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MONEP News

MONEP Holiday Show – Tuesday, December 13th

Join us at the 2022 MONEP Holiday Show and party, which will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, starting with refreshments at 6:15 p.m. at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood. Family and friends are invited to attend.

The Show:

Jerry Miller is busy creating the 2022 Holiday Show highlighting members' images set to music. We will start the show at 7:15.

Refreshments:

After a couple of years' hiatus due to the pandemic, we are planning to offer refreshments again this year. We will provide some light fare – cheese, vegetable, and fruit trays, soft drinks, coffee, and tea. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please make sure that anything you bring is easily served and can be eaten without cutlery.

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 two shifts. If you are willing to volunteer for one of these tasks, please sign up at the November meeting or contact Barb Addelson, who is coordinating the setup, at baddelson@sbcglobal.net.

We hope you will join us on December 13th to celebrate another great year for MoNEP!

Member News

New Members

Welcome aboard to our newest member, John Morris!

2023 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. 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 the Kathy Cherry at 6056 Gettysburg Estates Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63129. Please do not mail cash.
3. You can pay anytime using 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 fishnlick@sbcglobal.net.

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Barbara Addelson, Kathy Cherry, John McAlister, Nancy Phillips, Judy Colombini, Jane Griesenauer, Mark Cherry, Larry Terrell, Sherry Teefey, Joe Kopp, Robert Charity, Tim Bade

Meetings

November 15th Meeting – Missouri Waterfowl with Bill Rowe

Bill Rowe, the President of *St. Louis Audubon Society*, will be our presenter at the November meeting. He will share an introduction to the many kinds of waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) that can be found in Missouri, from the commonest to the rarest, including how to identify them on the water and how to distinguish the common ones in flight. Waterfowl are an ever-popular subject for MONEP photographers, so this should be a particularly interesting program for our members.



Image by: Dug Threewitt

Bill grew up mainly in the small town of Brandenburg, Kentucky. He attended Thomas Jefferson School in St. Louis for three years, then Wesleyan University (B.A.), and later Washington University (M.A.). He was a teacher at Thomas Jefferson School for 44 years, also serving as admission director and then Head of School from 2000-2011, followed by an additional four years of work in other independent schools.

Bill has always been interested in nature, especially birds. For many years he taught classes on birding for the *Missouri Botanical Garden*; he has led birding tours around North America and has served on the Missouri Bird Records Committee. Bill lives in St. Louis County with his wife Margaret. Their three children and two grandchildren all live in the St. Louis area too.

Show & Share

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the November meeting. 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-2022-11-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 12th.

Hallway Exhibit at Powder Valley

MONEP would like to thank the 19 photographers who submitted the 27 works that were on exhibit this past month in the hallway at Powder Valley Nature Center: Barbara Addelson, Allen Ahner, Toni Armstrong, Sarah Avetta, Scott Avetta, Robert Charity, Kathy Cherry, Mark Cherry, Patrick Jones, Beverley Miller, Jerry Miller, Geoffry PeConga, Nancy Phillips, Lori Purk, Dick Roman, Jim Sabo, Richard Spener, Kate Sprague, and R. J. Wilner. We appreciate your participation and thank you for sharing your great images.



Image by: Lori Purk

We especially want to thank Lori Purk for organizing the exhibit, and Kathy and Mark Cherry, Kate Sprague, Patrick Jones and Bob Virag for assisting her in hanging the show and taking it down. We are extremely grateful to Lori, who has done a terrific job for over 15 years handling arrangements, selecting images, purchasing framing materials, leading framing sessions, and mounting and taking down the exhibits. Lori has decided to step back from that role, and we are looking for someone to take this on for future exhibits. If you are interested in assuming this responsibility for the occasional exhibit, please contact Lori to learn more. She indicated that she will be happy to help whoever decides to take on this task.

September Field Trip Recap

On September 24th, 11 people attended the MONEP outing to Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area in St. Charles County. The name of the conservation area is French for fair weather marsh, and true to this name, the weather was indeed fair for our outing. We all enjoyed walking the levees around the marsh looking for interesting photographic opportunities. The highlight of the outing was seeing the egrets, which roost in the trees bordering the marsh. While a few egrets were present when we first arrived, they quickly scattered. Our hopes slowly dimmed as sunset approached and still no egrets were visible. However, a little after sunset, the egrets started to arrive in a steady stream with an accompanying soundtrack of camera shutters clicking. We used flashlights for the return trip to the parking area.



Image by: Robert Charity



2023 Meeting Dates

Most regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The dates for 2023 are: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and November 21. Note that the Holiday Show is on the 2nd Tuesday of December, which is December 12, 2023.

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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