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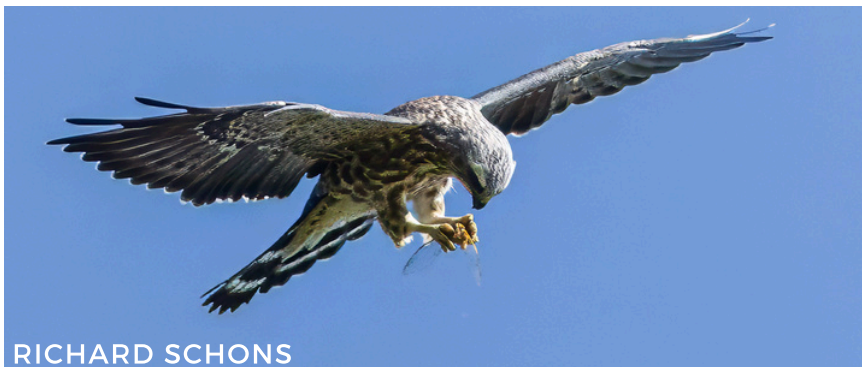
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POWDER VALLEY HALLWAY EXHIBIT OCTOBER 2025

MONEP will be jumpstarting our 30-year anniversary celebration 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. Powder Valley will allow us to include up to 20% of the images from Illinois since our membership includes Illinois residents.

If you would like to submit images for the exhibit, please gather up to five of your best nature images for submission. Please refrain from submitting images that contain the "hand of humans" (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 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 of exhibit, and finish with the subject of the photo. For example, for the photo above, the naming would be Zellekaren-2025-PV-egrets. 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.



KAREN ZELLE



LORI PURK

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

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



RICHARD SPENER



PATTY BERRY

2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - LAST CALL!

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, 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, or to her address above.
- Membership dues may be submitted in person at the May or June 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.

MEMBER NEWS

Lori Purk has been invited to be the “featured artist” by the Hannibal Arts Council during their Close-up Photography Channel Exhibit May 30th through June 28th, 2025. The exhibit will feature more than two dozen of Lori’s digital images projected on a 55-inch television along with up to five submissions each from other local photographers. An opening reception is planned for Friday, May 30th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The gallery is located at 105 S. Main Street in Hannibal 63401 (573-221-6545) and is open from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays.

Mary Ann Ford participated in the Master Gardener training classes at Missouri Botanical Garden last year. The St. Louis Master Gardeners sponsor the June Hutson Annual Photography Contest for the Master Gardeners. Mary Ann’s Snowy Owl at Riverlands was the winning photo for 2024, and she was honored for two other entries as well. See all her entries for the year on Instagram at <https://shorturl.at/U4DjX>

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest member, Danni Foreman. We are happy to have you with us!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 20th 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Steve Springmeyer

Topic: The Impact of Life Events on Our Photographic Journey

Steve Springmeyer, our presenter in May, believes there are events in his life that have profoundly impacted his photographic journey. In this presentation, he'll share some of his images, along with life stories exemplifying how he developed his particular focus and approach.



As a photographer, Steve is on a dedicated quest to create a catalogue of images documenting impressions of nature and things man-made encountered in his daily life and travels. He wants to capture and share how he sees the world...where he finds beauty, and mystery, and sometimes humor. Steve gets great joy in sharing his work with others, but this pursuit is mainly driven by a deep need to always be actively engaged in some form of creative exploration.



Relatively new to photography, it's the latest iteration of his lifelong interest in creative expression. Steve has an undergraduate degree in art, with a concentration in drawing. He has performed hundreds of stand-up comedy shows, including as an opening act for The Beach Boys. He has acted on stage, in feature films, and has done TV and radio spots, industrial films, and voiceover work.



Steve built an award-winning, nationally-recognized graphic design studio. Upon selling his interest in the firm, his interest in photography was rekindled, ultimately leading to this exciting and rewarding artistic adventure. To preview his work, visit his website: <https://www.springartphotostl.com>

Tuesday, June 17th 6:00 p.m.

Tom Terrific on Gardening for the Butterflies

In June, local butterfly enthusiast, Tom Terrific, will share his twenty years' experience with butterfly gardening and encouraging monarch butterflies to visit his home and City of Crestwood parks. We will learn Tom's "Ten Commandments of Butterfly Gardening" and how to download a free copy of his book.



TONI ARMSTRONG



SCOTT EVERS



RANCY HASTINGS

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

6:15 - 6:30

6:30 - 7:15

7:15 - 7:30

Start meeting with opening comments

Show and Share

Guest Presentation

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



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SHOW & SHARE

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the May and June 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-2025-05-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, May 17th** for the May meeting, or **Saturday, June 14th** for the June meeting.

Meeting Time Updates: Due to changes in policy at Powder Valley Conservation Area, MONEP meetings now begin at 6:00 p.m. and end by 8:00 p.m.

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>