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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 28, 2018—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Cindy Walpole and Chuck Fritsch

High-Speed Hummingbird Photography

Hummingbirds were one of the first subjects of high-speed photography. Cindy Walpole and Chuck Fritsch will discuss the history of high-speed photography and its application to hummingbirds. They will share their methods for getting good images of hummingbirds in flight with minimal equipment and introduce some of the concepts that are the foundation of multiple flash high-speed photography.

Hummingbirds of Costa Rica are the basis of an ongoing joint project. There are about 50 different species of hummingbirds in the varied micro climates of our small mountainous country. They range from the endemic and endangered Mangrove Hummingbird found in the Pacific lowlands, to the rainbow-colored Fiery-throated at 11,000 feet. By comparison, in the US, only one species, the Ruby-throated, is generally seen east of the Rocky Mountains.

Chuck and Cindy's goal is to enhance awareness by creating hummingbird-based artwork that reveals their extraordinary beauty. They hope to stimulate the political will and gather the international support that will ensure a bright hummingbird future.

Cindy Walpole and Chuck Fritsch's fine art images have been exhibited at The American Museum of Natural History, The Smithsonian Institute, The San Diego Museum of Natural History, and The National Museum of Costa Rica.

View images, follow Cindy and Chuck's work, and sign up for their newsletter at FocusFrogStore.com/.



White-throated Mountain-gem 26880 © Charles Fritsch



Steely-vented Hummingbird-18655 © Cynthia Walpole

December

Wednesday, December 19, 2018—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Members' Night

Enjoy refreshments and sharing your work with fellow members as we celebrate the winter season.

Bring up to 8 images in digital format, on a USB flash drive only (no CD/DVD/slides). Images should be sRGB, 72 ppi with 1920 pixels on the long side. Label each image with your name and a sequential number. Utilities such as those in Lightroom and Photoshop provide an Export menu with options to resize an image along the long edge to 1920 pixels. You may also sharpen the image for viewing on a screen. Please arrive by 6:15 pm in order to load your images.

News and Links

Louise Luger exhibited her work at the Art Lab Gallery in Snug Harbor (Staten Island) this fall.

Harvey Kopel is one of our members who is an active photo blogger - check out his work at <https://harvey.photos>

Local Sierra Club chapters post outing information, including hikes on Long Island and Lower Hudson areas. The NYC Sierra Club page is found at <http://nyc.sierraclub.org/>

SierraPhotoNYC events are now posted on the event sites EventBrite (www.eventbrite.com) and Thought Gallery (www.thoughtgallery.org).

From the Board

Instagram is one of the most powerful ways to make your work known and to discover other like-minded photographers. Our Instagram page, **SierraPhotoNYC**, is up and running with 98 followers and counting! Photos posted to the page very quickly start accumulating likes and comments. If you don't have an Instagram account, it's easy to create one, through your smartphone. Start by installing the Instagram app from your app store (such as Apple). The help.instagram.com page provides answers to many questions.

As you post your best nature photos from your phone, add the hashtag #sierraphotnycpix. They will be considered for posting on our page. You can move your photos from your computer to your phone's picture gallery. One of these methods will make it easy.

- Start by sending the photo to yourself as an email attachment and open the email on your phone.
- For Apple phones, hold your finger on the photo and a menu appears. Choose "Save Image" and the image will be available in your "all photos" menu.
- For Android phones, hold your finger on the photo and a "View Image" message will appear. Tap the "View Image" message and a menu icon will appear (3 vertical dots). Tap the menu and select "Save." The photo will now be in your phone's photo gallery.

Give Instagram a try! It would be great to have more photographers included in the mix.

2019 Meeting Schedule

(all Wednesdays except as noted)

January 30

February 28 (Thursday)

March 27

April 24

May 29

June 26

Support our Internet presence

Visit our website at: sierraphotnyc.com/

Friends Group

Member Spotlight

Nancy Langer— meet Curiosa

Curiosa means "Curious Female" in Portuguese. I had the honor of officially naming the beautiful creature in the photo you see here. The Jaguar Identification Project, a non-profit conservation organization, collects data on individual jaguars in the Pantanal region of Brazil. After seeing my photograph from a recent trip and requesting additional information and images and studying her unique markings, they determined that this female Jaguar had never been identified. I received "naming rights" and could select a name related to the Pantanal region or reflecting her behavior. She seemed curious as we were photographing her, therefore her name.



Curiosa, Pantanal © Nancy Langer

During my long professional career in Physical Therapy I traveled extensively, covering all 7 continents. After retirement I decided to pursue photography in earnest and learned that it is so much more than just taking a picture. I have since joined *Professional Women Photographers* and am very busy as Chair and Speaker Coordinator of SierraPhotoNYC. I've participated in group gallery shows sponsored by both organizations.

In recent years I have been fortunate to experience on photography adventures in Alaska, Churchill Manitoba Canada, Myanmar, Costa Rica, a landscape photography conference in Acadia and the Pantanal wetlands, among others. I just completed a workshop in Moab, Utah.

My primary interest is nature but I also photograph cityscapes. A year or so ago I began sharing my photos on Social Media. Living in a small apartment, I have used Instagram as the wall to showcase my work and it lets me create my own community of talented photographers from all over the world. What is most rewarding about my interest in photography is that I have made so many friends.

Instagram: [nlangerlp](https://www.instagram.com/nlangerlp)

Facebook: [Nancy Langer Photos](https://www.facebook.com/NancyLangerPhotos)

Website: Nancylangerphotography.com

The Jaguar Identification Project: www.jaguaridproject.com

Winter 2019 Outing

Date: Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Location: Central Park, NYC

Meet: West 103rd St. walk-in entrance

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

Hike: Long stroll with possibly slippery paths (ice and snow)

Plan for a long afternoon in cold weather and wind. Wear warm layers, boots, hat and gloves; bring lunch, snacks and water.

NYC start: 11:00 am, shoot until dark, about 5:10 pm; early dinner in the area afterward

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

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