



MoNEP News

MoNEP Holiday Show - Tuesday, December 11th

Join us at the 2018 MoNEP Holiday Show and party, which will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, starting at 6:15 p.m. at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood. Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood, Missouri. 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.

MoNEP Members' Exhibit at Powder Valley

MoNEP will have an exhibit of members' images on display at Powder Valley from November 1st until the day after the holiday party. There will be 29 images by 23 photographers included in the Fall Invitational Exhibit. There will be an eclectic mix of subject matter with the majority of work photographed in Missouri. Mammal and bird portraits, landscapes, close-ups and a few abstracts will be included. Images from the exhibit will be returned to members at the January meeting. Thanks to all the members who are participating. If you are willing to help Lori take down the exhibit please contact her at purkyl8r@aol.com.

2018 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 #D 1606 Forest Springs Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021. 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.

CLOSE-UP

MoNEP Meetings and Field Trips

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Date: Tuesday, November 20th 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 runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Show and Share Nature Images

Submissions Due: November 17th for the November 20th 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 Color or Photographer's Choice*

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 Saturday, November 17th for the November meeting.

November 20th Meeting – Steve Sands

Once a source of wonder, the star-filled nights of just a few years ago are vanishing in a yellow haze. Human-produced light pollution not only diminishes our view of the stars, but also threatens astronomy, disrupts ecosystems, can affect human circadian rhythms, and wastes energy at an estimated \$2.5 billion per year in the United States alone. Join us at the November meeting when Steve Sands speaks about the four primary issues related to light pollution: safety, wildlife, energy, and human health. Brochures and materials will be available at the meeting related to the topic of light pollution.

Steve Sands has long been involved in amateur astronomy and leads telescope viewing programs, both nighttime and solar, for the Watershed Nature Center in Edwardsville, Heartland Prairie and local Sierra Club. His interests include nighttime observing, solar observing, telescope systems, historic telescope renovation, astronomy public outreach, travel and photography. He has held the position of adjunct faculty member at Washington University and St. Louis University, teaching both astronomy and optics.



Image courtesy Pam Caraffa

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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