

# SIERRA PHOTO | NYC

New York City Sierra Club Photography Committee Newsletter

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## Meetings

### September

Wednesday, September 28, 2016—6:30 PM

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

#### Members' Night

Members may present 6–8 images in digital format. Please arrive by 6:15 pm to load your images for presentation.

Digital images should be sRGB, 72 ppi with 1920 pixels on the long side. Please bring digital images only on a flash drive (no slides, no CD or DVD).

#### From the Editor's Desk

Please join the Board in thanking **Corinna Chifari** as she steps down after serving as Newsletter Editor for the past decade. While each issue requires many hours of painstaking work, the final product has been stunning and her contributions will be missed.

**Anne Chamberlain** will serve as our new Editor. Corinna's gracious assistance in helping to smooth the transition for this issue is much appreciated.

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Friends Group

#### 2016 Meeting Dates and Speakers

November 30, 2016 TBD

December 21, 2016 Members' Night/  
Holiday Celebration

The Metropolitan Opera Guild Learning Center • 70 Lincoln Center Plaza  
6th floor, Samuel B. and David Rose Building at Lincoln Center  
West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam • New York, NY 10023

Suggested donation \$7.00 • Optional dinner after each meeting. (usually Old John's Luncheonette, 148 West 67 St., NY, NY 10023, between Broadway and Amsterdam)

### October

Wednesday, October 26, 2016—6:30 PM

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

#### Greg Miller

##### *It's All About the Light!*

You've heard it before, and it's true! Photography is all about the light. A mediocre subject in great light makes a much more compelling subject than a great subject in mediocre light. But what is great light? Greg's presentation will explore how to recognize great light, the three qualities to look for, and how to anticipate great light and be in the right place at the right time. Understanding great light will improve your photos, and improve your odds of making a great image.

Greg has published three photography books. Most recently, *Tuxedo Park: The Gift of Nature* celebrates the private sanctuary of Gilded Age names from William Waldorf Astor and Augustus Juilliard, to early social trailblazers such as Emily Post and Dorothy Draper as well as famed tycoons Cornelius Vanderbilt and J.P. Morgan; *The Hudson River: A Great American Treasure* was selected for the "Editors' Favorite Books of the Year" list by *The Bloomsbury Review*. Greg has led workshops for the Center for Photography at Woodstock, Digital Photo Academy, The Adirondack Photography Institute, Olana and the National Park Service. For more of Greg's images, see [www.gregmillerphotography.com](http://www.gregmillerphotography.com); follow him on [www.facebook.com/GregMillerPhotography](https://www.facebook.com/GregMillerPhotography).



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## From the Chairs

As summer comes to a close and fall approaches, we are planning our next group exhibit at the Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center, entitled "Urban Nature." It is a compelling theme and we look forward to seeing your interpretations. Your images should portray nature in the five boroughs of NYC.

We will send an email this month with details and entry form. The deadline for entries is October 14, and the entrance fee is \$35.00. You may submit your completed entry form with a check and two images at the September meeting. Framed photos are to be delivered on November 2, with an opening reception on Wednesday, November 9 and takedown on March 1.

**The Friends of Sierra Photo NYC** Facebook page has been a huge success with over 100 members who have been posting some incredible images! We urge you to join and share.

Our first meeting of the new season on September 28 is a Members' Night. We look forward to seeing what you have been shooting over the summer or perhaps what you might submit for the "Urban Nature" exhibit. Bring a friend and we look forward to seeing you on opening night!

Contact us by email: Eileen Duranko, [eileendura@mac.com](mailto:eileendura@mac.com) or Harvey Kopel, [harvey@kopel.us](mailto:harvey@kopel.us).

—Eileen Duranko, Co-Chair

—Harvey Kopel, Co-Chair

## Member Activities

**Nancy Langer** will exhibit her work at the Beth El Synagogue Center, 1324 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY, from October 22 through November 27. The opening reception is on Sunday, October 23, from 2:00–4:30 pm. See [www.bethelnr.org](http://www.bethelnr.org) for further details.

Send members' activities/news or field trip submissions for our November/December issue (covering activities from mid-November through mid-January) to Anne Chamberlain at [annechamberlain@earthlink.net](mailto:annechamberlain@earthlink.net) by November 1. Include your name, brief description/event title, location, hours and web address.

## 2016 Fall Outings

**Date:** Thursday, October 6, 2016

**Location:** **Central Park** (near Rowing Lake)

**Photograph:** Birds! Birds! Birds! Charles Chessler will lead a bird photography and instruction walk.

**Meet:** 10:00 am in front of the Loeb Boat House; outing from 10:00 am to Noon

**Cost:** \$15.00 donation to the **Wild Bird Fund**, NYC's only facility to rescue injured birds

**Additional information:** Bring your long lens! Lunch afterward at the Loeb Boat House Café or bring your own.

**Leader:** Charles Chessler, 917-482-5230

### Watkins Glen State Park Overnight Trip

**Date:** Friday through Sunday, October 7–9, 2016

**Location:** **Watkins Glen State Park**, Finger Lakes Region, NY

**Information:** This is an overnight trip (either one or two nights) with very limited space available. Comprehensive details were emailed to members on September 6. Contact Charles Dexter with questions at [cdexter337@aol.com](mailto:cdexter337@aol.com) or 212-315-1963 (call until 10:30 pm)

**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016

**Location:** Central Park's hidden **Hallett Nature Sanctuary**—Private tour!

**Photograph:** Park vistas at golden hour and fall migrating birds

**Hike:** less than a mile on wood chip paths. Wear closed-toe shoes.

**Meet:** 4:45 pm by the Simon Bolivar statue at Central Park South and Avenue of the Americas; outing from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Reservation Required:** This exclusive tour, courtesy of the Central Park Conservancy, is limited to 20 people. Don't be late! The Sanctuary is gated; you cannot join the tour once it begins, nor leave before it ends.

**Additional information:** Bring long lenses for birds, shorter lenses for nature scenes.

Dinner near Central Park South following the tour.

**Leader:** Harvey Kopel, 212-662-5272

**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2016

**Location:** **Harriman State Park** (Stony Brook and Lake Nawahunta)

**Photograph:** Rushing stream in autumn and colorful reflections in a still lake

**Hike:** Short hikes with stony trails

**NYC Start:** 9:00 am, shoot until dusk around 6:30 pm, dinner afterward.

**NYC Return:** 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm

**Additional information:** Plan for changeable fall weather, wear hiking boots, and bring lunch, snacks and water.

Drivers with cars appreciated for carpooling.

**Leader:** Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 (call until 10:30 pm)

**Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2016

**Location:** **New York Botanical Garden (NYBG)**, Bronx, NY

**Photograph:** Seasonal foliage, ornamental cabbages, **Japanese Kiku (chrysanthemum) Exhibition**

**Hike:** Easy paved paths and dirt trails

**Go by Train (Metro North):** 9:24 am from Grand Central to Botanical Garden; meet at 9:50 am at the Moshulu Gate across from station.

**Go by Car:** Meet 9:50 am inside Fordham Gate on Southern Boulevard (non-member parking fee is \$15).

Meet for lunch 11:45 am at NYBG Pine Tree Cafe by Fordham Gate; we'll make dinner arrangements for **Emilia's Restaurant** on Arthur Avenue.

Drivers with cars appreciated for travel to restaurant and back to NYC;

contact Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963

**Leader:** John Wazeter: 914-525-5365

**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2016

**Location:** **The High Line** in Chelsea (Manhattan)

**Photograph:** Wild flowers & grasses, rail tracks, architecture, city skyline

**Hike:** About 20 blocks, from West 34th Street south to Gansevoort Street

**NYC Start:** Various afternoon meeting times at different **park entrances (PDF Map)**

**Additional information:** Park may be crowded and tripods are discouraged. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and walking shoes.

Dinner after dusk nearby. More details will be shared at October meeting.

**Leader:** Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 (call until 10:30 pm)

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