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MoNEP News

President's New Year Message

We begin another year and I want to thank everyone for their help and cooperation in 2021. While planning has become more complex, I am very happy with the quality of the programs we hosted in 2021. We kicked off the year with founder Ruth Hoyt from South Texas and wrapped up with another great Holiday Show. Thanks again to those who participated and to Jerry Miller for creating the show. We had many great programs in between. We also had a very successful canned food drive with an extra donation by MONEP to a local food bank. Thank you, many will benefit from your kindness.

Our mix of Zoom and on-site programming was necessary, well received, and gave us some wonderful opportunities. No one can predict the future but we will kick off 2022 with two exciting Zoom presentations. We hope to get back to Powder Valley soon and have booked the space for the remaining months of the year.

In 2021 we added several board members who have been instrumental to our success. Sadly, we have also lost two treasured board members, friends, and fellow photographers, Ken Biddle and Pat Burgess. We also lost another of our past board members, Dennis Owsley. We are who we are today because of the work, ideas, and efforts they contributed to MONEP along with many others.

We also want to give a big thanks to Don Morice who has served as Vice President for many years and helped in numerous ways, from exhibits to community events, membership and more. He is stepping down as VP but will remain a board member. Barb Addelson will take over as our new Vice President.

Let's not forget that our passion for nature has brought us together and will be critical in getting us through these difficult times. Pause, take a deep breath, and take time to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us; from the frost on a fallen leaf, to the distant drumming of a woodpecker, to the beauty of the winter sky above. It will brighten your day and fill your soul.

We hope you take time to renew your membership. Thank you everyone. Have a happy and safe new year.

- 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 2022 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 2022 Membership form that every member must fill out on both sides. If you register by PayPal, please also submit your signed and scanned 2022 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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Barb Addelson, John McAlister, Joe Kopp, Sherry Teefey, Mark Cherry, Kathy Cherry, Patrick Jones, Jane Griesenauer, Bob Schmidt, Robert Charity, Tim Bade

Member News

Al Ahner received first place in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's 2021 Travel Photography Contest* with his image, *Movie Road*, taken in Southeast California.

Meetings

January Meeting – Conservation Storytelling: Creating Photos with a Purpose

National Geographic Explorer and photographer **Gabby Salazar** will share how she uses photography to support environmental conservation efforts around the world. She will take you on a visual journey to the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, where conservationists are saving endangered birds and reptiles, and to Zimbabwe, where she created a short film about a scientist who studies lions and wildlife conservation. She will also share tips for using your own images to support local environmental efforts.

Gabby is a nature and conservation photographer, and a social scientist. As Associate Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers, she has worked on environmental photography projects across the globe, spending months at a time living in tropical rainforests and on tropical islands. Gabby has an MSc in Conservation Science from Imperial College London and is currently a doctoral student at the University of Florida's School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatics Science, where she studies environmental marketing. She is committed to environmental education and uses photography to get kids outdoors and to connect them with nature. Her website is gabbysalazar.com. She is also the author of a forthcoming children's book called *No Boundaries: 25 Women Explorers and Scientists Share Adventures, Inspiration, and Advice*, published by National Geographic Kids Books.



Image by Al Ahner



Image by Gabby Salazar

February Meeting – Flower Photography on Wednesday, February 16

Join us a day later than usual on **Wednesday, February 16th** for a Zoom presentation on Creative Flower Photography with Jamie Konarski Davidson. Jamie is an award-winning freelance outdoor and nature photographer with a passion for capturing the intimate moments and beauty of the natural world. She will discuss some of the endless possibilities for photographing flowers beyond the documentary style. In this program, Jamie will share a variety of techniques and approaches for getting creative with flowers, as well as ways to extend the creativity in post-processing. Techniques range from macro and close-up to motion and multiples, using creative lenses such as Lensbaby, and processing using Photoshop, textures, image blending, Nik Collection and Topaz. In all instances, the goal is to create images that evoke emotion, have visual impact, and tell or make up stories.

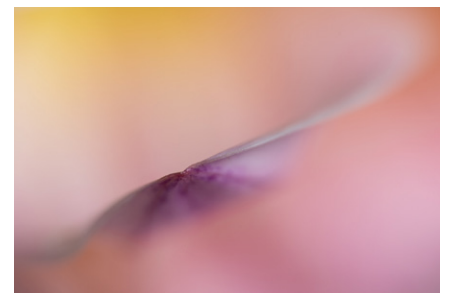


Image by Jamie Konarski Davidson

Jamie's images range from macro and abstracts to intimate, grand and rural landscapes. Jamie is enamored with flowers of all kinds. In fact, if someone told her she could only photograph one subject for the rest of her life, it would be flowers. Her interpretive style reflects an intentional approach. Through New Life Photos, Jamie leads photo workshops, teaches and presents at conferences and other events. Her goals are to educate, encourage, and inspire, helping people grow skills, connect with subjects and see beyond the obvious to discover their visual voice. A Lensbaby Ambassador, Jamie has been an instructor/presenter with Out of Chicago, CanAm Conference, NANPA Summits, CNPA webinars, Mike Moats Macro Conference and more. Find her at www.newlifephotos.com

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.

Show & Share

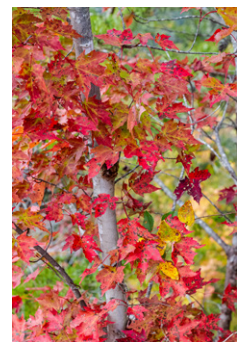
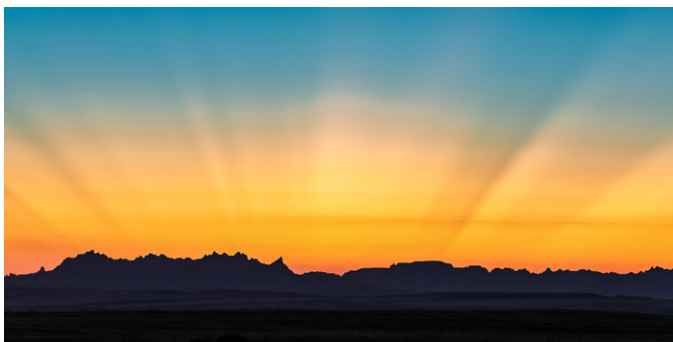
Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. Images do not have to be recent and you do not have to talk about your images. If you would like to have your images shown anonymously, or not be called on to talk about them, let Jerry Miller know in the email you use to submit your images. Submissions are due by January 15th for the January meeting and February 12th for the February meeting.

Show and Share will come after the presentation during our meetings. Submissions are always due by midnight on the Saturday prior to each month's meeting. See the dates below.

Please follow the submission and file naming guidelines below to submit images 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 then first name and the year and month of submission as well as the subject. For example, SmithJane-2022-01-Subject. No spaces please!
- Save your images as .jpg files. Your saved images should be less than 4 MB in size.
- Compress your five resized images into a zip file. (If you don't know how to do this step, just send them as they are)
- Attach the zip file or images to an email addressed to share@monep.org by midnight Saturday, January 16th for the January meeting and Saturday, February 12th for the February meeting.

Let us know if you have any questions!



Images by: RJ Wilner, Carol Norse, Jerry Miller, Richard Spener, Larry Terrell, Kevin Kelly

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