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NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP



Location: Missouri Botanical Garden

Date: Saturday November 8th @ 9:30 am

Leader: Bob Charity



Come join us to say goodbye to Fall at the Missouri Botanic Garden in St. Louis City this Saturday morning. Typically, the garden has its best fall colors in early November. This will be a leisurely walk around the garden with our cameras. The weather is predicted to be overcast with a maximum of 62 degrees and no rain. This might be your last chance to get out to see some nice fall colors, as the weather is expected to deteriorate in the days just after the field trip, with a hard frost predicted for the following Tuesday morning.

We will meet at 9:30 am just inside the entrance. If you are a Saint Louis city or county resident, you get into the Garden free on Saturday mornings. You will need to bring proof such as a driver's license with your zip code on it. For those who live outside Saint Louis city or county, general admission is \$16, but there is a reduced rate of \$4.00 for seniors. If you need tickets, they can be purchased at the Garden entrance or online beforehand.

More information can be found at [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



With the predicted overcast skies, Bob recommends more focused images excluding the sky. Bring a polarizing filter if you have one, it removes glare from the leaves and helps the colors pop.

2025 HOLIDAY SHOW

Join us at the 2025 MONEP Holiday Show and party on Tuesday, December 9th. **Due to a potential conflict with construction work at Powder Valley Nature Center, this year's party may be at an alternate location. Stay tuned for details in upcoming emails.**

We hope you will join us on December 9th to celebrate MONEP 2025!

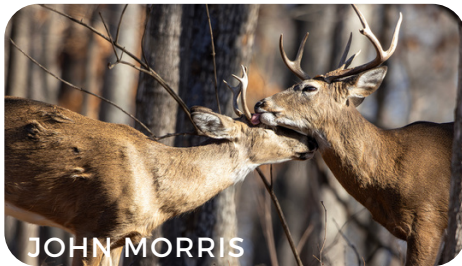


POWDER VALLEY EXHIBIT

The MONEP hallway exhibit at Powder Valley was a huge success and served as the kickoff of our 30th anniversary activities. The exhibit, organized by Karen Zelle with assistance from Lori Purk and Kate Sprague, focused on fall and winter scenes in the region. Exhibitors discussed their images during a slide presentation in the auditorium at the October Meeting.

Many thanks to the exhibitors: Art Lewis, Barb Addelson, Cathy Wilhelmi, Diana Zelle, Jane Griesenauer, Jeanne Bauer, Joe Fasig, John Morris, Karen Zelle, Kate Sprague, Kathy Cherry, Mark Cherry, Mary Ann Ford, Mike Serati, Nancy Phillips, Rich Merz, R.J. Wilner, Robert Charity, and Susan Clauss.

Additionally, many thanks to Karen, Lori, and Kate for their work soliciting and selecting images and making all the arrangements with Powder Valley to host the exhibit. Karen wanted to give credit to the team that helped her hang the images: Art Lewis, Kathy and Mark Cherry, Jeanne Bauer, Lori Purk, and Kate Sprague. She commented that "They were superb!"



JOHN MORRIS



KATHY CHERRY



DIANA ZELLE

MONEP'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The exhibit at Powder Valley was just the beginning of ways to celebrate MONEP's 30th year. We will have fun moments and events throughout 2026, including special field trips, giveaways, new apparel, and more! However, as with any celebration, we need help from volunteers to make this happen. We have a number of sub-committees, which need people to plan and facilitate these additional activities.

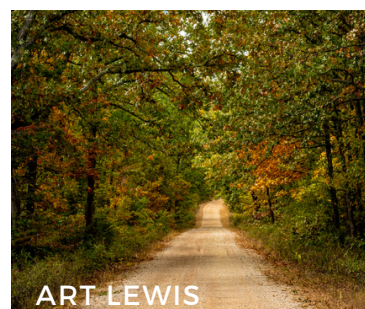
The committees include:

- Tee-shirts and other Apparel
- Attendance Prizes and Giveaways
- Field Trip Planning
- The October 2026 celebration

If you can volunteer to work on any of these committees, please fill out this quick Google form to let us know how you're willing to help:

<https://forms.gle/URCBGZoWxaqhwbeS6>

Volunteers Needed
for
30th Anniversary
Activities
Click on link below:
[Volunteer Form](#)



MEMBERSHIP INFO

2026 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 two 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. You can pay anytime via PayPal by visiting our website at <https://monep.org/membership/>. You must still fill out a membership form and can send it via email to Kathy at fishnclick@sbcglobal.net. If you have questions about membership, please contact Kathy Cherry at 314-605-4279 or by email at fishnclick@sbcglobal.net.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Caren Libby and Tom Myler. We're happy to have you join 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 the Facebook Group.

MONEP MOMENT

MONEP was founded in 1996, by Ruth Hoyt. Ruth was the first president of the group of 30 initial members. MONEP membership has fluctuated over the years. In years when we hosted a seminar our numbers rose, as the seminars typically enticed more people to join. The current membership is 132.

We have had a range of seminar presenters, including Art Wolfe, George Lepp, Tom Murphy, Nancy Rotenberg, Rick Sammon, Willard Clay, Richard and Susan Day, Bill Fortney, Rob Sheppard, Bill Lea, Roman Kurywczak, and most recently, Jennifer King in 2019.



NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, November 18th 7:00 p.m.

Photographing Waterfalls Day & Night

Presenter: Kevin Adams

Note: This meeting will be held via Zoom because of the potential that Powder Valley Nature Center may be closed for construction work.

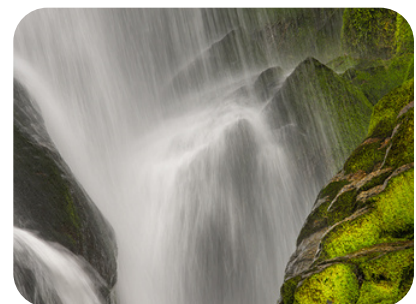


With a subject as popular as waterfalls, you may wonder if there's anything new to talk about. But after Kevin Adams' program, you'll wonder how you'll find the time to apply all the new techniques he covers. Kevin will have you photographing waterfalls in ways you've never imagined. And you won't be putting your camera away once the sun goes down, as he'll introduce you to the unique and exciting world of nighttime waterfall photography. Think you've seen it all when it comes to waterfalls? Get ready to think again!

Kevin Adams is a naturalist, writer, teacher, and photographer who has had a lifelong love affair with nature and the outdoors. In addition to photo credits in all manner of publications, Kevin is the author and photographer of ten books. An accomplished photography instructor, he leads photo tours and teaches numerous workshops and seminars throughout the year.



Often called the "MacGyver of Photography," he designed and sells several unique products for night photographers. Kevin lives in Waynesville, North Carolina with his wife, Patricia, two hellion cats that he personally rescued from Puerto Rico, and three more cats that showed up one day and decided to move in. Oh, and the raccoons, skunks, and opossums that show up every night to steal the cat's food.





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SHOW & SHARE

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the November meeting.

- 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-2025-11-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, November 15th** for the November 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. 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.

Visit us online!

Website: www.monep.org

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>