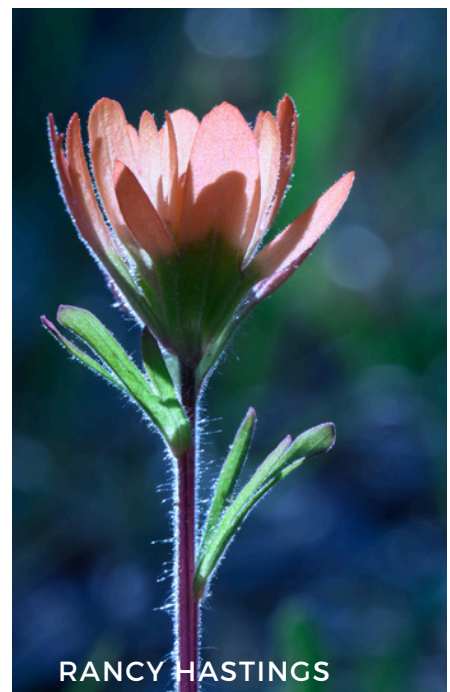


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# 30TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT

## @ POWDER VALLEY



MONEP will have our 2026 exhibit at Powder Valley during the month of October. The theme is WE ARE MONEP. The exhibit will demonstrate the heart and soul of our organization. When submitting images, choose photos that say you are passionate about nature and being a member of MONEP. This year, your photos can be printed on metal, canvas or framed in black with a white mat.

The finished sizes should be between 11"x14" and 16"x20"

Please submit up to five of your best Missouri or Illinois nature images. Per Powder Valley policy, please refrain from submitting images that contain the "hand of humans" (buildings, fences, bridges and people).

We have seen many beautiful images at our meetings during Show and Share. These would be perfect for the exhibit. Submit your images to Karen Zelle via email to [karenzellephotography@gmail.com](mailto:karenzellephotography@gmail.com) by August 1st, 2026. You may email, call or text Karen at 314-412-1091 if you have questions.

When preparing your images, follow similar guidelines as Show and Share submissions:

- 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, the year and month of exhibit, and finish with the subject of the photo. For example, for the photo above, the naming would be McAmishMark-2025-PV-waterfall. No spaces or commas please.
- Save your images as .jpg files. Each image saved should be less than 4 MB in size. You may have to send your images in multiple emails.

In the body of the email you send with your images, include your name, phone number, and an email address. For each image, note the title of the piece, medium, size, and where it was taken.

Members whose images are selected will be contacted via email by August 31st, 2026. We are looking forward to another amazing exhibit.



# 2026 HOLIDAY SHOW SUBMISSIONS



Every year we hold a Holiday Show on the second Tuesday in December in place of our monthly meeting. This year, it will be on December 8th at Powder Valley. The highlight of the evening is a program of members' images, set to music. We will share more details about the event in the months to come.

We encourage current members to submit 20 of their best nature images, some of which will be included in the show. They do not have to be from the current year, but please try not to include images you have submitted for past Holiday Shows. In addition to your twenty nature shots, we would love to have images of our members in action. To submit your work, please follow the guidelines for submissions below.

## File Names

Each individual photo file should have your name included as part of its title. Use your last name, then first name, the year, and HolidayShow as well as the subject or title. For example: SmithJane-2026-HolidayShow-Heron.

In addition, do not leave any spaces within the file name. You can use the dash to delineate breaks. Please keep in mind that we need to have your full name and not just initials somewhere on the submission so we can use the proper spelling of your name and give you credit for your images at the end of the show.

**\*Note that no text or watermarks should appear on any images.**

## Image size

- Resize your images, as you would for Show and Share.
- Vertical images are 1,800 pixels high and horizontal images are 1,800 pixels wide.
- The resolution can be between 96 and 300 dpi (dots per inch).
- The overall size of each image should be less than 4 MB.

## Image Submission

Place up to 20 images on a CD-ROM, thumb drive, or in a zip file in a folder with your name as part of the folder's title (e.g.: SmithJohn-2026-Holiday Show).

Images must be digital.

Choose ONE method to submit your images:

- Bring your images on a disk or flash drive to the July, August, or September meetings.
- Send a .zip file to the club's email address, share@monep.org.
- Mail your images on a disk or flash drive to Kate Sprague at 815 Wayfarer Dr., Manchester, MO 63021

If you have problems uploading your images in any of the ways above, feel free to contact Kate at 636- 399-1124 for help. Jerry Miller will be taking a break from creating the show this year, and Kate will work with a small committee to put the 2026 show together.

## JULY MEETING

### 2025 Holiday Show Returns!

Tuesday, July 21st 7:00 p.m. | Powder Valley Nature Center



The July 21st meeting will feature the replay of the 2025 Holiday Show. We show the Holiday Show again to allow members who missed the December meeting to view it on the large screen. Those of us who have already seen it can enjoy seeing member's images and Jerry Miller's terrific production once again.

It also serves as inspiration for the 2026 Holiday Show submissions, which will be due in September. So come along, and bring some guests to enjoy the beauty and wonderful photography of our members, set to music. Thanks to all who submitted for 2025 and to Jerry Miller for his great job creating the show.

**Note: These programs will be open to the public, so we suggest you pre-register via the MDC Events website.**

**Register now!** <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/219185>

## AUGUST MEETING

Tuesday, August 18th 7:00 p.m. | Powder Valley Nature Center

**Topic: Scenic Natural Wonders of Missouri**

**Presenter: Don Corrigan and Diana Linsley**

Don Corrigan and Diana Linsley, the authors of *Scenic Natural Wonders of Missouri* will be our speakers at the August meeting. They will share stories and images of some of the places of great beauty in Missouri. Their book is an outdoor nature guide featuring more than 80 sites of natural wonder in the Show-Me State and offers valuable insights on how to visit and enjoy each of them.



Don Corrigan has served for more than 40 years as a professor of journalism at Webster University. He was also the editor and co-publisher of the Webster-Kirkwood Times, South County Times, and West End Word. Diana Linsley is a MONEP member and has been a professional photographer for more than 40 years. She served as photographer for the Webster-Kirkwood Times, South County Times, and West End Word. She has exhibited her nature photography at galleries throughout Missouri. Please visit their website: <https://www.scenicnaturalwonders.com/>

**Register now!** <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/219665>



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## MONEP 30TH ANNIVERSARY

MONEP is celebrating its 30th anniversary. We kicked off the anniversary year with a hallway exhibit at Powder Valley Nature Center last October, and will complete it with another in October of this year. Various committees are working on plans for special activities and opportunities, including some social events. These will include a late afternoon and evening photo shoot with refreshments at Shaw Nature Reserve and a fall picnic, more field trips, opportunities to purchase some 30th year tee-shirts, and some giveaways to commemorate our 30th. We hope our members will join us as we host some fun moments and outings throughout 2026! We are also reflecting back on moments in MONEP's history in the newsletter this year, in the MONEP Moment (next page).

## PICNIC - SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

Join us as we celebrate MONEP's 30<sup>th</sup> year with a picnic on Sunday, October 18th. We will gather in mid to late afternoon at Kirkwood Park in the Sugar Creek Pavilion, which has lots of tables, and parking and bathrooms nearby. There are also nice paths for walking in the park, and places to photograph. The picnic committee is working on plans including a meal. There will be a small cost to help with the food and drinks. We will keep you posted as the details are finalized, and will request RSVPs and payment for the meal before the event. We will also provide maps and directions the site.

## ANNIVERSARY APPAREL

MONEP 30th Anniversary T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts are still available! The tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies feature a logo designed by the MONEP 30th Anniversary committee and celebrate our organization and its three-decade history as a place for people interested in nature photography and the environment.

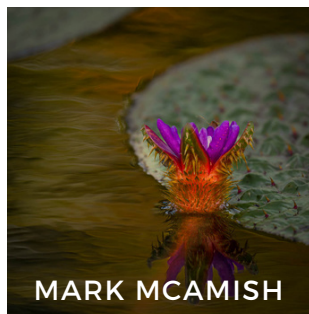
The tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies will be printed by a local Webster Groves business, Spicy Ink. Angie Crull, the owner, has set up an internet shop where you can see the four different styles, logo placement, and colors.

Order here: <https://www.spicy-ink.com/monep30>

Help us celebrate thirty years of creativity, growth, and a shared passion for nature photography, and help introduce other people to MONEP by wearing your anniversary shirts. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Addelson ([baddelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baddelson@sbcglobal.net)) or Kate Sprague ([katesprague04@gmail.com](mailto:katesprague04@gmail.com)).



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## MEMBER NEWS

Two MONEP members were awarded first and third prize in the 2026 Powder Valley Photo Contest. Jerry Miller took first prize with a stunning image of a reflection at a lake. Craig Alexander took 3rd with a lovely macro shot of a jumping spider. Congratulations!

### Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome to our newest member to MONEP, Pratima Murali. Thanks for joining us.

# MONEP Moment

**ALTHOUGH THE DAY WAS GRAY AND CHILLY, MONEP MEMBERS GATHERED ON OCTOBER 4TH 2015, AT THE FREUND CENTER OF SHAW NATURE RESERVE FOR OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC. WE CELEBRATED MONEP'S ANNIVERSARY WITH BARBEQUE FROM KENRICK'S MARKET AND SIDE DISHES AND DESSERT SHARED BY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**



**ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LOVELY AFTERNOON WAS THE RELEASE OF A REHABILITATED GREAT HORNED OWL BY OUR PRESIDENT, SCOTT AVETTA. DESPITE THE WEATHER, IT WAS A LOVELY TIME TO CELEBRATE BEING A PART OF A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE AND OUR LOVE OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY.**

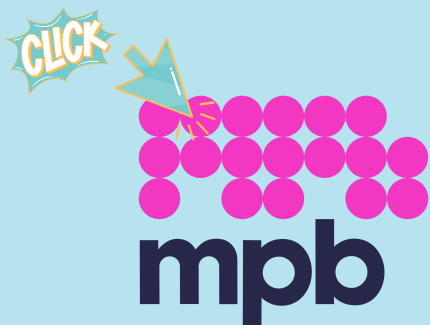




## 2026 MEETINGS

Meetings are generally held via Zoom in the winter and at Powder Valley Nature Center the rest of the year. The remaining dates for 2026 are July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 8, the second Tuesday of the month for the Holiday Show.

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## SHOW & SHARE

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the July and August meetings.

- Images do not have to be recent.
- Images are due by midnight the Saturday before the meeting.

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-2026-07-Subject. No spaces please! If you would like your images shown in a particular order, please number them 1-5 after the subject.
- 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](mailto:share@monep.org) by midnight Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> for the July meeting and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for August mtg.



*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. Specific dates, times and meeting locations are posted in the newsletter and on the MONEP website. The bi-monthly newsletter is edited by Barbara Addelson and designed by Kate Sprague.*

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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MOnaturephoto>

Facebook Group (Private group for current members only - must request to join):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/703358603413477>