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MONEP News

2024 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 Tuesday, December 10th at Powder Valley. The highlight of the evening is a program of members' images, selected and put to music by Jerry Miller. We will share more details about the event in the next couple of months.

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 2024 MONEP Holiday Show are due by the September 17th 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 the 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.
- 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-2024-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-2024-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.

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):

Jerry Miller, Beverley Miller, Linda Moder, Tim Bade, Art Lewis, Lori Purk, Barb Addelson, Dick Roman, Judy Colombini, Jane Griesenauer, Patti Collins, Brady Kesner, Jerry Miller

Member News

New Members

We give a warm welcome to our newest MONEP members: Diana Linsley, Joe Fasig, Jan Berndston, Jane Palmer, Randy Gusdorf, and William Dreas. Thanks for joining us! 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 in the group.

MONEP Meetings

Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, September 17th from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center

Tuesday, October 15th 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 Holiday Show. MONEP meets at Powder Valley 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.

September 17th Meeting - James Trager

James Trager is formally trained as an entomologist (Ph. D., Univ. of Florida, 1984), but has long had a great interest in Midwestern native plants, due to the influence of a particular professor during his undergraduate studies. After nearly ten years as an ant researcher, he moved to St. Louis, and eventually joined the staff of Shaw Nature Reserve (SNR) as the naturalist and native habitats manager. There he developed a strong interest in the insects attracted to native plants. He will share some thoughts and photos of these insects from SNR and of his attempt to recreate SNR in his own backyard in Pacific, Missouri.



Image by: James Trager

Photo is of a carpenter bee, (*Xylocopa virginica*) visiting passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*) in James's backyard.

October 15th Meeting - World Bird Sanctuary

World Bird Sanctuary (WBS) will return to MONEP and present a live native bird display at our October meeting. After a presentation, members will have the opportunity to photograph some of the birds brought in for the program.

WBS was started in 1977 as a raptor, or bird of prey, rehabilitation hospital. At that time, there was not a place for sick or injured raptors in the St. Louis area. Walter Crawford, Jr., with encouragement from Marlon Perkins made the decision to leave the St. Louis Zoo to start



Image by: Richard Schons

World Bird Sanctuary. World Bird Sanctuary has grown since the early days. The facility now sits on 305 acres of native Missouri oak, hickory forests and is home to over 180 permanent resident birds, representing over 60 different species. Through their mission of “Protecting birds and their habitats through education, conservation, and education” they are now able to treat over 700 birds through their rehab hospital, be a part of several breeding programs for critically endangered species, and provide educational programs for over 100,000 people each year.

The evenings presenter, Taryn Leach, is a Keeper at the World Bird Sanctuary and has been in this role for five years. Prior to coming to WBS, she worked at several facilities in Ohio as a wildlife specialist for seven years, bringing her love of caring for and educating the public not only about birds but other animals as well. Her dream goal was to work with either cheetahs or raptors and she has been thrilled to bring her passion for the birds to adults and children alike through her programs

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 and you do not have to talk about your images, if you would prefer not to.

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-2024-09-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 14th for the September meeting, and Saturday, October 12th for the October meeting.

Past Meeting Recordings

If you missed the July meeting, you can view it on the MONEP YouTube Channel by following the link below. 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. We have also included a separate video of the July Show & Share presentations. We will share the August links as soon as they are ready and uploaded.

[August Meeting - Noppadol Paothong on Focus on Birds](#)

[August Show & Share](#)

[July Meeting - Steve Sands on the Aurorae](#)

[July Show & Share](#)

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