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## MoNEP News

### Member Photography Exhibit

The staff at Powder Valley Nature Center has asked us to hang an exhibit in their hallway in the month of August. We are asking interested members to submit up to five nature-related images at the March or April meeting. Please prepare your jpegs using the same specifications as you would for Share and Show (see the instructions on Page 2) or the Holiday Show and put them on a CD or DVD. Lori Purk will be collecting the submissions at the meetings. If you have questions or need help, you may call Lori at 314-706-3604 or contact her via email at purkyl8r@aol.com.

Please keep in mind that this will be a summer show and Powder Valley requires that 75% of the work represents Missouri. You will be notified by the May meeting if your work has been selected. We will need 25-30 pieces so there will be lots of opportunity to have your work on display. If selected, members will be expected to have their images printed, mounted and matted. We will provide you with instructions regarding specifications. We plan to have a framing session in June or July so all work can be presented in a uniform fashion. We look forward to seeing what subject matter excites you.

### MoNEP Workshop for Powder Valley Nature Center

As part of Powder Valley's Nature Artisan Series, MoNEP will be leading a photography workshop for the public on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program will begin in the auditorium with a presentation on a variety of ways for participants to improve their nature photography. After a short break we will take the group outdoors for a field session to try some of the techniques discussed. We are looking for MoNEP members to volunteer to help out with the event. If you are available, please contact Scott Avetta at scottavetta@hotmail.com

### MoNEP Seminar and Workshops with Jennifer King



MoNEP will host an all-day seminar on *Design in Nature Photography* with Jennifer King on Saturday, September 14th. Jennifer is an internationally acclaimed photographer with a passion for teaching and inspiring other photographers. She has been named one of fifteen "Women Photographers to Follow" by 500px. Her U.S. based and international workshops are rated in the top 50 worldwide by *Photoshelter*. Jennifer's photographs, videos and interviews can be found in *Outdoor Photographer*, *Outdoor Photography Guide*, *Camera in the Wild*,

*Photography Talk*, *Smokey Mountain Journal of Photography*, *SouthxSouthwest* and many more. In addition to the seminar, there will be options to register for a portfolio review and a three-hour workshop on Sunday, September 15th. For more details, please see the seminar flyer with registration forms for the seminar, portfolio review and workshop.



Images courtesy Jennifer King

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# Membership News

## New Members

Welcome to these new MoNEP members: *Alan Forshee, Terry Graessle, Louise Sunshine, James Thomas and Russell Wilner*. We are happy to have you among us. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions about events, submitting images for Show and Share, or other MoNEP information.

## 2019 Membership Renewals – Last Call

If you have not already renewed your yearly MoNEP membership, now is the time to do so. We will purge the membership rolls after the March meeting and those who haven't renewed by then will no longer receive the MoNEP newsletter or email announcements. 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 March meeting along with your completed form. 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](mailto:michellecjones92@gmail.com).

## MoNEP Meetings

### Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

*Dates: Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm*

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: March 16th for the March 19th Meeting / April 13th for April 16th 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.  
*March Theme: Nature in Black and White / April Theme: Spring Colors*

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](http://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](mailto:share@monep.org) by midnight Saturday, March 16th for the March meeting and April 13th for the April meeting.

## March 19th Meeting – Rich Lasage

Rich Lasage, Vice President of Education for St. Louis Audubon will help us put this long winter behind us, by focusing on spring. He will continue with the story from our January meeting as he talks more about tree sap flowing and the interaction of certain species of birds with the sap. He will also highlight Missouri owl species. Finally, he will share his experience as a member of the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program of the National Park Service, where for several years he worked as a volunteer at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.



Image by Dave Alexander

Rich is a retired cartographer, African analyst, and United States Coast Guard Officer. Since he retired he has volunteered at Shaw Nature Reserve, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the St. Louis Science Center as well as at Great Sand Dunes.

## April 16th Meeting – Richard Day

Richard Day returns to MoNEP to present *An Introduction to Drone Photography* at our April 16th meeting. His program will cover basic information to consider when purchasing and learning to fly drones, such as different types of drones, extra equipment that's necessary or nice to have, apps for drone photography, and FAA rules and regulations related to drones. He'll also show photos taken with his drone and share composition tips and techniques and how a drone perspective differs from ground photography. This presentation will describe what you need to know before you fly as well as how to expand your photography creativity to new heights.



Image by Richard Day

Richard is a MoNEP member and a professional photographer who has been publishing photos and teaching photo workshops since 1984. He specializes in birds, butterflies, dragonflies, panoramic, and backyard habitats. His work has been published in *Audubon*, *Birds & Blooms*, *National Wildlife*, *National Geographic* and many other nature-related publications, calendars, and books worldwide. Richard leads photo tours, teaches butterfly and dragonfly workshops, and was a guide for Frontiers North to photograph polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba for 14 years.

A former pilot, Richard has always been intrigued with things with wings but began photographing with drones in 2017 when a friend loaned him his drone to see if he liked it. He did—and as the saying goes, the rest is history. He now owns a Phantom 4Pro and is an FAA Certified Drone Pilot.

Richard and Susan Day own Daybreak Imagery, a stock photography and writing business, near Alma, Illinois. The Days present numerous programs throughout the country each year on backyard wildlife, nature photography, and the photo business. Susan is Executive Director of the North American Nature Photography Association. You can learn more about them at their website: [www.daybreakimagery.com](http://www.daybreakimagery.com)

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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