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Meetings

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)

November

Wednesday, November 30, 2016—6:30 PM

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Ira Block

Travel Images: See Beyond the Usual

In-depth travel images will stand apart from the clutter of ordinary photos on the Internet. Photographers can create great images by looking more deeply into local cultures, by finding travel vistas with more layers of information, and through more dramatic lighting. Digital cameras that produce incredible files at high ISOs make it possible to photograph in situations that were not thinkable in the past and open doors to a new photographic world.

Ira Block is an internationally renowned documentary photographer, teacher and workshop leader who has traveled the world since his start as a newspaper photographer over 30 years ago. In addition to numerous press club awards, he has produced over 30 stories for various National Geographic publications. For more about Ira, see www.irablock.com; follow him on www.facebook.com/IraBlockphoto.

We want to thank **B&H Photo** and **Sony** for making Ira Block's appearance possible. Members who arrive before the meeting begins will be able to interact with Ira's sponsors and see their offerings.



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December

Wednesday, December 21, 2016—6:30 PM

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Members' Night and Holiday Celebration

Come meet fellow members, enjoy refreshments, and share your best images from the past year. Members may present 6–8 images in digital format. Please bring digital images on a flash drive only (no slides, CD or DVD). Images should be sRGB, 72 ppi with 1920 pixels on the long side. Please arrive by 6:15 pm to load your images.

We've rescheduled our upcoming exhibit, "**Urban Nature**," at the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center, and will send a prospectus via email to members shortly. The deadline for submitting up to two images is January 1, 2017, with notifications being returned about January 10 and drop-off at the Center on February 1. The Center will host a reception on Wednesday, February 8. Submissions should evoke the experience of nature within the five boroughs of New York City and should be of high quality, both esthetically and technically. They should also be compatible with being shown in a healthcare environment open to people of all ages and backgrounds. There will be an entrance fee of \$35.00.

2016 Meeting Dates and Speakers

January 25, 2017—Gabriel Biderman

February 22, 2017—TBD

2017 Winter Outing

Date: Sunday, January 15, 2016

Location: Central Park

Photograph: Hopefully snowy woods, fields, an icy bog and a pond

Hike: Long stroll through the park; possibly slippery paths; blizzard could be great!

Meet: 11:00 am at the West 103rd Street pedestrian entrance

Additional information: Plan for a long afternoon in cold weather and wind. Wear warm layers, boots, hat and gloves; bring lunch, snacks and water. We will shoot until dark, about 5:10 pm and have dinner afterward in the area.

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

Watch your email for information on an additional winter outing!

From the Chairs

The fall season is upon us and provides those wonderful opportunities to capture colorful and vibrant nature images.

The "Friends of Sierra" website has hosted some beautiful photography and shared some of their locations. We encourage you to visit the site, view the images and join in. It has been a huge success and gives us another opportunity to share our work beyond Members' Nights.

The trip to Watkins Glen was a wonderful outdoor experience and a great photo-op as well as an opportunity to make new acquaintances. Many of us have traveled far abroad and it is nice to know that we have some beautiful locations in our own New York State. Our thanks to all those that made this possible with the hope that more are to come.

The exhibit, "Urban Nature," at the Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center was postponed but is back on track for February (see details in this issue; email to follow). We look forward to your participation and another successful exhibit.

Contact us by email: Eileen Duranko, eileendura@mac.com or Harvey Kopel, harvey@kopel.us.

—Eileen Duranko, Co-Chair
—Harvey Kopel, Co-Chair

Trip Report

Tamanna Mohapatra sent a recap of the group outing to **Watkins Glen State Park** that took place earlier this fall:

Watkins Glen State Park is rated #3 of the USA Today's Readers' Choice of Best State Parks. It lived up to its reputation and more.

For me, the best part of the trip was the ride to the park and back. Living in the city it is a luxury to enjoy a long car ride during peak fall season. The trip from Manhattan is a good 4 hours, but we did not see much traffic given our schedule. What we did see were hills, ranges, and farmland, and highways with peak color pouring in from all directions.

Outing leader Charles Dexter did a spectacular job organizing the rides, the restaurants and each day's itinerary. As we hadn't planned for rain on the day of the hike, some of us went to the Watkins Glen Falls with fingers crossed and others ended up enjoying the surrounding Corning museum and a much smaller but equally impressive Havana Glen Falls. I recommend visiting both.

If you love capturing waterfalls, give yourself two days to make it through the entire park. Although not more than 3 miles from start to finish, you can easily be captivated in the first half of the park, which has the majority of the falls, and never make it to the end before the park closes at sunset. If you need to avoid climbing (especially after a day of carrying heavy camera equipment), start the park at the Upper entrance and climb your way down; otherwise if you enter at the Main Entrance there are close to 40 steps leading to the end of park. Also, be aware of the shuttle schedule (and have \$5 cash) to ride back to the parking lot, unless you have the time and energy to do the trail all the way back.

Fall is a great time to visit, and even in the rain, it was a great weekend trip!

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Friends Group

News and Updates

Nancy Langer is exhibiting her work at the Beth El Synagogue Center (1324 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY) through November 27. See www.bethelnr.org.

Claudia Schellenberg's work, "Sand Fence" was featured in the Gallery at Photoville at Brooklyn Bridge Park in September. [Click here for Claudia's Artist's Page.](#)

We wish to thank Hillary Altman of Duggal Visual Solutions and Jeffrey Hirsch at Foto-Care Ltd for their generous donations to our raffle earlier this year.

Additionally, **Sony** invites members to check out its new event space at 25 Madison Avenue (www.sony.com/square-nyc), which offers free resources and events for photographers.

Send members' activities/news or field trip submissions for our January/February issue to Anne Chamberlain at annechamberlain@earthlink.net by December 31. Include your name, brief description/event title, location, hours and web address.

If you are still receiving a printed copy of this newsletter in the mail, please send your e-mail address to Helen at sierraphotonyc@aol.com and receive a color PDF of the newsletter via e-mail.

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