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MoNEP News

2018 Membership Renewals – Last Call

MoNEP membership runs from January through December each year. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership now. We will purge the membership rolls after the March meeting and those who haven't renewed by then will no longer receive the MoNEP newsletter and email announcements. Dues are \$30 per person and \$40 for a household of up to four. There are three ways to renew your membership:

1. Membership dues may be submitted in person at the monthly MoNEP meetings along with your completed form. You can pay with cash or by a check made out to MoNEP. If you pay by cash, please be sure to have the exact amount.
2. You can mail your renewal form, along with a check made out to MoNEP, to the MoNEP membership chair, Michelle Jones at 45 Bellerive Acres, St. Louis, Missouri 63121. Please do not mail cash.
3. You can pay online using PayPal by visiting our website at <http://monep.org/membership.html>.

If you have questions about membership, please contact Michelle Jones at 314-496-7616 or by email at michellecjones92@gmail.com.

MoNEP Members' Exhibit at Shaw Nature Reserve

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Missouri State Parks, MoNEP mounted an exhibit called *A Walk in the Park*. The images represent the scenic beauty and natural encounters our parks and nature areas provide to millions of visitors each year. Originally mounted at Powder Valley Nature Center, part of the exhibit is now on display in the Bascom House at Shaw Nature Reserve. The images that are on display at Shaw consist of those that were taken in Missouri. The exhibit will reside at the Nature Reserve until mid-April.



Image by Susan Standish

Members and Membership

New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members: Kathleen Broderick, Michael Kennedy, and Dean and Suzzie Schweigert. Thanks for joining us! We encourage you to reach out to any of the Board or other members for information and ideas. We also ask all our members to help make these newcomers feel welcome.

Member News

Margy Terpstra will have an exhibit of some of her bird images at Powder Valley Nature Center in May. The exhibit, entitled *Warblers!*, features Margy's photographs of 29 different species of these little jewels as they feed, drink, and bathe in and around her backyard stream and water bubbler.

Ted Moreno was appointed to the Board of Directors of the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) in February 2018. Ted has been a NANPA member since 2006; serving as the Chair of the Awards Committee since 2015, and as a member of the Membership Committee since 2013. He has attended every NANPA Summit beginning with the very first one in 2011, which was held in McAllen, Texas.

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MoNEP Meetings and Field Trips

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

*Dates: Tuesday, March 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Tuesday, April 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm*

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. Powder Valley's address is 11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122. The meetings run from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Show and Share Nature Images

Submissions Due Dates: 3/17 for the March 20th Meeting, 4/14 for the April 17th Meeting

Members are invited to share up to five (5) nature-related images at the upcoming meetings. For those members who would like a little inspiration for Show and Share, we offer a suggested topic each month. These are suggestions only, and you may show any nature related images you would like.
March: Insects and April: New Beginnings

To submit for Show and Share:

- Resize images so vertical images are 1,800 pixels high and horizontal images are 1,800 pixels wide.
- Name your images according to the directions at monep.org under tips.
- Save your images as .jpg files.
- Compress your five resized images into a zip file.
- Attach the zip file to an email addressed to share@monep.org by midnight, Saturday, March 17th for the March meeting and April 14th for the April meeting.

Although submissions usually get an email response before the meeting, if you do not get a notice and want to confirm that your submission has been received, please contact Jerry Miller by email at sirlukeman@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-517-6395. For further instructions see Uploading Show and Share Images in the tips section at monep.org.

March 20th Meeting

Did you know there are around 3,500 species of bees in North America? Chris Hartley of the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Faust Park will provide an introduction to the most common bees found in Missouri. He will cover where they live, which flowers attract them, and some very simple identification tips. He will talk about where these bees nest and will share some interesting biological information that will help us find and photograph them outdoors.

Chris was born in Georgia and has loved insects all his life. He grew up roaming through the woods and looking under rocks and started learning every bug he could find. He attended the University of Georgia where he got his



Image by Dave Alexander

undergraduate degree in biology and his Masters in entomology. Chris moved to St. Louis in 2006 to work at the Butterfly House as an entomologist and education instructor and is now the Science Education Coordinator there. In 2016, the Butterfly House started Project Pollinator in collaboration with the St. Louis County Parks, the County Libraries, Greenscape Gardens and many other local conservation organizations. This collaboration strives to increase local knowledge about the importance of pollinators and encourage people to plant pollinator gardens.

April 17th Meeting

Jonathan Beard of Springfield, Missouri has been involved with photographing, documentation, mapping, and the management of caves primarily in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas since 1970. In that span he has visited more than 1,400 caves in 21 states in more than 4,000 cave trips. He has participated in more than 550 cave mapping expeditions and the drafting of many of those cave maps. He has taken more than 10,000 photographs of caves including some he will share with us at the meeting. Between 1983 and 2017, Mr. Beard managed or co-managed 11 privately-owned gated caves in southwest Missouri and has designed and helped install several cave gates to prevent unauthorized entry and vandalism. Since 1983, he has directed the cleanup and restoration of over 100 caves in four states, including the reattachment of more than 1,400 broken stalagmites and stalactites. He is the principle author of "Caring for Your Karst," a full-color booklet for cave owners that has been distributed to thousands of landowners in Missouri.



Image by Dug Threewitt

Mr. Beard is a retired training designer of 3M Company in Springfield and spends much time with wife Alicia, son Chris and two granddaughters. He will continue to photograph and restore caves primarily in the Ozarks.

April Field Trip

Join Tim Bade and Dug Threewitt on April 21st for a Night Photography Shoot at Tim's property in Dittmer, Missouri. The group will meet at the Price Chopper in House Springs between 6:15 pm and 6:30 pm. Sunset on the 21st is at 7:45 pm. Participants will need to bring a camera, tripod, cable release, and a flashlight. If you are interested in attending, you must sign up in advance. You can sign up at the March or April meetings or by contacting Tim at 314-378-0757.

May Field Trip

We are once again offering an early evening/sunset shoot at Shaw Nature Reserve on Saturday, May 19th. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Carriage House adjacent to the Whitmire Wildflower Garden. Wine and cheese and other refreshments will be provided. Space is limited and there is a fee of \$15 per person to cover the Nature Reserve's expenses. To register, members should see Barb Addelson at the table in the back of the auditorium at the March, April, or May meetings or you may contact Barb at baddelson@sbcglobal.net to hold a spot and arrange for payment. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required so we can plan ahead for purchasing refreshments. Payment may be made by check made out to MoNEP. We will also accept cash at the meeting, but we would appreciate it if you would provide the exact amount so we do not need to make change. Further details will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

Of Interest

Thanks to Lois Walsh for sharing the following: Coming to PBS on Tuesday, April 24th is *Battle on the Booming Grounds: Last Dance of the Prairie Chicken*. The film documents the natural history, behaviors and natural habitat of the prairie chicken. It also highlights the wider environmental issues around these denizens of the tall grass prairies.

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.

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