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MoNEP News

Member News

Kate Sprague's image of river oats seed heads took first place in Shaw Nature Reserve's photo contest *Prairie Seeds 2020*.

2020 Holiday Show – Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm

Our annual Holiday Party will be a virtual one this year due to COVID-19, but it will still feature the centerpiece slide program that is the highlight of the evening. Jerry Miller and Pat Burgess are busy creating a program, set to music, featuring member's images. Ted Moreno is also busy recording members' favorite MoNEP moments to be included in the event. We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. to see the show and spend some time visiting with one another. Please note that this year the Holiday Party is on the third Tuesday in December. Keep an eye on your inbox or in the MoNEP Facebook Group for more information in the coming weeks.



Image by: Kate Sprague

Meetings

November 17th Meeting – A Zoom Program on Shutterbee: Bee Conservation

Join us on Tuesday, November 17th when Dr. Nicole Miller-Struttman of Webster University will talk about Collaborating with Community Scientists to Improve Bee Conservation.

Dr. Miller-Struttman and her students study plant-pollinator interactions, with a focus on bumblebees. They work with the community to conserve pollinators and promote public understanding of science. Nicole will speak about her community outreach program, Shutterbee, which is a collaboration with non-scientists to track bees in their backyards via photographic surveys. She will talk about the goals of the project and invite MoNEP members to participate. While having photography knowledge isn't a requirement of participation, it certainly helps provide some of the highest quality data!

Below is the link to join the Zoom meeting on November 17th. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. CST so please sign in between 6:45 and 7:00 pm.

[Zoom Link](#)

Recent Meeting Recordings

If you missed our August, September, or October Meetings, or wish to watch them again, you can now view them on the MoNEP YouTube Channel. 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.

[October – Greg Basco on Flash in Nature Photography](#)

[September – Jack Curran on Black & White Nature Photography](#)

[August – Laura Conlee of MDC on Black Bears in Missouri](#)

You can click the links above to view the videos.

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Ken Biddle, Joe Kopp, Mark Cherry, Karen Bade, Rancy Hastings, Carol Nourse, Norma Mull, Robert Charity, Rich Merz, Brenda Fesser, RJ Wilner

October Meeting: Greg Basco Resources

Greg Basco did his usual excellent job of presenting to MoNEP at the October 20th meeting. He asked us to include a big thank you from him to the people who tuned in for his presentation on Flash Photography in Nature. Greg also provided some links for those members who might be interested in learning more about his e-book on flash, a link to a free quick flash guide, and information on other ways to follow him.

Flash for the Nature Photographer e-book:

[Flash for the nature photographer](#)

People can also download his free Flash Quick Guide by visiting this page:

[Quick flash guide landing page](#)

Finally, if people are on Instagram, you can follow Greg at www.instagram.com/gregbascophotography. He will be taking the rest of the year to focus his Instagram posts on photos, stories, and videos related to the use of flash.



Image by: Greg Basco

Trumpeter Swan Study

According to MoNEP member, Kevin Kelly, the Trumpeter Swan Society, of which he is also a member, has released 109 swans with white GPS tracking collars this year. The Trumpeter Swan Society is a non-profit organization based in Minnesota, founded in 1968. Their mission is to assure the vitality and welfare of wild trumpeter swans. The fall migration is just starting and no swans have arrived at the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary yet. However, they will be here soon and many of our members frequently photograph the swans there. The Society would like to have photographs of these birds if they are spotted, even if it is just a record shot.



Image by: Kathy Cherry

Visit the [Society's website](#) for more information or to report a trumpeter swan sighting and submit an image. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact Kevin Kelly at pkkelly@sbcglobal.net.

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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