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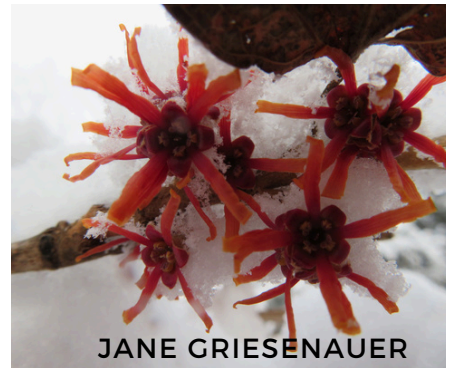
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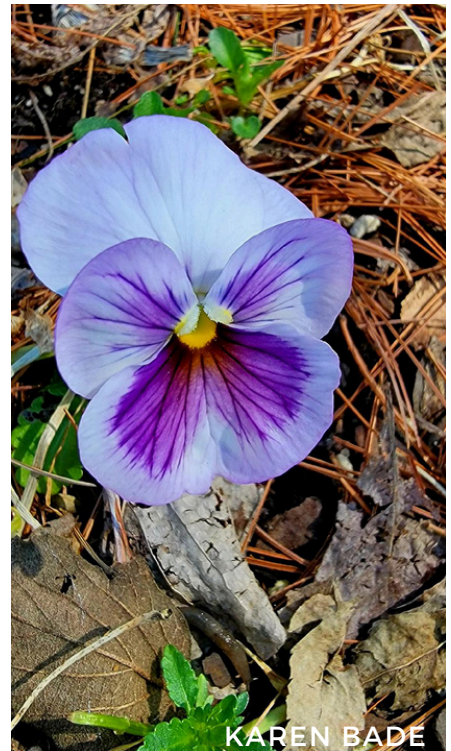
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## 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

MONEP membership runs from January through December each year, so it is time for all members to renew! Dues are \$30 per person and \$40 for a household of up to four. Please read the form carefully and be sure to initial only one of the two permission options on the back side of the form.

There are three ways to renew your membership:

- You can print a 2025 membership form from our website, [monep.org](http://monep.org), and can mail your renewal form, along with a check made out to MONEP, to Kathy Cherry at 6056 Gettysburg Estates Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63129. Please do not mail cash.
- You can pay anytime via PayPal by visiting our website at <https://monep.org/membership/>. You must also submit a completed membership form and send it to Kathy, either by email at [fishnclick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fishnclick@sbcglobal.net), or to her address above.
- 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.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about membership, please contact Kathy Cherry at 314-605-4279 or by email at [fishnclick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fishnclick@sbcglobal.net).

## MEMBER NEWS

Gisella Baner wrote an article on frost flowers in the March 2025 edition of Nature Notes, the monthly newsletter of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society. The informative article includes a number of Gisella's photographs of a wide variety of frost flowers.

MONEP member, Karen Zelle has several images that were included in the 2025 Missouri Department of Conservation's Natural Events Calendar. Karen also has two photos in an exhibit at the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, Illinois until March 14th. The exhibit is called Winter on the River and is a contest with prizes awarded when the exhibit ends.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest member, Karen DuBurcq. We are happy to have you with us!



## MEETING INFORMATION

MONEP meets at Powder Valley Conservation Area Nature Center in Kirkwood, except when we have a Zoom meeting. Powder Valley’s address is 11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the December Holiday Show.



**Meeting Time Updates: Due to changes in policy at Powder Valley Conservation Area, MONEP meetings will now begin at 6:00 p.m.**

Below are the intended times of each portion of the meeting:



- 6:00 Start meeting with opening comments
- 6:15 - 6:30 Show and Share
- 6:30 - 7:15 Guest Presentation
- 7:15 - 7:30 Wrap Up and leave meeting room



The administrators of Powder Valley will have the doors open for us at 5:15 and have asked us to have the parking lot cleared by 8:00 p.m.

## MEETING DATES FOR 2025

Meetings are generally held via Zoom in the winter and at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center the rest of the year. The dates for 2025 are:

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9, the second Tuesday of the month for the Holiday Show

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday, March 18th**

**Speaker: Robert Charity**

**Topic: Camera Traps**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**



A camera trap automatically takes images when triggered by an animal. Over the past few years, Robert Charity has developed his own camera trap using an old DSLR camera and a commercially-made trigger module. This module acts as an optical trip wire, triggering the camera when an animal crosses it. With this setup he has taken images of opossums, rabbits, and raccoons, which visit his backyard at night, as well as birds playing in his bird bath.



In the fall, he set up the camera trap around his cardinal flowers, capturing hummingbird images with a macro lens. Bob will give us a brief introduction to the making of a camera trap and present some of the many images of critters having fun, doing strange things, and just hanging out in his backyard.

Robert Charity smashes atoms for a living. Working in the Chemistry Department at Washington University, his research team has been involved in the discovery of 8 new isotopes. While born in Australia, Bob's career has taken him from California to Germany, and finally to St. Louis where he has been for the last 35 years. When not smashing atoms, Bob is passionate about nature, spending his time hiking, paddling, and camping in the great outdoors.



Bob bought his first decent camera in California to record his adventures in the Sierra Nevada and over time, nature photography has become an essential element of his outdoor adventures. His images have appeared in the magazines: Backpacker, Country, The Missouri Conservationist, The Modern Times Journal, Digital Photo, and in the Missouri Scenic View calendars for a number of years. He is currently on the board of the Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers.

**Tuesday, April 15th 6:00 p.m.**  
**Speaker and Topic: To Be Announced**

# POWDER VALLEY HALLWAY EXHIBIT OCTOBER 2025

MONEP will be celebrating our 30-year anniversary with a photo exhibit of members' images at Powder Valley during the month of October.

The theme is natural elements of Missouri in fall or winter.

If you would like to submit images for the exhibit, please gather up to five of your best Missouri nature images for submission for the exhibit. Please refrain from submitting images that contain the "hand of man (buildings and people).



We have seen many beautiful images at our meetings during Show and Share. They would be perfect, printed, framed, and exhibited. Submit your images to Karen Zelle via email to [karenzellephotography@gmail.com](mailto:karenzellephotography@gmail.com) by the June 17th meeting. You may call 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 exhibit name, 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 saved image 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 location where it was taken and other pertinent information, for example, the species of an animal or plant.

Members whose images are selected will be notified by email by the July meeting. Selected images will need to be printed at a minimum of 11" x 14". They should be mounted and matted in white or off-white mats to a finished size of 16" x 20" in time for the August meeting. We can direct you to printers, etc. if needed. Members will be responsible for the cost of mounting, matting and framing their images. Framing will be discussed in a future newsletter.



**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS  
AT OUR JUNE MEETING ON  
JUNE 17TH, 2025.**

**WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO SEE  
YOUR MISSOURI IMAGES!**



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## SHOW & SHARE

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the March and April 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-2025-03-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, March 15th** for the March meeting, or Saturday, **April 12th** for the April meeting.



*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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