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MoNEP News

MoNEP Facebook Page

Last year we asked members to let me know if they were comfortable with MoNEP posting any of their images from the MoNEP Holiday Show and *Show & Share* presentations on the MoNEP Facebook page. Given the concerns many people have about sharing information or images on Facebook, we are once again asking for special permission from those members who are willing to allow us to use their images on Facebook. If you agree, and haven't already done so, please send an email to me at baddelson@sbcglobal.net indicating that I have your permission to do so or sign the sheet at our next meeting. Note that the images posted will be set at a low resolution. If we don't receive an email from you or have your signature on the list we printed, we will not use any of your images on our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above email. If you have not yet visited our page, you can find it on Facebook @MONaturephoto, or www.facebook.com/MONaturephoto.

May 19th Field Trip - Shaw Nature Reserve

There are still a few spaces for our early evening/sunset shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve on Saturday, May 19th. 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 the table in the back of the auditorium at the May meeting or you may contact Barb at 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 check made out to MoNEP. We will also accept cash at the 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 by email prior to the event.

Rescheduled Night Photography Field Trip - June 9th

Join Tim Bade and Dug Threewitt on June 9th for a Night Photography Shoot at Tim's property near Dittmer, Missouri. The group will meet at the Price Chopper in House Springs at 7:00 pm. Sunset on the 21st is at 7:45 pm. Participants will need to bring a camera, tripod, cable release, and a flashlight. If you are interested in attending, you must sign up in advance. You can sign up at the May meeting or by contacting Tim at 314-378-0757.

Members and Membership

New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members, Bill Armon and Bill Roswit to MoNEP. We are glad to have you on board.

Member News

Margy Terpstra's exhibit, *Warblers!* opened at Powder Valley Nature Center on May 1st. The exhibit features Margy's photographs of 29 different species of wood warblers as they fed, drank, and bathed in and around her backyard stream and water bubbler. These beauties have often been called the gems of the forests, the butterflies of the bird world. Warbler migration is a high point for birders and photographers each spring as they move north through Missouri and Illinois along the Mississippi Flyway from Central and South America to their breeding grounds. The wood warblers are only found in the Americas, and although a number of species nest in Missouri and Illinois, many of them merely pass through this region as they migrate to their nesting grounds farther north.

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MoNEP Meetings

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Dates: Tuesday, May 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, June 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

MoNEP meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the December meeting. MoNEP meets at Powder Valley Conservation Area Nature Center in Kirkwood. Powder Valley's address is 11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122. The meetings run from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Show and Share Nature Images

Submissions Due Dates: 5/12 for the May 15th Meeting, 6/16 for the June 19th 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 you would like. May: *Wildlife* and June: *Birds*

To submit for Show and Share:

- Resize 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, May 12th for the May meeting and June 16th 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 or by phone at 314-517-6395. For further instructions see Uploading Show and Share Images in the tips section at monep.org.

May 15th Meeting – Matt Miles on Wildlife Photography

Join us as we welcome award-winning wildlife photographer Matt Miles for a presentation of *Behind the Lens*. Matt has backpacked, floated, snorkeled, and explored virtually every county in Missouri to photograph wildlife and wild lands for more than 20 years. He will describe many of the rare and dramatic moments he has captured with his camera—images that are now featured in his new photo book: *Missouri, Wild and Wonderful*. His entertaining presentation also includes fascinating facts about our natural world. Matt is an environmental consultant, who lives in rural Webster County in southwest Missouri. For a preview of Matt's work, visit his website, mattmilesphotography.com. An opportunity to purchase signed copies of *Missouri, Wild and Wonderful* will follow the presentation.



Image courtesy Matt Miles

June 19th Meeting – Patrick Jones on Large Bird Photography

MoNEP member, Patrick Jones, will be presenting *Tips and Techniques for Large Bird Photography* at the June meeting. This program will focus on techniques for capturing photographs of large birds. Although most of the photographs Patrick will show have been taken in Florida, these techniques can be applied to any area of the country. Patrick will cover camera settings, equipment, support, use of blinds, and other miscellaneous items. He will also discuss how to improve your bird photography before taking that once-in-a-lifetime trip.



Image by Vearl Brown

Patrick has been an avid photographer for over 50 years. During the course of that time he has developed a deep passion for nature and outdoor photography. His travels have taken him to over thirty of the national parks and numerous wildlife sanctuaries throughout the country. He has been a member of MoNEP since it's start and a member of the St. Louis Camera Club for over 20 years.

March Meeting Recap

Thank you, Chris Hartley for presenting *Inviting Native Bees Into Your Garden* at the March meeting. Chris introduced us to the bees of all types including the non-native honeybee, which European settlers brought to America. They were introduced because they are the only bees that produce wax, which was used to make candles, and honey. In addition to honeybees, there are a large variety of native bee species that are extremely important pollinators for both wildflowers and crops. To help in the conservation of native bees, some of which are endangered, Chris suggested planting members of the carrot family, mints, and asters to provide them with food sources. He also encouraged the use of biological controls rather than insecticides to eradicate harmful insects, because insecticides kill both good and bad insects. We thank Chris for a fascinating presentation and for an eye-opening introduction to the amazing variety of bee species around us.

April Meeting Recap

Jonathan Beard is an avid speleologist. He studies caves and helps explore, map, and protect them. He works with other enthusiasts to rectify some of the damage done by vandals, reattaching formations that people have destroyed. Jonathan shared the basics of caving and how to dress for exploring underground as well as some techniques for photographing in caves. He also showed us some of the wonderful cave formations that can be seen in some of the 8,000 Missouri caves. He also discussed a number of the animal species that live in caves. For more information, visit <http://mospeleo.org>. Thanks to Jonathan for coming from across the state to share his enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge. We appreciate the work he does to preserve and protect our caves.

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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