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## MONEP News

### 2023 Holiday Show

Join us at the 2023 MONEP Holiday Show and party on Tuesday, December 12th, starting with refreshments at 6:15 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 – cheese, vegetable, and fruit trays, 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.



*Image by: Kathy Cherry*

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.

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 with Kathy Cherry, or contact Barb Addelson, who is coordinating the setup, at [baddelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baddelson@sbcglobal.net).

We hope you will join us on December 12th to celebrate another great year for MONEP!

## Member News

### 2024 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/>

If you have questions about membership, please contact Kathy Cherry at 314-605-4279 or by email at [fishnlick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fishnlick@sbcglobal.net).

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## New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Katie Balella and Katharine Martin! We are happy to have you join in MONEP. To stay connected with us in between newsletters and emails, 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.

## MONEP Meetings

### Meeting Dates and Times

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

Tuesday, Holiday Show - December 12th from 6:15 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 Conservation Area 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.

### November 21st Meeting - Richard Day on Bird Photography

MONEP member, Richard Day, will present *A Passion for Bird Photography* at the November 21st MONEP meeting at Powder Valley Nature Center. His program will cover information to get started in bird photography and to brush up on your skills photographing birds. He will talk about the many ways to increase your chances of capturing bird behavior and developing a style. He will also touch on the new mirrorless cameras and how it takes bird photography to a new level.



Image by: Richard Day

Richard is a professional photographer who has been publishing photos and teaching photo workshops since 1984. He specializes in birds, butterflies, dragonflies, panoramic, and backyard habitats. His work has been published in *Audubon*, *Birds & Blooms*, *National Wildlife*, *National Geographic*, and many other nature-related publications, calendars, and books worldwide.

Richard leads photo tours, teaches butterfly and dragonfly workshops, and was a guide for Frontiers North to photograph polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba for 14 years. Richard is an Adjunct Research Associate in Zoology with the Illinois State Museum and an Associate Research Scientist at the Illinois Natural History Survey. He has conducted dragonfly and butterfly research since 2005 for the states of Illinois and Missouri, including research work on the Hines emerald dragonfly, a federally endangered species for the Missouri Department of Conservation. To learn more about Richard, visit [www.daybreakimagery.com](http://www.daybreakimagery.com).

## 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 and you do not have to talk about your images. 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-2023-11-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](mailto:share@monep.org) by midnight Saturday, November 18th.

## Meeting Recordings

If you missed the meeting in October with Jeff Hirsch's presentation on cellphone photography, we have posted it on the MONEP YouTube Channel, along with a short video of the October meeting Show & Share images. 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. Here are the links:

[October MONEP Meeting](#)

[October Show & Share](#)

## Meeting Dates for 2024:

Meetings are generally held via Zoom in the winter and at Powder Valley Nature Center the rest of the year. The dates for 2024 are: January 16 (Zoom), February 20 (Zoom), March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 10, the second Tuesday of the month for the Holiday Show.



*Images by: Jane Griesenauer, Barbara Addelson and Joe Klipsch*

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](http://www.monep.org)