



CLOSE-UP

Published Bi-Monthly by Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers
Volume 24, Number 2
March - April 2019

MoNEP News

MoNEP Seminar and Workshops with Jennifer King

MoNEP will host an all-day seminar on *Design in Nature Photography* with internationally acclaimed photographer, Jennifer King on Saturday, September 14th. To learn more about Jennifer, visit her website at www.jenniferkingphoto.com. Topics that Jennifer will cover during the seminar include:

Finding Photographic Inspiration Around the World

Travel and nature have been passions for Jennifer throughout her photographic career. We will explore the destinations, cultures, and wildlife that have influenced her art and inspired her.

Creativity Spreads

Photography is the art of creativity and technology and is very contagious. Having fun and challenging your imagination are the best ways to find your own style and create your own vision.

Image Design: Using the Principles of Design to Create More Dramatic Photos

Jennifer began her career in the advertising arena as a designer and creative director and then quickly moved into directing photography. It was in these years that she learned how much design principles played a part in creating effective images. Photography is a journey. It's about the destination and its uniqueness; the world at its best. Understanding how the principles of design affect our visual response to an image can help us to communicate with our photos, and is the key to improving our photography.

Optional Events (You must attend the seminar to sign up):

Private Portfolio Reviews – Saturday, September 14th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer and her colleague, Randy Wilson, will offer 15-minute private portfolio reviews after the seminar on September 14th from 5 to 8 p.m. The fee for a review is \$20 and reviews are limited to 24 participants. Participants will be notified by email of their time slots before the seminar.

Field Workshop – Sunday, September 15, 2019

Join Jennifer in the field for one of two hands-on photography workshops on Sunday, September 15th. Details are as follows:

- Location: The Carriage House and Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve.
- Times: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$35.00
- Participants may be of any skill level from novice to advanced.
- Each workshop is limited to 20 participants.

To register for the seminar, turn in your registration form and payment at the upcoming MoNEP meetings or mail your form and a check to Linda Moder, 5341 A Sutherland, St. Louis, MO 63109. Early bird registration is \$55 for current members and must be in by June 18th. After June 18th or, if paying by PayPal, the member registration fee is \$60. The seminar fee for non-members is \$65. Registrations for the portfolio reviews and the workshop on Sunday will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Member Photography Exhibit

Thank you to all the members who submitted images for the MoNEP exhibit to be on display at Powder Valley Nature Center in August. Lori Purk will contact exhibitors about the exhibit committee's selections later in May. At that time she will provide specifications for the printing, matting, and framing of the selected images. If you have questions in the meantime, you may contact Lori at purkyl8r@aol.com.

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

Scott Evers, Mark Cherry, Vearl Brown, Norma Mull, Linda Moder, Brenda Fesser, Allen Ahner, Robert Charity, Christy Lonero, Kathy Cherry, Jerry Miller



Membership News

New Members

Welcome to these new MoNEP members: Sandy and Rancy Hastings, Sandy Pollack, and Richard Schons. Thanks for joining our group. If you have questions about events, submitting images for Show and Share, or other MoNEP information, please don't hesitate to ask one of the board members.

Member News

MoNEP members Roxanna Cummings and Richard Spener had images selected among the top ten in several categories in the Missouri Department of Natural Resources photo contest in 2018. Roxanna won 1st place in the People Enjoying Missouri's Natural Resources Category and 2nd place in the Unique Places Category. Richard had three images recognized, one in the Natural Resources Category and two in the People Enjoying Missouri's Natural Resources Category.

MoNEP Facebook Group

MoNEP has been hosting a Facebook Page for some time. We have also wanted to have a member's only space in addition to the page where current members can share images, information, related resources, and hold discussions. Thanks to the work of Kate Sprague, we are able to offer the Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers Group within Facebook. This group is not open to the public and is meant to continue to build our great community. In the near future, we will issue invitations for members to join the group, along with the guidelines for being a participating member.

MoNEP Meetings and Field Trips

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Dates: Tuesday, May 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, June 18th 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: May 18th for the May 21st Meeting / June 15th for June 18th 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.

May Theme: The Heavens / June Theme: Wildflowers

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 midnight Saturday, March 16th for the March meeting and April 13th for the April meeting.

May 21st Meeting - Lonnie Gatlin

Lonnie Gatlin will present her program, *Chasing the Milky Way - Landscape Photography at Night* during the May meeting. From Death Valley National Park to here in Missouri and Illinois, landscape photographer Lonnie shares her experiences and lessons learned from photographing the night sky. You will learn about the tools, techniques, and processing used to reproduce beautiful starry-night landscapes as well as the emotions experienced. Her presentation is sure to include beneficial tips for all levels of photographers.



Image by Joe Kopp

Lonnie is an award-winning photographer with more than 30 years of experience. Professionally, she has served as a writer, photojournalist, and bio-medical photographer in the St. Louis area. Today, Lonnie is best known for her astrophotography landscapes, chasing the light throughout the U.S. She is a frequent speaker on astrophotography at local camera clubs and recently started teaching astrophotography and light painting classes at Shaw Nature Reserve. She writes: My adventures in nightscape photography began in 2012 under master landscape photographer Marc Adamus. In 2015, I further pursued my passion for astrophotography with Adam Woodworth. Adam's photos and techniques have been featured in *Outdoor Photographer* and used by Nikon USA. She enthusiastically shares her passion.

June 18th Meeting - Doug Ladd

What's So Special About Orchids? Find out when Doug Ladd answers this question at the June MoNEP meeting. Wild orchids always generate excitement, yet most people don't know the background story behind these unique wildflowers. We'll explore the orchid world, and some amazing traits of these specialized plants, including some of the mean tricks they play on some animals. Doug will also take us on a tour of Missouri's wild orchids.

Doug is Conservation Biologist for The Nature Conservancy in Missouri. He has been involved with fire management and fire ecology, conservation planning, natural area assessment, and ecological management, restoration, and research for more than 35 years. His work has had an emphasis on vegetation, floristics, ecological restoration, lichens, and fire ecology. A research associate at the Missouri Botanical Garden, The Morton Arboretum, and the Conservation Research Institute, he also teaches graduate courses at Washington University.

June 21st Field Trip - Shaw Nature Reserve

We are once again offering an early evening/sunset shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve on Friday, June 21st. 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 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. Further details will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

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.

Visit our website at www.monep.org