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MONEP News

2023 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 12th 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. Image submissions for the 2023 MONEP Holiday Show are due by the September 19th meeting if you are submitting in person, or by September 30th for email submissions. In addition to your twenty nature shots, we would love to have images of our members in action. Submissions can be turned in at the back table at September meeting. You may also submit your images by sending them to share@monep.org by the September 30th deadline. To submit your work, please follow the guidelines for submissions below.

How to Submit 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 no later than 9/30.
- 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 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.

Format:

All submissions should be digital. 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-2023-Holiday Show).

File Names:

Each individual photo file should also 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-2023-HolidayShow-Heron. In addition, do not leave any spaces within the file name. You can use a 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.

Things to bear in mind as you select images to submit:

- 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.

Cover Images (from left to right and top to bottom):

Richard Spener, Toni Armstrong, Patti Collins, Larry Terrell, Rober Charity, Jerry Miller, Linda Moder, Karen Zelle, Dick Roman, Jerry Miller

Member News

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Welcome to our newest members Pete Fornek and Jeff Hirsch. We are happy to have you join in MONEP.

To stay connected with us in between newsletters, 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.

MONEP Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

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

Tuesday, October 16th from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

MONEP meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the December meeting. 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.

September 19th Meeting – Lonnie Gatlin on Night Photography

Join us at the September 19th meeting as we welcome back Lonnie Gatlin, who will be presenting *Photographing the Night Sky*. This program will cover the tools, techniques, and planning required for producing beautiful photographs of the night sky.

Lonnie is an award-winning photographer with more than 40 years of photography experience. Professionally, she has served as photojournalist, bio-medical photographer, writer, sports journalist, and assistant broadcast news director in the St. Louis area. Lonnie's photography and multi-media presentations have been recognized by the American Association of Business Communicators, the American Red Cross, the International Dark Sky Association, Scott Kelby's Photo Walk, St. Louis Community College, Studio Altius, and the United Way. Today, Lonnie is best known for her astro-landscapes, featuring the Milky Way. She teaches astro-photography at Shaw Nature Reserve and is a featured artist at the H-art and Soul Gallery in Chesterfield.



Image by: Lonnie Gatlin

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October Meeting - Jeff Hirsch on Mobile Phone Photography

Jeff Hirsch will present on *Mobile Phone Photography Tips & Tricks* at our October Meeting. Mobile phone photography has rapidly become a fixture in our daily lives as more and more images are being taken and shared using cellphone cameras. The vast number of photo enhancement and sharing apps available for both iPhone and Android users offer the photographer unlimited options for photo creativity.

Join photographer and photo-educator Jeff Hirsch for a program on getting the best-looking images out of your phone's camera and learn how to make use of various photography related apps.



Image by: Jeff Hirsch

Show & Share

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images during the January and February meetings. Images do not have to be recent and you do not have to talk about your images.

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-2023-09-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, September 16th for the September meeting or October 14th for the October meeting.

August Meeting Recording

If you missed the August meeting with Bruce Schuette on [Photography and the Prairie](#), you can view it 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.

MONEP Facebook Group

MONEP's private Facebook Group currently has 84 members. The MONEP Group is a private space where members can share images, information, related resources, and chat about nature photography. It's a space where you can post an image and ask for constructive feedback, or seek information about shooting locations, equipment, and a range of other related topics.

Please try to include any pertinent shooting information, such as settings, gear you used, or special techniques that might be of interest to fellow members. You may also offer up any gear you have for sale, or seek gear you want to buy. Also, remember that the images posted should be nature related. If you include any elements of the hand of humans, those elements should be incidental and not the subject of the image.

This group is not open to the public and is meant to continue to build our great community. As tempting as it is to invite other photographer friends to join the group, they must first be a member of MONEP to be admitted. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Sprague at katesprague04@gmail.com, or Barb Addelson at baddelson@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.

Visit our website at www.monep.org