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MoNEP News

Holiday Show Submissions

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 11th** 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 2018 MoNEP Holiday Show are due by the **September 18th** 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 August and September meetings. You may also submit your images by sending them to share@monep.org by the September 30th deadline. Below are the guidelines for submission.

Format:

All submissions should be digital. Place up to 20 images on a CD-ROM or thumb drive in a folder with your name as part of the folder's title (e.g. JSmith 2018 Holiday Show). Each individual photo file should also have your name included as part of its title. (e.g. JaneSmith-GBHeron) However, no text should appear on any images.

Image size:

Resize your images so vertical images are 1,800 pixels high and horizontal images are 1,800 pixels wide. The resolution can be between 96 and 300 dpi (dots per inch). The overall size of each image should be less than 2.5 MB. For further information about resizing your images in Photoshop or Lightroom, please see the instructions at www.monep.org/tips.html.

Here are a number of things to bear in mind as you select images to submit:

1. We would like a variety of your strongest nature subjects.
2. The more images we get, the greater our flexibility in choosing the right subjects for the show.
3. Remember to include images from all seasons.
4. Only submit images you have not submitted in the past.
5. We cannot use all of the images provided, but we aim to include images from everyone who submits photographs.
6. In addition to your 20 images, please submit photos of yourself or other MoNEP members in the act of photographing nature!

If you have any questions please let us know.

Rescheduled Night Photography Field Trip – July 21st

Join Tim Bade and Dug Threewitt on July 21st for a Night Photography Shoot at Tim's property near Dittmer, Missouri. The group will meet at the Price Chopper in House Springs at 6:30 pm. Sunset on the 21st is at 8:21 p.m. 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 July meeting or by contacting Tim at 314-378-0757.



Image by Dug Threewitt

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Dick Roman, Jerry Miller, Larry Morrison, Allen Ahner, Barbara Addelson, Joe Kopp, Brenda Fesser, Vearl Brown, Tim Bade, Kate Sprague, Don Morice

Members and Membership

New Members

Please welcome our newest members: Pamela Rak and Jonathan Raskas. Thanks for joining MoNEP!

Member News

Allen Ahner has organized an African Safari in March of 2019. The accommodation is a 5 star lodge and the game drives are led by a gentleman voted as the best guide in the private reserve. The cost is a lot less than you think! Contact Allen at 314-791-9174 or allenahnerphotography@gmail.com. There are only a few spots left.

Sandy Brooks has been developing *Hidden Gems*, a natural events calendar related to the St. Louis County Parks. The calendar lists when particular natural events occur in our area. Each natural event has links to the county park in which it occurs, as well as links for more information about the event and to photographs of the subject. Sandy is still working on gathering all of the images for the calendar. Visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/28728673@N06/albums> to see the images she has thus far. The images will be available for use to support the parks and Sandy welcomes images from other photographers. Full credit will be given to any photographer who chooses to submit images to Sandy for this project.

Jonathan Gabriel Raskas, a new member, is releasing his first written book, *Infinito: 22*, which also includes about 40 of his landscape photographs, mostly from Oregon. The stories in his book are true, detailed, humorous, and heartbreaking about raising three children from kindergarten to college. For information about his book, see Jonathan's website, infinito22.com.

MoNEP Meetings

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Dates: Tuesday, July 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 21st 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: 7/14 for the July 17th Meeting, 8/18 for the August 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 you would like. July: *Pollinators* and August: *The Skies*.

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, July 14th for the July meeting and August 18th for the August 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.

July 17th Meeting

Our July meeting will feature a showing of the 2017 Holiday Show. This is a great opportunity to see some of our members' superb images artfully set to music by Jerry Miller and Pat Burgess. This will also provide newer members with a preview of what the main event at the December Holiday Show and Party is like, so you can think about what to include in your submissions for the 2018 show.



Image by Allen Ahner

August 21st Meeting

Have you considered entering a photography contest or posting images on line, but have concerns about retaining the rights to your image? Join us as lawyer Erika Cohn, a volunteer with the St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts, helps us sort out the facts and rights we have related to our pictures. Her program will cover how to protect our images in the social media arena, and other areas such as photo contests.

Erika is an Associate Professor of Law at St. Louis University where she teaches Intellectual Property Law, Trademark and Unfair Competition Law, and Advanced Legal Research. She also lectures on copyright issues and specialized legal research topics. She has a B.A. from Vanderbilt University, a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law, and an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri.

July Field Trip at The Butterfly House

Scott Avetta will be leading a morning field trip on Saturday, July 21st to the outdoor native garden at The Butterfly House. Scott will be there at 7:00 a.m., although members can join the group a bit later in the morning. He will be shooting in the garden area in front of the building. It is a short, flat walk from the nearby parking lot to the garden. He expects to be able to photograph a variety of Missouri native plants in addition to dragonflies, butterflies, and other insects. Almost any camera or lens will work in this situation. Scott emphasized that, given our recent extremely heat, this is an ideal situation with easy access to your vehicle and cool drinks.



Image by Scott Avetta

MoNEP Seeks Field Trip Leaders

MoNEP does not have a dedicated Field Trip Leader so we are seeking volunteers who would be willing to take the lead on a half-day or daylong field trip. All you would have to do is provide a description of the spot and directions, as well as start and end times to the newsletter editor. If you have a favorite spot in Missouri or Illinois you would be willing to share with others, please contact Kathy Cherry at fishnclck@sbcglobal.net. We will work with you to schedule and organize the trip.

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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