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NANPA Meeting in St. Louis

The **North American Nature Photographers Association,** or **NANPA,** is holding its annual board meeting in St. Louis in early March. On **Saturday, March 3rd**, MoNEP and the NANPA Board of Directors will hold a joint reception at the **St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame Bar and Grill** (**formerly Pujols 5**) from **6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for MoNEP members and their guests to learn more about NANPA from those who have been key players in its development. NANPA is a key voice for nature photographers worldwide. MoNEP grew out of a desire to have a regional organization based on NANPA's principles and mission statement.

Join us for this very special event and the chance to relax and talk about nature and photography with a group of highly committed photographers. For those interested in attending, there is **$10 per person fee** to cover a variety of appetizers and vegetable, fruit and cheese trays. Non-alcoholic drinks are included. Alcohol will be available for purchase. We do need to get a head count in advance for a room reservation and food, so please RSVP to **Michelle Jones by February 21st** at the latest. Michelle will be at a table at the back of auditorium during the February meeting to take reservations and collect the fee. You may also contact her at **314-496-7616** or **michelle@mmjones.us**. We will accept cash or check for payment. Please make your check payable to MoNEP. You can also mail your check to Michelle at **45 Bellerive Acres, St. Louis, Mo. 63121**. Be sure to include your name and contact information.

Membership Renewals

A reminder that 2012 dues are past due! Many MoNEP members have not yet renewed for the year. If you are among them, please submit a completed renewal form along with your payment in the form of cash or a check payable to MoNEP to the Membership chairs, **Vicki and Shawn Northrop** at the February meeting. You can also mail your form and dues to: **Vicki and Shawn Northrop, 1111 Wilmington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111**. **Dues are $25 per person** or **$35 for a two-member household**.

Camera Club Seminar

The **St. Louis Camera Club** will be hosting its annual seminar on **Saturday, March 31st**, from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m**. The presenter, **Jennifer Wu**, is one of Canon's elite **Explorers of Light**. She is an award winning nature, landscape and night sky photographer.

Jennifer will talk about the five elements of composition for nature photography, techniques for getting great shots, including using polarizing and neutral density filters, use of white balance settings and reflectors and hyperfocal distance focusing. She will also discuss maximizing Camera Raw, the tools and best practices when editing your images and how to make them pop. She will finish with a segment on the Amazing Night Sky and how to create images of the stars and moon.

Registration for this event, to be held at **Maritz in Fenton** is **$25** and includes lunch. For registration information visit: **www.stlcameraclub.com**. To learn more about Jennifer Wu, visit her website at **www.jenniferwu.com**.

New Members

Welcome to our newest MoNEP members, **Karen** and **Larry Kotner**.

Member News

Scott Avetta will be teaching five photography courses at the **Missouri Botanical Garden** this spring, and a sixth at **Shaw Nature Reserve**. His topics include **Understanding Your Camera**, two sections of **Basic Photography**, **Close-up Photography**, **Color and Composition** and **Seeing Nature Through the Lens**. Most classes are multi-day programs, featuring discussion in the classroom, shooting in the field and constructive feedback sessions. To learn more, visit **www.mobot.org/adulteducation**.

Gary Eaves took 2nd place and tied for 7th and 23rd places in a **DPreview.com** photographic challenge. Winners in the ***Showtime*** challenge, focusing on car shows, were announced January 25th.

The work of MoNEP founder, **Ruth Hoyt** is part of a two-person exhibit entitled ***The Nature of Stillness*** now on display at the **South Texas College Library Art Gallery** in **McAllen, Texas**. The exhibit is up through **May 11th** and is free and open to the public. For more information visit the college website: **http://library.southtexascollege.edu/lag/current/Pages/TheNatureofStillness.aspx**.

Margy Terpstra will be one of a number of presenters at the upcoming **Garden Blitz** at the **Missouri Botanical Garden** on **Saturday, March 3rd**. The event is from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and costs **$70 for Garden Members** and **$85 for nonmembers.** This year's keynote address is by **Doug Tallamy**, author of **Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Beneficial Wildlife with Native Plants.** Margy's presentation, **Our Garden is for the Birds! How to Invite Them and Delight In Them – Close Encounters of the Suburban Kind,** is from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** Preregistration for the Garden Blitz is required. Visit **www.mobot.org/adulteducation** to register and for a detailed description of all the talks and demonstrations.

For Sale

Dennis Owsley is selling his Epson Stylus Photo R1800 printer for $100. If you are interested, please contact Dennis at **dcowsley@mvp.net.**

Celebrating Missouri Exhibit

The MoNEP member photo exhibit, ***Celebrating Missouri***, is currently on display at the ***Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center*** in Kansas City, Missouri. It will be on there to the end of February. Thanks again to all of those who participated by submitting their work, helped at the framing session and also to those members who helped install and move the exhibit to and from the various venues. A special thank you to **Lori Purk** for single-handedly transporting the exhibit in Kansas City and hanging it**.** We couldn't have done this without such dedicated members. Visit **http://mdc.mo.gov/regions/kansas-city/discovery-center/image-gallery** for more information. We hope to continue showing the exhibit at other nature centers around the state and will keep the membership posted about future display sites.

Volunteers Needed

The MoNEP board is seeking a volunteer to write thank-you notes to our monthly guest speakers. It is also looking for someone to help organize field trips. If you are interested in either role, please contact **Scott Avetta** at **scottavetta@hotmail.com** or by phone, at **314-487-3280**.

MDC 75th Anniversary Photo Contest

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, the Missouri Department of Conservation is holding a contest in search of the best photos of Missouri's fish, forests, wildlife and outdoor recreation activities.

How to Participate

From **February 1st to May 15th** join the MDC 75th Anniversary Photo Contest" on Flickr™ and submit your best photos in the following seven categories: Birds, Insects and Spiders, Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians, Plants, Habitats and Landscapes and Outdoor Recreation Activities.

A panel of judges chosen by MDC will pick the best photo in each category, and the public will choose the best overall photo from those seven category winners. Voting starts in July. The seven top-winning photos will appear in the October 2012 ***Missouri Conservationist***, and they will be published as a slideshow on MDC's ***75th Anniversary*** Web page through November 2012.

Contest Rules

For contest rules visit the MDC website at **mdc.mo.gov/about-us/get-know-us/75th-anniversary/photo-contest.** Be sure to review section six on **Rights** before you chose to enter the contest.

MEETINGS & programs

Meeting Dates and Share & Show Themes

Tuesday, February 21st – Far, Far Away
Tuesday, March 20th – Shadows and Silhouettes

Meetings begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.** at ***Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center***.

Share and Show Nature Images

Members are invited to share their **nature** images at each MoNEP meeting. If you wish to participate, you should prepare up to **four (4) nature-related images**. Be sure to:

- Resize your images so vertical images are 768 pixels high and horizontal images are 768 pixels wide.
- Save your images as .jpg files.
- Place your four resized images on a drive or disc in a folder with your name and the meeting date.
- Give your images to **Jerry Miller** no later than 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.

For more information about *Share and Show* formatting please see ***Resize an Image for Submission*** in the photo tips section on the MoNEP web site, **www.monep.org**.

February Meeting – Scott Avetta

Join us at the **February 21st** meeting for MoNEP president, **Scott Avetta's** presentation on **Seeing Nature Through the Lens**. Scott will talk about trying to design a precise image in nature's chaotic world. He will provide insight on what to look for and how to make meaning out of the chaos. A busy image can be confusing and distracting, but often just taking the time to make minor adjustments in the field can produce the image you imagined. He will discuss composing an image to trap the viewer's eye and engage the viewer in the scene. Scott will address how two photographers can produce two very different images from the very same spot, in an effort to provide each of us with the tools to help take us to the next level in our photography.

Scott is a native St. Louisan and specializes in photography of the Midwest, with a focus on nature. He has published three books: ***Illinois Impressions***, ***Missouri Impressions*** and ***St. Louis Impressions*** and has co-authored two others: ***The Ozarks*** and ***Missouri Simply Beautiful***. Recently, a number of his images were featured on the cover and interior of ***The Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Reserve: 85 Years of Natural Wonders***. His photos also appear in a number of other books as well as magazines. Scott's photographs are on permanent display at the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, Illinois, Washington University in St. Louis and Barnes Jewish Hospital. He has done work for nature and environmental organizations such as the Earth Day St. Louis, the Open Door Sanctuary and the World Bird Sanctuary. Find out more about Scott and see his images at his website: **www.scottavetta.com.**

Journey Through the Arctic – March 7th

On **March 7th at 7:30 p.m.**, **the Saint Louis Zoo** will be hosting a lecture and book signing by **Debbie Miller,** journalist, teacher, Arctic explorer, conservationist, photographer and award-winning author of ***Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge***. Debbie has explored the wilderness of Alaska for nearly 40 years. She most recently spent three summers paddling 600 miles of rivers in the western Arctic region for her forthcoming book ***On Arctic Ground***. A passionate advocate for protecting the Arctic, Debbie has also written 12 nonfiction books for children about Alaska's wildlife, such as ***A Polar Bear Journey*** and ***Survival at 40 Below.*** Admission to the lecture at the Zoo is free. For more information call 314-646-4544.

MoNEP members, recent meeting presenters and Arctic conservationists, **Richard Spener and Toni Armstrong** will be hosting a private event with Debbie on **Tuesday, March 6th**. If any MoNEP member is interested in attending this private event, please contact Richard at 314-434-2072.

Webster Groves Nature Study Society Talk

The **Webster Groves Nature Study Society** or **WGNSS** has its next general meeting at the **Powder Valley Nature Center** on **Tuesday, March 6th**, starting at **7:30 p.m.** Their featured speaker will be **Tim Guetersloh**, speaking on ***For the Love of Nature: Observations of an Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker***. Tim is a passionate nature photographer. In 2005, he fulfilled a life goal of backpacking the complete 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail, carrying a relatively light 4x5 sheet film camera of his own design built just for the trip. The trip had such an impact that he returned to the trail each year after for some short hikes and in 2010–2011 made a second complete hike of the trail. Tim will discuss his experiences along the trail, including some of the most beautiful places and things that he observed. He will also mention some of the resources available to those contemplating a visit to the region. This will be a rare opportunity to meet someone enthralled with the idea of wilderness who has gone to great lengths to immerse himself in nature. For more information visit

NANPA Events

NANPA has announced its 2012 Road Shows and Regional Events. Regional Events are shooting events that take place in the field with five different field trip leaders at each event. Road Shows are one-day classroom-based seminars featuring one speaker. Upcoming Regional Events include workshops in the **Great Smoky Mountains** from **April 26th-29th, 2012**; **Bend, Oregon, July 2012**; and **Acadia National Park,** in Maine from **October 4th-6th, 2012.**

The Great Smoky Mountains Event will be based in Townsend, Tennessee, and will be led by: **Bill Campbell, Jamie Konarski Davidson, Richard Day, Kevin FitzPatrick** and **Paul Hassell**. Details about the Oregon and Maine Events will be available soon on the NANPA website, **www.nanpa.org**.

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