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MONEP News

2024 Holiday Show

Join us at the 2024 MONEP Holiday Show and party on Tuesday, December 10th, 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.

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 Barb Addelson, who is coordinating the setup. If you aren't at the meeting, you can contact Barb at baddelson@sbcglobal.net.

We hope you will join us on December 10th to celebrate another great year for MONEP!

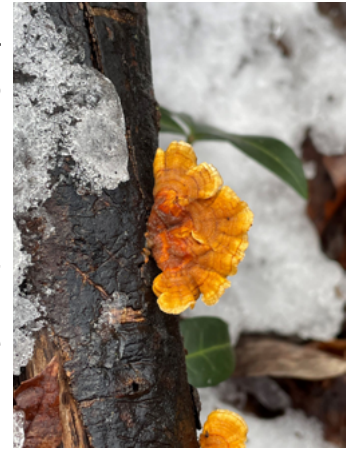


Image by: Gisela Baner

Member News

2025 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 fishnclick@sbcglobal.net.

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MONEP Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, November 19th from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

Tuesday, Holiday Show - December 10th 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 19th Meeting – Ray Kersting of Schiller's Camera

Learn about some of the latest developments in mirrorless camera systems, camera flashes and diffusers, and more during our November 19th meeting with Ray Kersting of Schiller's Camera. Ray will answer questions about equipment and will talk about some of the services offered by Schiller's Camera Store.

Ray Kersting has been in the photography industry for more than 30 years. He started out assisting and shooting as a freelancer. He has shot everything from weddings & portrait, architecture and catalog work. Ray started at Schiller's in 1996, and has served in a number of roles as his position has evolved. In addition to helping out in the retail store, he manages Schiller's pro shop. Outside the store, Ray deals with corporate, commercial and educational accounts. His core specialty is lighting, but he has a general base of knowledge of all things photographic. Ray enjoys being Schiller's ambassador to photography clubs.

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-2024-11-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 16th.

Meeting Dates for 2025:

Meetings are generally held via Zoom in the winter and at Powder Valley Nature Center the rest of the year. The dates for 2025 are: January 21 (Zoom), February 18 (Zoom), March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 9, the second Tuesday of the month for the Holiday Show.

Fall Field Trips Recap

In September and October, Bob Charity led two field trips for MONEP.

The first was to Pere Marquette State Park. The weather was nice and Bob reported that the hike was easy. He was joined by one other member.



Image by: Robert Charity

In October, four people attended the field trip to the cypress swamps of the Lower Cache River. The group met in the afternoon on what was a beautiful day and paddled along the river and through the swamp in a couple of kayaks and one canoe. The trees we saw are hundreds of years old, and included both bald cypress and tupelo trees. We visited the Illinois champion bald cypress, which is 1000 years old. The cypress trees were beginning to turn color, and provided for lovely landscape images and reflections in the water. Paddling through these swampy forests is a unique and fascinating experience. There was also a lot of bird activity in the area, with woodpeckers and barred owls calling. It was a perfect day to be on the water, and was well worth the two-and-a-half-hour drive down to Southern Illinois to participate.



Image by: Robert Charity



Image by: Barbara Addelson

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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