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MONEP News

2024 Membership Renewals

MONEP membership runs from January through December each year, so if you haven't yet renewed, now is the time to do so. 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 Kathy Cherry at 6056 Gettysburg Estates Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63129. Please do not mail cash.
2. Membership dues can be submitted at the May or June meetings 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

3. You can pay anytime via PayPal by visiting our website at <https://monep.org/membership/>

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 member, Jeanne Bauer. 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 to the group. Only current members can join.

Member News

Karen Zelle has an exhibit that will be on display in the hallway at Powder Valley during the month of June. The show is entitled "My Missouri." She also has an image in the 2024 Missouri Department of Conservation Natural Events calendar in the month of May.



Image by: Karen Zelle

MONEP Facebook Group

MONEP's private Facebook Group currently has over 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. If you have not renewed your membership for 2024, we will be removing group memberships for those who have not kept their membership current in July. Also, 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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Brady Kesner, Barbara Addelson, Robert Charity, Toni Armstrong, Beverley Miller, Lori Purk, Rich Merz, Dick Roman, Mark McAmish, Scott Evers, Jerry Miller

MONEP Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, May 21st from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

Tuesday, June 18th 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.

May 21st Meeting – Bill Rowe on Spring and Summer Birds

Once again, we welcome Bill Rowe as our presenter for the May meeting. Bill's program will cover some of the trickier bird identification issues that we face during the spring and summer. Although, one would think that this wouldn't be much of an issue with most birds in their breeding plumage, that is not always the case. Bill will cover a variety of birds, including some hawks, sparrows, shorebirds, warblers, and more.



Image by: Karen Zelle

Bill was interested in birds and natural history at an early age. He got his first pair of binoculars from Sears in 1957! Although his career was as an educator and school administrator, bird watching was always his passion. He taught adult birding classes at the Missouri Botanical Garden for 31 years, has led roughly 35 bird tours throughout much of North America, and has served on the Missouri Bird Records Committee since 1995. Bill was presented with the Robert Terry Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Louis Audubon Society in 2009. He has been a member of the St. Louis Audubon Society Board for six years, and was the board president from May 2022 to April 2024.

June 18th Meeting – 2023 Holiday Show Returns!

The June 18th meeting will feature the replay of the 2023 Holiday Show. We generally show the Holiday Show in June or July again. This allows members who missed the December meeting to view it on the large screen, and 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 2024 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 2023 and to Jerry Miller for his great job creating the show.



Image by: Dick Roman

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 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-2024-05-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 18th for the May meeting, and Saturday, June 15th for the June meeting.

Past Meeting Recordings

If you missed the any of the 2024 meetings, you can view them on the MONEP YouTube Channel by following the links below. 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.

[April meeting - Brady Kesner on the Art of Landscape Photography](#)

[March meeting - Jane Palmer on Creative Photography](#)

April Field Trip Recap

On April 21st, six people attended the MONEP field trip at Valley View Glades Conservation Area outside of Hillsboro, Missouri. It was a bit chilly at the 8:00 a.m. start time, however the day warmed up and we enjoyed wonderful weather in the end. This trip concentrated on spring wildflower photography and we were treated to lots of paintbrushes and Fremont's leather flowers, and smaller numbers of many other species. We moved slowly around the glades and saw some small waterfalls on the return journey. All-in-all, it was a pleasant trip with good company.



Image by: Robert Charity

May Special Event: Photo Shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve - 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.

Space is limited and you must pre-register.

There is a fee of \$20 per person to cover the expenses.

To register: Members 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 event

NOTE: Pre-registration is required so we can plan ahead for purchasing refreshments.

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