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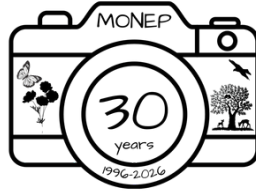
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30TH ANNIVERSARY



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

PICNIC - SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

Location: Kirkwood Park – Sugar Creek Pavilion

Date and Time: Sunday October 18th 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the close of MONEP's 30th year with a picnic on Sunday, October 18th. We will gather from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Kirkwood Park in the Sugar Creek Pavilion, which has parking, tables, and bathrooms nearby. There are also nice paths for walking in the park, and places to photograph. The picnic committee is working on plans including barbeque from Kenrick's.

The cost is \$10 per person to help with the expenses for food and drinks. Check your email in early September for the invitation and registration details. We will request RSVPs and payment for the meal before the event. We will also provide maps and directions to the site.

HALLWAY EXHIBIT AT POWDER VALLEY

MONEP will have our 2026 exhibit at Powder Valley during the month of October. The theme is WE ARE MONEP. The exhibit will be in the hallway adjacent to the classrooms in the nature center, and will be up throughout October. Thirty-one members will have images in the exhibit.

ANNIVERSARY APPAREL

MONEP 30th Anniversary T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts are still available! The tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies feature a logo designed by the MONEP 30th Anniversary committee and celebrate our organization and its three-decade history as a place for people interested in nature photography and the environment.

The tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies will be printed by a local Webster Groves business, Spicy Ink. Angie Crull, the owner, has set up an internet shop where you can see the four different styles, logo placement, and colors.

Order here: <https://www.spicy-ink.com/monep30>

Help us celebrate thirty years of creativity, growth, and a shared passion for nature photography, and help introduce other people to MONEP by wearing your anniversary shirts. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Addelson (baddelson@sbcglobal.net) or Kate Sprague (katesprague04@gmail.com).

2026 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 8th at Powder Valley. The highlight of the evening is a program of members' images, set to music. We will share more details about the event in the months to come.

We encourage current members to submit up to 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 full 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-2026-HolidayShow-Heron.

- Do not leave any spaces within the file name.
- You can use the dash to delineate breaks.
- 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-2026-Holiday Show). Images must be digital.

Choose ONE method to submit your images:

- 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.
- Mail your images on a disk or flash drive to Kate Sprague at 815 Wayfarer Dr., Manchester, MO 63021

If you have problems uploading your images in any of the ways above, feel free to contact Kate at 636-399-1124 for help. Jerry Miller will be taking a break from creating the show this year, and Kate will work with a small committee to put the 2026 show together.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, September 15th 7:00 p.m. | Powder Valley Nature Center

Topic: Backyard Winter Bird Photography

Presenter: Richard Day



The real beauty of photographing birds close to home is that it gives you more chances to practice because you don't have to find an entire day or weekend in your schedule to get out and practice with your camera. When you have a setup in your backyard, you can simply go outside for an hour or two and get right to it!

Richard Day has spent 35 years photographing birds in his backyard where he lives on 63 acres in south central Illinois. In this program, you will learn how to create and use a winter "bird studio" in your own backyard. Richard will share tips on how to attract the birds; and he'll make recommendations for basic bird photography equipment, camera settings, blinds, and clothing.



Richard had been a full-time professional nature photographer since 1990. He specializes in birds, butterflies, gardens, flowers, and dragonflies as well as aerial, agriculture, mammals, travel, panoramic and other outdoor images. His images have appeared in hundreds of major national and international publications including *Audubon*, *Sierra Club*, *National Geographic*, *National Wildlife*, and others. He also contributes over 100 images a year to calendars.

Richard has been teaching people how to improve their photography and to be responsible, ethical photographers since the early 90s. He's led workshops and taught seminars throughout North America. Visit <https://daybreakimagery.photoshelter.com> to see Richard's work.



OCTOBER MEETING

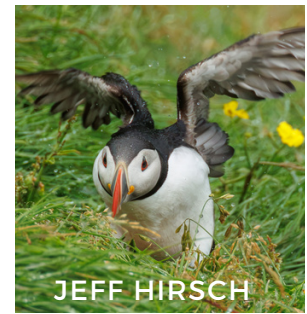
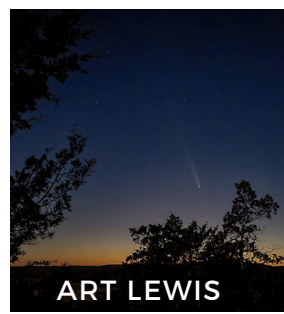
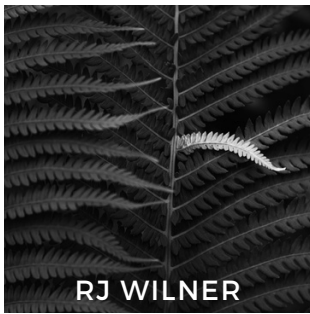
Tuesday, October 20th 7:00 p.m. | Powder Valley Nature Center

Topic: MONEP Member Images in the Powder Valley Hallway Exhibit

The October meeting features the exhibit of MONEP members' work in the hallway at Powder Valley. Join us for the evening to view and learn about the images selected to be part of the exhibit. We will look at a slide presentation of the images in the auditorium and then the featured artists will be available to talk further about their images as we take time to explore the printed exhibit. A big thank you goes out to all of the exhibitors and the organizing committee.

Note: These programs will be open to the public, so we suggest you pre-register via the [MDC Events website](#).





MEMBER NEWS

We are delighted to welcome to our newest members to MONEP, **Harold & Mary Ostergaard**. Thanks for joining us.

Long time MONEP member, **Randy Hunter** passed away on March 9th of this year. Randy was a frequent volunteer at MONEP events and he organized our field trips for several years. He was a St. Louis Camera Club member and also had a passion for woodworking and the outdoors. Randy was a veteran and was interred at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery.



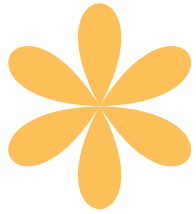
Bob Charity will be giving a presentation on photography and kayaking at St. Louis Canoe and Kayak Club meeting on Thursday, October 8th. MONEP members are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm in the Longview Farm Park main building, located at 13525 Clayton Road in Town and Country.

Lonnie Gatlin received an Honorable Mention at Above the Horizon, the current exhibition at Artisans in the Loop.

Jane Griesenauer will have photographs in the Rooted in Nature exhibit at the Green Root Gallery in Belleville, Illinois from September 4th - November 1st.

2026 MEETINGS

Meetings are generally held via Zoom in the winter and at Powder Valley Nature Center the rest of the year. The remaining dates for 2026 are September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 8, the second Tuesday of the month for the Holiday Show.



MONEP Moment



SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND SPEAKERS

MONEP has hosted a number of seminars and workshops over its 30 years. These featured world-renowned photographers. As Scott Avetta recalls, the very first one was a workshop with Pat O'Hara at Meramec State Park. Other storied presenters included George Lepp, Art Wolfe, Tom Murphy, Nancy Rotenberg, Rick Sammon, Willard Clay, Richard and Susan Day, Bill Fortney, Rob Sheppard, Bill Lea, Roman Kurywczak, and, in 2019, Jennifer King. Jennifer came in for two days and presented a seminar, offered portfolio reviews, and hosted two half-day workshops out at Shaw Nature Reserve, all in the same weekend. We often held the seminars at The Ethical Society, using their auditorium and the large multi-purpose room on the lower level. However, some of the earlier seminars were presented at St. Louis University High School, such as George Lepp's in 1999. The seminars involved more than a year's worth of planning and lots of extra hours from the board and many member volunteers. We often brought in box lunches from Honey Baked Ham, and had tables for various vendors, including Schiller's Camera and Hunt's Photo. The seminars also attracted some new members, a few of whom stayed on in the following years.



Since Covid, we have moved more toward Zoom presentations in order to bring in photographers from outside our region. We do this in January and February when the weather can cause low attendance at in-person meetings. Those presenters have ranged from Jennifer King to Freeman Patterson, Greg Basco, Tiffany Reed Briley, Gabby Salazar, Jamie Konarski Davidson, Tony Sweet, and Brenda Tharp. This provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach beyond the St. Louis region and bring in some wonderful photographers as presenters. It has also allowed us to offer some of the programs to similar organizations such as TexNEP, Women in Focus – St. Louis, and St. Louis Camera Club.

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SHOW & SHARE

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the September meeting.

- 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-2026-09-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 by midnight Saturday, Sept. 12th for the September meeting.



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

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>