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MONEP News

2023 Membership Renewals - Last Call

MONEP membership runs from January through December each year, so it is time for all members to renew, if you haven't done so already! 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:

1. You can mail your renewal form, along with a check made out to MONEP, to the Kathy Cherry at 6056 Gettysburg Estates Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63129. Please do not mail cash.
2. You can pay anytime using PayPal by visiting our website at <https://monep.org/membership/>.
3. Membership dues can be submitted 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.

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

Member News

New Members

A warm welcome to our newest MONEP members, Susan Murrah and Darlene Spell. Thanks for joining us!

To stay connected with us in between newsletters, visit our web page at <https://monep.org>.

Also, if you are on Facebook, you may want to join our private MONEP Facebook Group, where we share images, information, and resources. Just go to Facebook and request membership in the group.

Member News

Scott Avetta is instructing photography classes for the Missouri Botanical Garden, Shaw Nature Reserve, and the Butterfly House this spring and summer. Visit the Garden website and look for the [Learn and Discover](#) catalog for details. If you are interested in a class, but it says it's full, add your name to the waiting list. Openings do become available. Additional classes may be added throughout the spring.

MONEP Facebook Group

MONEP's private Facebook Group currently has 77 members. The MONEP Group is a private space where members can share images, information, related resources, and chat about nature photography. It's a space where you can post an image and ask for constructive feedback, or seek information about shooting locations, equipment, and a range of other related topics. Please remember that the images posted should be nature related. If you include any elements of the hand of humans, those elements should be incidental and not the subject of the image. This group is not open to the public and is meant to continue to build our great community. As tempting as it is to invite other photographer friends to join the group, they must first be a member of MONEP to be admitted. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Sprague at katesprague04@gmail.com, or Barb Addelson at baddelson@sbcglobal.net.

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Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, March 21st from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

Tuesday, April 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

MONEP meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the December meeting. 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. The meetings run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

March 21st Meeting – Richard Spener & Toni Armstrong

Join us live and in person on Tuesday, March 21st at Powder Valley Nature Center for Misadventures in Wilderness Travels in Alaska with members Richard Spener and Toni Armstrong.

Even with the best planned adventures in Alaska, problems will arise. From a canoe wrapped around a rock to high winds that won't allow you to paddle, there are many stories to be told and photographs taken. Join us as the husband-and-wife team of Richard Spener and Toni Armstrong entertain us with stories and images of some of their misadventures in the far North.



Image by: Richard Spener

Richard and Toni have traveled in Alaska 25 times. Toni is a current board member of the Alaska Wilderness League. Their love of wild areas encompasses not only Alaska but also Missouri. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, they spent two years photographing Missouri's eight Wilderness Areas. They created a photographic display that documented the beauty of all eight wilderness areas. The display was exhibited at the Missouri History Museum and then traveled around the state of Missouri for 18 months. In addition, their images have been widely published by environmental organizations.

April 18th Meeting – Steve Sands on 2023 & 2024 Solar Eclipses

Join us at the April meeting to learn about the upcoming total solar eclipses from Steve Sands, an amateur astronomer for over 45 years. Steve will talk about the annular total solar eclipse in October of 2023 and the total solar eclipse in April of 2024. Both of these events will be viewable from the continental United States. Attendees will learn the how/what/why/when of eclipses and how to safely view & photograph them.

Steve has been an adjunct faculty member at St. Louis University and Washington University teaching astronomy, telescopes and optics to non-science majors. He has written articles for Astronomy Technology Today,

Sky & Telescope and Amateur Astronomy magazines. He is a member and past president of the St. Louis Astronomical Society (SLAS) and has held literally hundreds of public telescope-viewing sessions, promoting observational astronomy. Steve designs and builds telescopes and telescope systems, as well as restores historical instruments. Steve doesn't classify himself as a specialist and enjoys all areas of observing, including solar, lunar, planetary, and deep sky observing.



Image by: Steve Sands

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 and you do not have to talk about your images.. 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-2023-03-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 by midnight Saturday, March 18th for the March meeting or April 15th for the April meeting.

Recent Meeting Recordings + 2022 Holiday Show

If you missed any recent meetings, or wish to watch them again, you can 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. You can copy and paste the links below into your Internet browser to view the videos. Many thanks to Jerry Miller for converting the 2022 Holiday Show to a format suitable for YouTube. You can now watch the show at home using the link below.

January - [Greg Basco on Biodiversity and Photography](#)

February - [Tiffany Reed Briley on Staying Inspired Where You Live](#)

December - [2022 Holiday Show](#) created by Jerry Miller

Special Opportunity - Tiffany Briley's Sharpen Your Shutter for \$10/month

Ten of us have already signed up for a free month of membership to Tiffany Reed Briley's *Sharpen Your Shutter (SYS)*. Because of that number, MONEP members will receive a discounted rate of \$10/month to subscribe to SYS after the free trial ends later this month. The normal subscription rate is \$20/month. If you are interested in joining, visit www.sharpenyourshutter.com, and use the coupon code MISSOURI for a free trial in March. You will be charged \$10 each month after that. You can unsubscribe at any time.

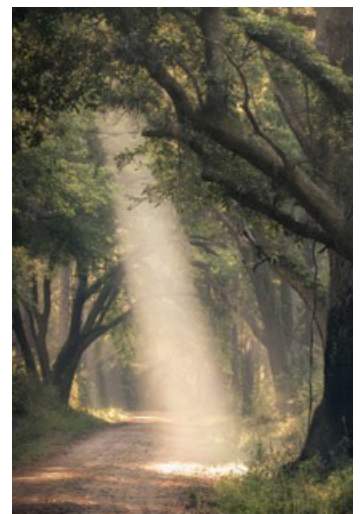


Image by: Tiffany Briley

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