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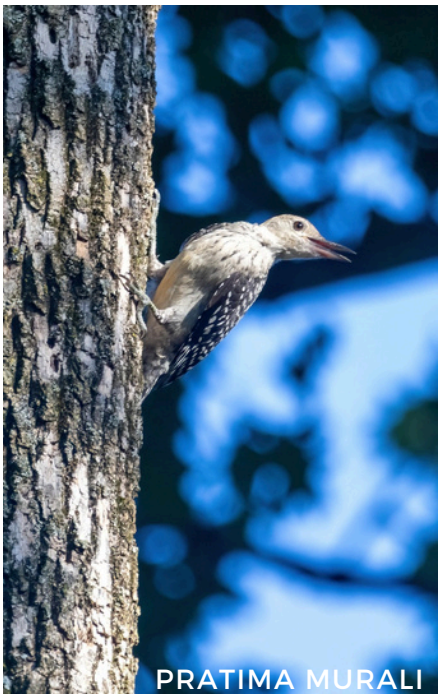
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2026 HOLIDAY SHOW

Join us at the 2026 MONEP Holiday Show and party on Tuesday, December 8th, starting with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood. You are welcome to bring guests to the event.

Refreshments:
Refreshments will be served in the two adjoining classrooms, C and D prior to the Holiday Show. MONEP will provide some light fare – dollar roll sandwiches, and other finger food, soft drinks, coffee, and tea. Members generally bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. Please make sure that anything you bring is easily served and can be eaten without cutlery.

The Show:
The Holiday Show, highlighting members' images, will be shown in the auditorium at 7:15. Please remember that food and drink are not allowed in the auditorium.

We hope you will join us on December 8th to celebrate another great year for MONEP!

Volunteers needed:

We will need volunteers to help set-up for the event, to assist with the breakdown and to help monitor the food tables in shifts. If you are willing to volunteer for one of these tasks, please sign up at the November meeting with Barb Addelson, who is coordinating the setup. If you aren't at the meeting, you can contact Barb at baddelson@sbcglobal.net







2027 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. Membership dues may be submitted in person at the November meeting along with your completed form. NOTE: We will not be collecting membership forms or payment during the Holiday Show in December. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome New Members
Welcome to our newest MONEP member, Wil Tomlinson. Thanks for joining MONEP!

Member Recognition
Bob Charity had images published in the latest issues of *Terrain* and in the *Missouri Conservationist*.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, Novemberr 17th 7:00 p.m. | Powder Valley Nature Center

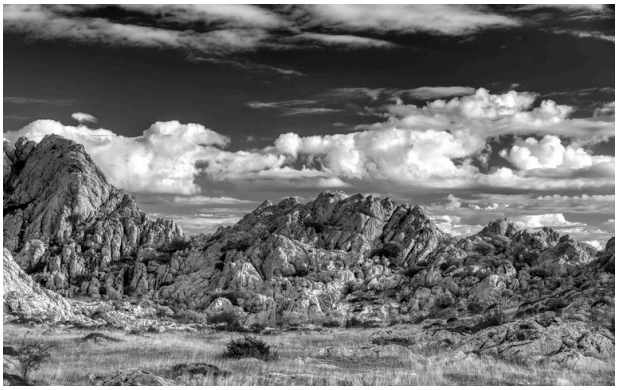
Topic: Shades of Gray: Mono Conversions in Lightroom and Photoshop
Presenter: Jeff Hirsch



MONEP member, and Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop expert, Jeff Hirsch will present a survey view of different techniques and approaches to capture and develop images for monochrome.



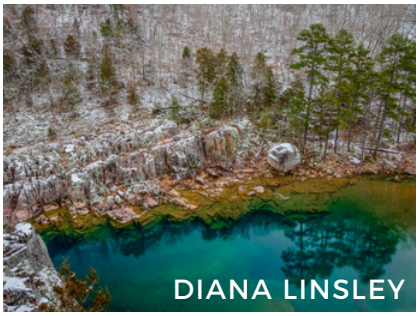
Jeff is an award-winning photographer and photo-educator with over 35 years of experience in the field of photography, digital imaging, pre-press, and graphic design. A master of "geek-to-English" translation and an Adobe Certified Expert in Lightroom and Photoshop, he teaches photography and photo workflow to individuals and groups.



Jeff is a frequent presenter at camera clubs both locally and nationally where he speaks on a wide variety of photographic subjects. When he's not teaching a workshop, you will frequently find Jeff leading photo tours to beautiful locations all over the world.

Note: MONEP programs will be open to the public, so we suggest you pre-register via the MDC Events website.




DIANA LINSLEY


MIKE SERATI


JOHN MORRIS

30TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT

In celebration of our 30 years, we mounted an exhibit of members' images at Powder Valley in October. Its theme was *We Are MONEP*, and it featured photographs created by 30 of our members. We were delighted to have had so many members participate. Our thanks to each of the following members for submitting images:

Barb Addelson
Craig Alexander
Allen Ahner
Toni Armstrong
Jeanne Bauer
Jim Campbell
Greg Carter
Robert Charity
Kathy Cherry
Mark Cherry
Mary Ann Ford
Jane Griesenauer
Art Lewis
Caren Libby
Diana Linsley
Jerry Miller
Winston Montgomery
John Morris
Pratima Murali
Geoffrey PeConga
Nancy Phillips
Jim Rhodes
Mike Serati
Tim Shackelford
Richard Spener
Kate Sprague
Sherry Teefey
Yvonne Seuss
Diana Zelle
Karen Zelle

Putting on an exhibit takes a lot of work and forethought. Our thanks to Karen Zelle and Kate Sprague, who worked hard to solicit and select images, organized logistics, and hung the exhibit, along with the help of a number of volunteers. We are grateful to all who participated.

DIVERSIFIED PRINTS PARTNERSHIP

We are delighted to announce that Diversified Prints has partnered with MONEP to offer 10% discounts on printing projects for our members. If you plan to have any printing done, mention that you are a MONEP member and they will check your name against a list of our current members. The list only contains members' names with no email or other information. However, if you prefer not to be included on the member list, please let Barb know at baddelson@sbcglobal.net.

Our thanks to Diversified Prints owner, Aaron Witt, and to our new contact, Account Manager, Jamison Ford. If you need assistance from Jamison, you may contact him at jamison@diversifiedprints.com

October Field Trip

AMAZING SPRINGS AND WILD HORSES

In past years, MONEP conducted a number of overnight field trips to various locations, including the Smokies and, more locally, the Cache River area in Southern Illinois. As part of our 30th year celebration, we held an overnight field trip to the Current River region of Missouri for October to continue this tradition. Ten people participated, all staying in the town of Eminence or thereabouts. We saw great fall scenery, visited blue-colored springs, photographed wild horses, and enjoyed each other's company.

We met on Saturday at Alley Spring, which has an output of 80 million gallons of water a day. We photographed its iconic red Mill and the spring and its branch. On Saturday evening, we attempted to find some wild horses. We piled into three cars and drove to a number of fields where the Shawnee Creek herd are often found, and when we came up short, drove down a bumpy dirt road to the Broadfoot meadow to search for yet another herd. Unfortunately, the horses did not read our itinerary and were elsewhere. That evening we all joined together for Mexican food and conversation.

Next morning at sunrise, some participants revisited one of the fields and found the Shawnee Creek herd. After some email messages, most of the other participants arrived to take their own images of the herd. Then it was off to Round Spring, with an output of 26 million gallons a day, where some of us saw an otter. Finally, we drove to Echo Bluff for lunch, and were surprised to find the Round Spring herd of horses there. In the end, all participants enjoyed themselves, got to see plenty of wild horses, and were asking about a trip next year.







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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-2026-11-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, Nov. 17th for the November meeting. No Show and Share in December.

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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