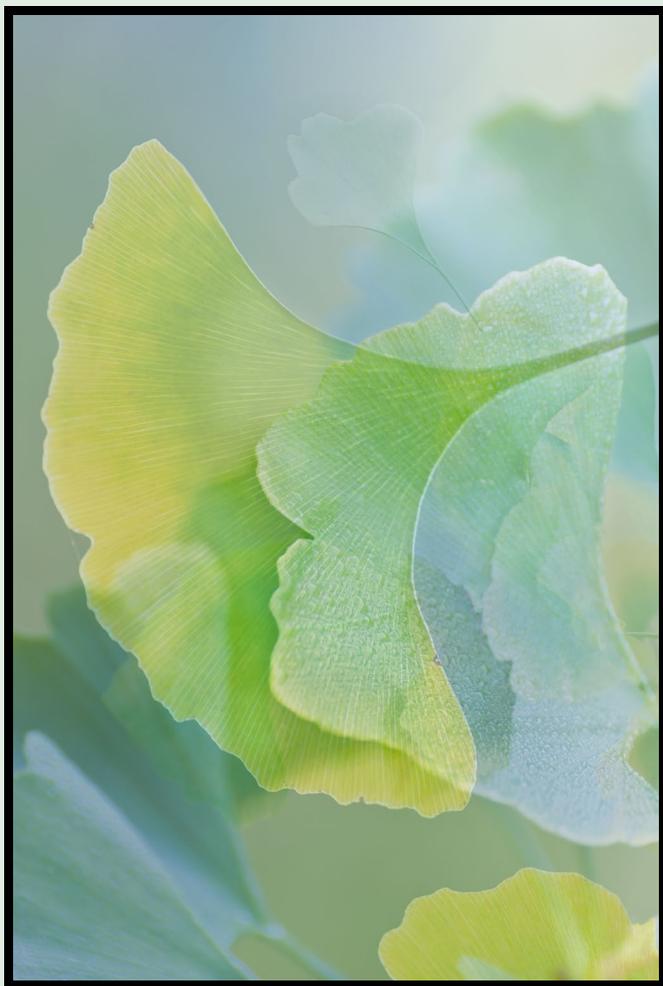




Morton Arboretum Photographic Society

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The Morton
Arboretum 

who we are

The Morton Arboretum Photographic Society (MAPS), is a non-competitive photography club whose focus is nature and education as inspired by the mission of the Morton Arboretum:

... to collect and study trees, shrubs, and other plants from around the world, to display them across naturally beautiful landscapes for people to study and enjoy, and to learn how to grow them in ways that enhance our environment. Our goal is to encourage the planting and conservation of trees and other plants for a greener, healthier, and more beautiful world.

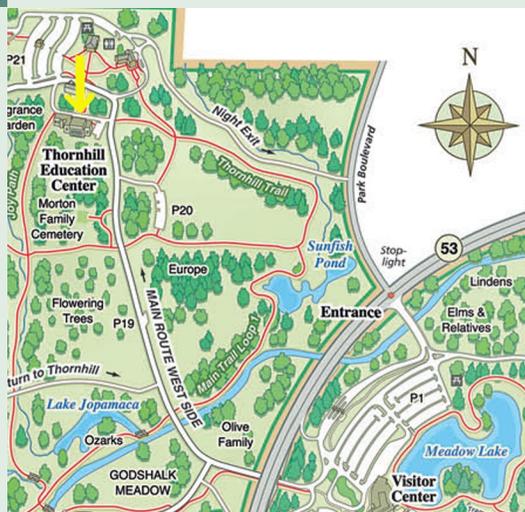


Welcoming both beginners and advanced photographers, we are inspired by nature's beauty—wildlife, flora, lakes, and the landscape around us. We enjoy sharing our work with fellow members and nurturing the art of creating images.

MAPS meetings

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Thornhill Education Center, located on the West side of The Morton Arboretum. Guests are always welcome to attend MAPS meetings.

The Morton Arboretum
Thornhill Education Center
Arbor Room
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



MAPS membership

Join MAPS to share your passion for nature photography with like-minded individuals. Membership in MAPS is open to everyone who is interested in nature photography. Our membership includes beginning as well as advanced photographers. Membership benefits include monthly programs with an informal "Show & Tell" hour before each program, monthly photo outings, photo exhibits, workshops and social events.



To become a MAPS member, please visit our website to download a membership form:
<http://mortonarbotumphotographicsociety.com/about/>

social happenings

In winter, bare branches silhouette against the moon and lakes slowly freeze to create unique ice formations. When snow falls it drapes the Arboretum landscape for a winter wonderland which can't be missed, and neither can our Annual Holiday Party! Held at the Arboretum, we share good food, drink, and photography from the past year. Adding to the festivities are raffles and games to get everyone in the holiday spirit!



exhibits

Every Spring MAPS holds its annual nature photography exhibit at the Arboretum for members to showcase their art. A reception launches this three-day event and includes raffles and a donated art sale.

Photography exhibits in various libraries and other off-site locations are additional ongoing opportunities for members.



show & tell

Preceding our monthly meetings, members have the opportunity to share their expertise and talk about photo endeavors in an informal setting. Photo or digital images, artifacts, techniques, and travel experiences are some of the ways our members share their talents.



equipment

Alternating with the Show & Tell social hour, members have the opportunity to present and discuss new or specialized equipment, materials, technological information, and techniques with other members.





presentations

MAPS offers a wide variety of monthly education-driven presentations. The presenters include photographic visionaries from academia as well as professionals in the photographic world. MAPS presentations can be considered a learning annex—one of a kind, nature inspired, and designed to make stronger, well-versed photographers. Presentation topics have included wildlife, macro photography, post-processing techniques, photographic aesthetics, and other special fields of photography. Members leave presentations with new knowledge and inspiration.

Check out our archives on the website to read an overview of past presentations.



outings

If you enjoy getting out and photographing with a community of photographers, you'll enjoy our outings. A multitude of geographical areas are carefully selected and timed with each season. Sites are scouted for the quality and quantity of prime flora, wildlife, and/or landscapes, and are then chosen for their optimum photo opportunities. All outings take place within the greater Chicagoland area. Visit our website archives for some of the places we have visited and to view images posted by members who have attended outings. Following each outing, a get-together at a local restaurant is the place to be, and photography is the main topic of conversation!

