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MONEP News

President's New Year Message

I hope everyone is healthy and safe.

Our 25th year was an unusual one and I want to thank everyone for sticking with us. We have a lot to be thankful for and had major help when needed. The importance of nature and sharing has become even more evident during the year.

Jennifer King, Charles Needle, Lonnie Gatlin, Jack Curran, Greg Basco and others stepped up and got us started on Zoom presentations. MONEP member, Ted Moreno was kind enough to offer us the use of his Zoom account as well as his time and skill working with Zoom.



Image by: Jennifer King

R.J. Wilner, Kate Sprague, and Barb Addelson have been working together on updating the website and are in the process of refining it. They will be adding galleries, resource information, and other features.

We are also welcoming three new board members in 2021. Thank you to Robert Charity, Jane Griesenauer, and Kate Sprague for joining the board. We look forward to your input and new ideas. As always, thanks to the existing board members and volunteers for their hard work.

2021 will begin with Zoom meetings until Powder Valley is open and safe. Although we miss being together monthly, a big advantage of having Zoom meetings is that it has allowed us to reach out to speakers we might never reach otherwise and we have several interesting topics and speakers planned for the first part of 2021. MONEP founder Ruth Hoyt will kick off the year, followed by a presentation by Hunt's Photography on mirrorless cameras and equipment. We will team up with Hunt's several times with presentations and they will offer us special discounts on products mentioned. We do look forward to a time we can meet again and understand it is difficult to duplicate that. We are hoping to play the Holiday Show again in July at Powder Valley with a social event.

Please take time to renew your membership and fill out the forms legibly and completely. Note: if you are mailing your form and payment, please note the new mailing address on the form. We could really use your support in rejoining and if you know out of town photographers let them know about us, Zoom gives them great access.

Again, thank you all for being part of MONEP. We hope things return closer to normal as the year progresses and we look forward to seeing you in person before too long.

- Scott Avetta

Annual Membership Renewal

MONEP membership runs from January through December each year, so it is time for all members to renew, if you haven't already done so. Dues are \$30 per person and \$40 for a household of up to four. There are two ways to renew:

1. You can mail your 2021 renewal form, along with a check made out to MONEP, to our Treasurer, Linda Moder, at 5341A Sutherland, St. Louis, Missouri 63109. Please do not mail cash.
2. You can pay using PayPal by visiting our website at <https://monep.org/membership/>

Please note that we have a newly revised Membership form that every member must fill out on both sides. If you register by PayPal, please also submit your signed and scanned 2021 membership form to linda_monep@hotmail.com or mail it to her address above. If you have questions about membership, please contact our Membership Chair, Michelle Jones, at 314-496-7616

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Meetings

January Meeting – Bird Photography with Ruth Hoyt

Join us on Tuesday, January 19th via Zoom when MONEP founder and past president, Ruth Hoyt, presents a brand-new program for our 25th anniversary meeting and celebration. She will share an overview of how her nature photography has evolved over the past 25 years, with particular focus on birds, her current specialty. She hopes you will enjoy her stories and learn a little bit about birds.



Image by: Ruth Hoyt

Ruth is a full-time professional nature photographer, writer, public speaker, workshop leader, coach and consultant. She has 30+ years of experience teaching nature photography and is a Certified Interpretive Guide (national certification) and Certified Texas Master Naturalist (certified annually through Texas Parks & Wildlife since 2009). She is best known for her Texas bird photography and professional guiding services on private south Texas ranches, but she also pursues landscape, flora, macro, night and much more in various locations across the United States.

Ruth used her Canon 1DX Mark III DSLR for most of her work until recently when she purchased a new Canon R5 mirrorless camera. She uses an iPhone X and DJI Phantom 4 drone for video and still work for selected subjects.

Her work includes large canvas gallery-wrapped prints as well as mounted prints using archival, museum-quality paper. Her work can be seen in permanent public locations in various states as well as local hospitals, private offices and visitors' centers. For current work, visit her Instagram account at @ruthhoytphoto or her website at ruthhoyt.com.

February Meeting - Noah Buchanan on Mirrorless Cameras

On February 16th, Noah Buchanan of Hunt's Photo and Video will present a Zoom program on mirrorless cameras. Noah will discuss the pros and cons of mirrorless cameras as well as clear up misconceptions that are commonly held about them. The program will compare mirrorless cameras to DSLRs. He will explain the cameras' electronic viewfinders and cover lens options as well as talk about the adaptability of old lenses and different mounts. Other topics that Noah will cover include in-body stabilization and entry level and professional level options.

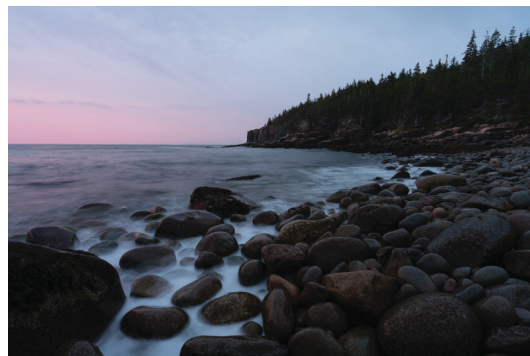


Image courtesy: Hunt's Photo and Video

Noah is an Outside Sales Developer for Hunt's Photo and Video. He has been working with them since 2016. He loves building relationships with his customers and considers many of them close friends. Photography has been a passion of his for the past ten years and he loves being able to talk about it with everyone! Noah's main interests in photography revolve around the landscape and unusual scenes in nature. Prior to working for Hunt's, Noah attended NESOP, the New England School of Photography, for two years studying photojournalism.

Recent Meeting Recordings

If you missed any recent meetings, or wish to watch them again, you can now view them on the MONEP YouTube Channel. These recordings are for our use only and are not available without a link to each recording. We have made the commitment to our presenters that these would be available to MONEP members only. Please do not share the links with anyone outside of MONEP.

[December – Holiday Show, produced by Jerry Miller and Pat Burgess](#)

[November – Nicole Miller-Struttman on the Shutterbee Program](#)

[October – Greg Basco on Flash in Nature Photography](#)

[September – Jack Curran on Black & White Nature Photography](#)



Image by: Jack Curran

Show & Share Returns

We are happy to announce that we are resurrecting Show and Share during our meetings starting with our meeting on January 19th. Show and Share will come after the presentation during our Zoom meetings. Submissions are due by midnight on the Saturday prior to each month's meeting. See the dates below.

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. 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 using your last name and the year and month of submission. For example, Smith 2021-01 for submission for the January 2021 Show and Share. You can then add a number or name describing each image, e.g. Smith 2021-01-Heron. If you do not name your image, then you may number them one to five, such as Smith 2021-01-1.
- 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, January 16th for the January meeting and Saturday, February 13th for the February meeting.

Let us know if you have any questions!

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