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MONEP News

Annual Membership Renewal - Last Call

MONEP membership runs from January through December each year, so it is time for all members to renew, if you haven't already done so. Dues are \$30 per person and \$40 for a household of up to four. There are two ways to renew:

1. You can mail your 2021 renewal form, along with a check made out to MONEP, to our Treasurer, Linda Moder, at 5341A Sutherland, St. Louis, Missouri 63109. Please do not mail cash.
2. You can pay using PayPal by visiting our website at <https://monep.org/membership/>

Please note that we have a newly revised Membership form that every member must fill out on both sides. If you register by PayPal, please also submit your signed and scanned 2021 membership form to linda_monep@hotmail.com or mail it to her address above. If you have questions about membership, please contact our Membership Chair, Michelle Jones, at 314-496-7616

MONEP Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, May 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm via Zoom

Tuesday, June 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm via Zoom

May 18th Meeting – Impressionistic Photography with Alyce Bender

Photographer Alyce Bender will lead us as we explore the world of Impressionistic Photography in her presentation *Using Creative In-Camera Techniques to Create Artistic Images*. She will cover a variety of topics including pre-visualizing scenes, selecting camera settings, in-field techniques, and a few tips on post processing these special images. She will give participants the basic tools to start experimenting on their own in the field to create unique images in popular shooting locations or with common backyard subjects.



Image by: Alyce Bender

Alyce is a nature photographer, writer, educator, and adventurer. Camera in hand since childhood, her passion developed into a career after serving in the U.S. Air Force. Her passion for wildlife and the natural environment compels her to connect others with nature through both her visual art and in-field experiences that promote conservation, protection, and ethical photography.

She is a Tamron USA Ambassador, columnist for the *Journal of Wildlife Photography*, and her work has been featured in both group and solo gallery shows across the US. Bender leads photography adventures around the world to help beginner through advanced photographers explore and expand their personal vision and naturalist skills ethically. When not in the field, she offers a variety of educational programs both in person and virtually for photography organizations large and small. You can see more of Bender's work at www.abenderphotography.com.

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

Marilyn Etheridge, Robert Charity, Carol Nourse, Ken Biddle, Hugh Nourse, Judy Colombini, Mark Cherry, Allen Ahner, John McAlister, Kathy Cherry, Kevin Kelly, Barb Addelson

June 15th Meeting – The World of Macro with Mary and Joe McDonald

Still no travel due to Covid-19? No problem! There is an entire world of different images right in your backyard or local park. Join us as renowned photographers, Mary and Joe McDonald present on *The World of Macro: Look high and low. Look far and near. There are images right in front of you.* Flowers, insects, mushrooms, and more are right in front of you if you know where to look and how to photograph what you find. We'll talk about different techniques for capturing macro subjects from set-ups to flash, softboxes to in-field shooting. You will never be bored again as we hopefully open up a new, challenging, and fun world to photograph.



*Image Courtesy:
Mary and Joe McDonald*

Joe has been a full-time professional wildlife photographer since 1983, but his career began while he was in high school when he sold images to the National Wildlife Federation. He is the author of more than 15 books on photography and natural history and is a frequent columnist for several print and electronic magazines. Mary began her career after taking a workshop Joe was leading in the Everglades, and together they have been leading photo tours and safaris around the world since 1989, sometimes traveling for over 32 weeks in a year. They have a special interest in the wild big cats, and have seen all 7 of the world's big cats in one year four different times. Both Mary and Joe enjoy teaching, and regularly conduct workshops and give lectures and seminars on photography across the US, and have been active mentors during NANPA's annual conference for the High School and College students.



*Image Courtesy:
Mary and Joe McDonald*

NOTE: There will be a password to enter the Zoom meeting on June 15th. It will be sent with the invitation.

Recent Meeting Recordings

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.

April – Chris Hartley on [The 25 most common butterflies in the STL region.](#)

March - Robert Charity on [Ozark Streams.](#)



Image by: Richard Spener

Show & Share

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. Images do not have to be recent and you do not have to talk about your images. If you would like to have your images shown anonymously, or not be called on to talk about them, let Jerry Miller know in the email you use to submit your images. Submissions are due by midnight, May 15th for the May meeting and by June 12th for the June meeting.

Please follow the submission guidelines below and pay particular attention to how you name your files. **We want to have each image named with your last name, then first name, the year and month of your submission and the subject. This convention is extremely helpful as we gather images for Show and Share, the Holiday Show, newsletter, website, or our Facebook accounts.

Show and Share will come after the presentation during our Zoom meetings. Submissions are due by midnight on the Saturday prior to each month's meeting. See the dates below.

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. To submit for Show and Share:

- Resize your images so vertical images are a maximum of 1,800 pixels high and horizontal images are 1,800 pixels wide. (Visit <https://www.adobe.com/photoshop/online/resize-image.html> to resize your image online for free.)
- Name your images using your last name then first name and the year and month of submission as well as the subject. For example, SmithJohn-2021-05-Subject for submission for the May 2021 Show and Share. For the subject, please use a term or title describing each image, e.g. SmithJohn-2021-05-Heron. In addition, do not leave any spaces within the file name. You can use the dash to delineate breaks.
- 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 to an email addressed to share@monep.org by midnight Saturday, May 15th for the May meeting and Saturday, June 13th for the June meeting.

May Scavenger Hunt: Butterflies in the Wild

Due to the COVID pandemic, we have not been able to hold MONEP field trips. Although it appears that we are making progress in the fight against COVID, it may still be awhile before we are able to engage in in-person group activities. As we did last month, we are offering the alternative of having a Scavenger Hunt to encourage members to go out individually in search of specific photo subjects. Our theme for May is Butterflies in the Wild.

This is not a contest and there are no prizes. It is meant to engage members in the same activity and to display the many wonderful and varied images we can capture of the same type of subject. We will create a gallery on the MONEP website to display the submissions we receive. Members can submit up to three (3) images of butterflies outdoors. All images we receive in the month of May will be included in the gallery. You can submit your images throughout the month and the gallery will be created as soon as we receive the first submission, and subsequent submissions will be added along the way. The final date for submissions for this theme is May 31st.

Please use the same image resizing and file naming guidelines used for Show & Share submissions (see above) for this event as well, with one major difference. In this case, please name your image files "LastName-FirstName-Scavenger-202105-SubjectName". Send all submissions to share@monep.org with the words "May Scavenger Hunt" in the subject line.

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.

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