood. Powder Valley Nature Center is located at 11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, Missouri, 63122. Family and friends are invited to attend.

The Show:

Jerry Miller and Pat Burgess do the hard work of creating the program each year. Their fabulous digital presentation of members' images set to music will begin at 7:15.

Refreshments:

We will be offering light fare – cheese, veggie and fruit trays, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please make sure that anything you bring is easily served and can be eaten without cutlery.

Volunteers needed:

We will need three volunteers to help set-up the event, six to assist with the breakdown and four to help monitor the food tables. If you are willing to volunteer please sign up at the November meeting or contact Barb Addelson, who is coordinating the setup at baddelson@sbcglobal.net.

We hope you will join us on December 12th in celebrating another great year for MoNEP!

MoNEP Members' Exhibit at Powder Valley

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Missouri State Parks, MoNEP has mounted an exhibit of 29 members' images at Powder Valley Nature Center. The exhibit, *A Walk in the Park*, will be on display from the beginning of November through mid-December and represents the scenic beauty and natural encounters our parks and natural areas provide to millions of visitors each year.

Numerous members joined in on the framing session on October 28th, led by Lori Purk. Thanks to Al Ahner, Tim Bade, Kathy and Mark Cherry, Judy Colombini, Steve Cox, Bob Drzymala, Monica McAmish-Bahr, Jerry Miller, Don Morice, Lori Purk, Richard Spener, and Larry Terrell for volunteering to help frame and hang the exhibit.

After the exhibit comes down in mid-December, nearly half of the images will be moved to Shaw Nature Reserve. The images that will be displayed at Shaw will consist of those that were taken in Missouri. It will reside at the Nature Reserve until mid-spring.



Powder Valley Framing Session



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

Don Morice, Scott Evers, Bob Bullock, Dug Threewitt, Joe Klipsch, Pam Caraffa, Kathy Cherry, Karen Bade, Jim Rhodes, Toni Armstrong, Chuck Mannis

Members and Membership

2017 Membership Renewals

MoNEP membership runs from January through December each year, so it is time for all members to renew! Dues are \$30 per person and \$40 for a household of up to four.

There are three ways to renew your membership:

1. Membership dues may be submitted in person at the November meeting along with your completed form. We will not be collecting membership forms or payment during the Holiday Show and party in December, but will start accepting forms and payment at meetings again starting in January. At the meetings, 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 anytime using PayPal by visiting our website at <http://monep.org/membership.html>.

If you have questions about membership, please contact Michelle Jones at 314-496-7616 or by email at michellecjones92@gmail.com.



Image by Mark Cherry

MoNEP Meetings

Meeting Date, Time and Location

Date: *Tuesday, November 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 pm* at Powder Valley Nature Center

MoNEP meetings are held at Powder Valley Conservation Area Nature Center in Kirkwood. Powder Valley's address is 11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122. The meeting time has recently changed and runs from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Show and Share Nature Images

Submissions Due: 11/18th for the November 21st Meeting

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. 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. *November theme: Fall in the Prairie or Photographer's Choice*

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 Saturday, November 18th for the November 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.

November 21st Meeting – Dan Zarlenga

Dan Zarlenga will join us at the November 21st meeting to present *Backpacking Photography on the Ozark Trail*. Dan began going on annual, weeklong backpacking trips on Missouri's Ozark Trail in 2007. Since then, he's hiked all 13 sections of the 360-mile trail, which traverses some of the state's most beautiful areas. Dan realized there were many great photo opportunities during these hikes. After purchasing a Canon G-series advanced compact camera that was light enough to carry for a week on the trail, Dan began attempting to capture some of what he encountered. His presentation will look at considerations when trekking with a camera into the backcountry, and some of the images he's acquired along the way. He'll also reveal some sights on the Ozark Trail that can be conveniently accessed without the rigors of overnight backpacking.



Image courtesy of Dan Zarlenga

When not hiking, Dan also spends time photographing other landscapes, nightscapes, and macro subjects. Working as a Media Specialist with the Missouri Department of Conservation is almost enough to fund his photography activities. His photography has appeared in *The Conservation Department's Natural Events Calendar*, *The Missouri Conservationist Magazine*, *the Missouri Prairie Journal*, and the book *Magnificent Missouri*, as well as in exhibits at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood, Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Kansas City, the 2016 Missouri River Shootout Contest Exhibit in Alton, the 2017 St. Louis Lilliputian Film Festival, and the Dark Room in downtown St. Louis.

September Meeting Recap – David Bruns

In September, David Bruns shared his fascination with, and his love for spiders. He has spent the past several years documenting our local arachnids by stalking them with a cellphone, sweep net, and other tools. His images highlighted the great diversity of spiders living largely unnoticed within our neighborhoods, parks, and conservation areas. David reviewed the characteristics of spiders, spider identification, habits, and habitats, as well as his methods of capturing the images and recording relevant data. He emphasized how the use of current technology has enabled people to contribute to citizen-science projects. Thank you, David for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm.

October Meeting Recap: Noppadol Paothong

At the October meeting, Noppadol Paothong focused on the endangered sage grouse, which lives in the once vast sagebrush "sea", an imperiled ecosystem in the North American West. Nop provided insight into the natural history of these birds and their habitat with its surprising biodiversity. He shared spectacular images of the birds and the stark beauty of their increasingly fractured habitat. Every spring large groups of males gather in leks, areas where they perform their elaborate mating displays, to attract mates. Nop worked for five years to capture a year in the life of the grouse for his upcoming book, *Sage Grouse, Icon of the West*. Finding the hens and their chicks in summer was especially challenging, as they disperse far and wide and blend in with the habitat. Winter posed its own problems, with deep snows and difficulty getting to the places where the grouse can be found. Many thanks to Nop for an enlightening evening and for sharing his remarkable images.

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.

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