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# 2025 HOLIDAY SHOW SUBMISSIONS

Every year we hold a Holiday Show on the second Tuesday in December in place of our monthly meeting. This year, it will be on December 9th at Powder Valley. The highlight of the evening is a program of members' images, selected and put to music by Jerry Miller. We encourage current members to submit 20 of their best nature images, some of which will be included in the show. They do not have to be from the current year, but please try not to include images you have submitted for past Holiday Shows. In addition to your twenty nature shots, we would love to have images of our members in action. To submit your work, please follow the guidelines for submissions below.

## File Names

Each individual photo file should have your name included as part of its title.

- Use your last name, then first name, the year, and HolidayShow as well as the subject or title. For example: SmithJane-2025-HolidayShow-Heron.
- In addition, do not leave any spaces within the file name. You can use the dash to delineate breaks.
- Please keep in mind that we need to have your full name and not just initials somewhere on the submission so we can use the proper spelling of your name and give you credit for your images at the end of the show.
- Note that no text or watermarks should appear on any images.

## Image size

- Resize your images, as you would for Show and Share.
- Vertical images are 1,800 pixels high and horizontal images are 1,800 pixels wide.
- The resolution can be between 96 and 300 dpi (dots per inch).
- The overall size of each image should be less than 4 MB.

## Image Submission

Place up to 20 images on a CD-ROM, thumb drive, or in a .zip file in a folder with your name as part of the folder's title (e.g., SmithJohn-2025-Holiday Show). Images must be digital.

### Choose ONE method:

- **Bring your images on a disk or flash drive** to the September meeting.
- **Send a .zip file** to the club's email address, [share@monep.org](mailto:share@monep.org).
- **Mail your images** on a disk or flash drive to Jerry Miller, 22 Scarlet Court, St. Charles, MO 63304
- For those of you with a Dropbox account - send an email to [share@monep.org](mailto:share@monep.org) to ask for a link to upload your photos into a folder on Dropbox.

If you have problems uploading your images in any of the ways above, feel free to contact Jerry Miller at 314-517-6395 for help.

*Please do not submit images to Jerry's personal email address.*

## Due Dates

Bring to September  
meeting  
OR  
Send digitally by  
September 30

## Things to bear in mind

- We would like a variety of your strongest nature subjects.
- The more images we get, the greater our flexibility in choosing subjects for the show.
- Remember to include images from all seasons.
- You may include images old or new, just not ones you have submitted for the Holiday Show before.
- We cannot use all the images provided, but our goal is to include images from everyone who submits photographs.
- In addition to your 20 images, please submit photos of yourself or other MONEP members in the act of photographing nature. There is no limit to the number of people images that can be submitted.





## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest member, Jennifer Moody.

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

## MEMBER NEWS

MONEP Member Richard Day is part of a dragonfly research project with the Missouri Department of Conservation. On July 2nd, his team of three made an exciting discovery in Bollinger County in Southeast Missouri. The team was surveying dragonflies in a wetland area when they had the first ever sighting of one of the nation's rarest dragonflies, the endangered Hine's emerald. According to Richard, "What makes this find significant is it was found far away from the "normal" area we've been looking."

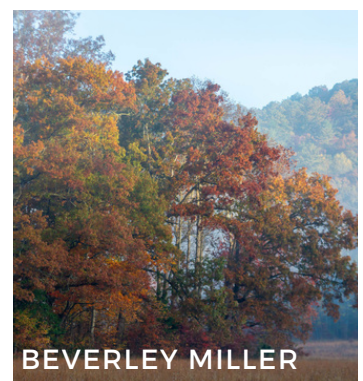


## MEETING INFORMATION

Thanks to our partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation's Powder Valley Conservation Area, MONEP meetings held at Powder Valley now **begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m.**

Meetings are generally held via Zoom in the winter and at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center the rest of the year. The dates for the remainder of 2025 are:

- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9, the second Tuesday of the month for the Holiday Show



# SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Tuesday, September 16th 7:00 p.m.**

**Endangered Wolf Center: Conversation in Conservation**

**Location: Powder Valley Nature Center Auditorium**

**Presenter: Michelle Steinmeyer**



In the 1960s and 70s, millions of children were glued to the television when Marlin Perkins, beloved zoologist and celebrity wildlife expert, connected viewers to wildlife and wild places on Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. In 1971, Marlin and his wife, Carol, turned their attention toward the wolf and founded the EWC to save wolves at risk of extinction.

Through carefully managed breeding programs, inspiring educational programs and innovative methods for introducing releasable wolves into their native habitats, the Endangered Wolf Center set out to change the fate of endangered canids. Today, the EWC works with eight species of wild canids, or members of the dog family. From the smallest fennec fox to the tallest maned wolf, every species has a unique story and place in its ecosystem. People from around the world visit the EWC to see these incredible animals, to learn how important these species are, and find out how they can help.



Michelle Steinmeyer is a long-time volunteer and current executive board member at the Endangered Wolf Center (EWC). With a background in zoology and photography, she has a unique blend of skills that has shaped her career. Although her professional path led her to IT, where she manages a global service desk operation, Michelle has never wavered from her passion for wildlife and photography. As the primary photographer for the EWC, her work has been featured in numerous publications, including the cover of

*National Geographic Kids*. Michelle also serves as the host of EWC's fox and canid photography experiences, guiding guests through the captivating process of capturing the beauty of endangered wolves in their natural habitat. When she's not photographing wolves at the center, Michelle enjoys capturing landscapes and wildlife around the world. Her most recent adventures include a photography trip to Iceland, where she explored the country's stunning landscapes and unique wildlife.



# OCTOBER MEETING

**Tuesday, October 21st 7:00 p.m.**

**MONEP Powder Valley Hallway Exhibit**

The October meeting is the kickoff of our 30th anniversary activities, which will take place through October 2026. Join us for the evening to view and learn about the images selected to be part of the MONEP Hallway Exhibit at Powder Valley. The exhibit, organized by Karen Zelle with assistance from Lori Purk and Kate Sprague, focuses on fall and winter scenes in the region. Exhibitors will discuss their images during a slide presentation in the auditorium and will then be available to talk further about their images as we take time to explore the printed exhibit.

Thanks to the exhibitors: Art Lewis, Barb Addelson, Cathy Wilhelmi, Diana Zelle, Jane Griesenauer, Jeanne Bauer, Joe Fasig, John Morris, Karen Zelle, Kate Sprague, Kathy Cherry, Mark Cherry, Mary Ann Ford, Mike Serati, Nancy Phillips, Rich Merz, R.J. Wilner, Robert Charity, and Susan Clauss.

Additionally, many thanks to Karen, Lori, and Kate for their work soliciting and selecting images and making all the arrangements with Powder Valley to host the exhibit. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## FIELD TRIP RECAPS

Seven members joined Bob Charity for the field trip to Onondaga Cave in Onondaga State Park in July. Not only did they beat the heat, but they saw and photographed some spectacular cave formations.



Twelve to fifteen people met up for the August 2nd field trip to Marian's Place, within Cliff Cave Park. MONEP members met there to photograph in a large area planted with sunflowers. It was a lovely day and members got some excellent shots of the flowers, goldfinch and even some deer.







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## SHOW & SHARE

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the July and August meetings.

- 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-2025-09-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, September 13th** for the September meeting.

Meeting Time Updates: Due to changes in policy at Powder Valley Conservation Area, MONEP meetings now begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m.

*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.*

## Visit us online!

**Website:** [www.monep.org](http://www.monep.org)

**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/MOnaturephoto>

**Facebook Group (Private group for current members only - must request to join):** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/703358603413477>