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MONEP News

2024 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:

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

Welcome to our newest members, Elisabeth Boone, Mike and Sheila Serati, and Jeff Wolf. 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

Robert Charity and Jerry Miller both won prizes in the National Great Rivers Research and Educational Center's (NGRREC) World Water Day Photo Contest.

Darlene Spell has had an image of a prairie dog published in Artistonish Magazine.

MONEP Facebook Group

MONEP's private Facebook Group currently has 90 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.

Cover Images (from left to right and top to bottom):

Rich Merz, Dug Threewitt, Art Lewis, Kent Gastreich, Brady Kesner, Beverley Miller, Jane Griesenauer, Patty Berry, Lori Purk, Rich Merz, Scott Evers, Jerry Miller

MONEP Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, March 19th from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

Tuesday, April 16th from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

MONEP meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the December Holiday Show. MONEP meets at Powder Valley 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 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

March 19th Meeting – Jane Palmer

Jane Palmer returns to MONEP to speak about taking your photography to a new creative level and how you can develop a style that is uniquely yours.

Jane is an award-winning landscape and underwater photographer. She started her photography adventure in high school and picked it back up again when her daughter left for college. A lifelong love of nature and animals led her to spend more time outdoors with her camera, and she soon developed a passion for nature photography. Jane's work can be seen on her website janepalmerphotography.com. In addition, Jane is a contributing author on Visual Wilderness, writing articles that are seen by thousands of photographers.

Jane shares her enthusiasm for photography with her students, whether in the classroom teaching post processing, in the field talking about light and composition from behind the camera, or working one on one with someone in a private workshop. She is dedicated to the success of each student, from the beginner that wants to understand exposure to the advanced photographer that might want to work on their creative vision.



Image by: Jane Palmer

April 16th Meeting – Brady Kesner

MONEP member, Brady Kesner, will make a presentation on the art of landscape photography. He will discuss equipment, techniques, and offer illustrated tips to make impactful landscape images. Brady will provide a thorough look at the art of composition and hopes to inspire us with fresh ideas and a new way to view and photograph the landscape.

Brady Kesner has been photographing nature and landscape scenes for more than twenty years. His career spent as a graphic designer allows him to bring solid design principles to his compositions. He and his wife Debbie, operate Brady Kesner Photography, a small business that focuses on selling his photographs. He

exhibits at several local art fairs every year and has won numerous awards in the photography category. Brady has a working relationship with interior designers and many of his images have been used to decorate healthcare, corporate, and senior living facilities. He self-published a floral photography book, entitled *Floral Expressions*. For constant inspiration, he studies the work of his favorite landscape photographers. Brady's goal is to connect the viewer with stunning landscapes hoping his photographs evoke a fraction of the joy he experienced at the time of their creation.



Image by: Brady Kesner

Past Meeting Recordings

If you missed the January meeting with Freeman Patterson or the February meeting with Buddy Huffaker on Aldo Leopold, you can view them on the MONEP YouTube Channel by following the links below. We are also resharing the link to the April 2023 meeting with Steve Sands on preparing for the full solar eclipse on April 8th. It is full of useful information about the eclipse, and how to safely view and photograph it. 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.

[February meeting with Buddy Huffaker on Aldo Leopold](#)

[January meeting with Freeman Patterson](#)

[April 2023 meeting with Steve Sands on the 2024 solar eclipse](#)

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-2024-03-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 16th for the March meeting, and Saturday, April 13th for the April meeting.

Special Event: Photo Shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve on Saturday, May 11th

We are once again offering a golden hour/early evening shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve on Saturday, May 11th from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will be based out of the Carriage House adjacent to the Whitmire Wildflower Garden. Members will have access to the Whitmire Wildflower Garden and area in the late afternoon and early evening. Refreshments will be provided in the Carriage House classroom, and we will have wine, beer and soft drinks. There will be seating in the air-conditioned Carriage House, or on the brick patio at the back of the house when you need to take a break. Space is limited and you must pre-register so we can plan ahead for purchasing refreshments. There is a fee of \$20 per person to cover the expenses.

To register:

Members should see Barb Addelson at the table in the back of the auditorium at the March meeting to sign up and pay for the event. If you are not at the meeting, you may contact Barb Addelson at baddelson@sbcglobal.net to hold a spot and arrange for payment. Payment may be made by check made out to MONEP or by cash at the 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. 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