# SierraPhotoNYC

### **Newsletter**

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# Wednesday, September 18 Members' Night



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#### Note that the September meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of September.

Come show us your favorite summer nature images and enjoy refreshments with fellow members as we welcome the fall season.

You may present up to eight (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.

### Of interest this season

The Photoville NYC event is returning to the Brooklyn Waterfront September 12–22, 2019. For more information, see: <a href="https://photoville.nyc">https://photoville.nyc</a>. Environmental issues are represented among the exhibitions by the Waterkeeper Alliance and the United Nations Development Program. The Sierra Club is one of the sponsors of an exhibit on the National Arctic Refuge.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) administers and protects over 18 million acres of forests and other public lands. It publishes a <u>comprehensive web page</u> on enjoying the outdoors safely. Tips include: prepare for the weather; always bring a map, compass, and flashlight; keep critical items on your person to reduce the risk of losing them; pick out landmarks you can use to return. There is a downloadable outdoor safety brochure, *Lost in the Woods*, available at: <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/legal-protection-pdf/lostinwoods.pdf">http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/legal-protection-pdf/lostinwoods.pdf</a>.

The <u>Fresh Kills Park Alliance</u> sponsors numerous events, including photography tours, at this large, emerging Staten Island park. The photography tours are scheduled to take advantage of the light at various times of day.

The Audubon Society announced its <u>2019 Photography Contest Winners</u> and presents the winning photos on a beautiful website.

## Wednesday, October 23 - Ossian Lindholm Creative Control of Natural Light



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Taken from its Greek roots, "photography" literally means "drawing with light". Among the biggest challenges for nature photographers is capturing natural light while conveying a sense of personal experience of a place. Because the most beautiful natural light is unpredictable, unique light situations create perfect, but fleeting, opportunities to take mesmerizing and meaningful photographs. A photographer demonstrates mastery and creates his/her most impactful work with the intuitive knowledge of how a tight range of settings can be used to capture the essence of light. We must plan, prepare, and predict what we need to capture this "perfect light".

Renowned Argentinian nature photographer and documentary filmmaker Ossian Lindholm will uncover and demystify the basic skills of "drawing with light" and introduce the advanced techniques needed to become a master of light. He will also give suggestions about gear, specific settings, and how and what tools to use to scout the best "light times" and locations.

Ossian Lindholm is a renowned nature photographer from Tucuman, Argentina. Originally educated as an agronomist, many years ago he turned his deep passion for nature to photography. He is dedicated to capturing, preserving, conserving, sharing and sustaining the landscape, nature and culture of Argentina in its most pristine state. Ossian has published five books and fifteen calendars, and teaches throughout the year. Since 1998 he has been leading groups of photographers and naturalists on photographic journeys throughout his native Argentina.

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# **Fall 2019 Outings**

Date	Location(s)	Details	What to Bring/ What to Know
Oct 10 Thursday	The Shawangunks Sam's Point Preserve or other location	NYC start at 8:30 am,  Long day shooting, dinner afterward.  Return 10:30–11:00 pm.	Hike about two miles with some uphill hiking on stony trails, wet rocks.  Plan for cool fall weather, bring hiking boots, lunch, snacks, and water.
Oct 17 Thursday and October 19 Saturday (two outings)	# 1 – Fahnestock State Park Sunk Mine Road or Pelton Pond  # 2 – Dockside Park Cold Spring, NY These locations will be visited on both outing dates.	NYC Start: 9:00 am.  Shoot for late light, dinner afterward.  Return: 9:00–9:30 pm.	Endurance and balance needed for short, moderate hiking on stony, uneven trails and old Jeep trail.  Plan for changeable weather; bring hiking boots, rain gear, lunch, snacks, and water.
Oct 24 Thursday	Harriman State Park Stony Brook and Lake Nawahunta Rushing stream in autumn and colorful fall reflections in a still lake.	NYC start at 9:00 am.  Shoot until dusk, dinner afterward.  Return: 9:00–9:30 pm.	Short hikes, some stony trails.  Plan for full day with changeable fall weather.  Bring hiking boots, lunch, snacks and water.
Oct 26 Saturday	Marshlands Conservatory Rye, NY  Woodlands, swamps, marshes, wild grasses, birds and views toward the Long Island Sound in late-day light. Explore 2–3 miles of trails.	NYC start at 11:00 am.  Shoot until late, dinner afterward.  Return: 10:00–10:30 pm.	Plan for full day with changeable weather; bring hiking boots for marsh, rain jacket, sunblock, bug spray, lunch and water.

Contact Charles Dexter to reserve: 212-315-1963 (before 10:30 pm).

Volunteers with cars needed for out-of-town outings.

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# Fall 2019 Outings, continued

Date	Location(s)	Details	What to Bring/ What to Know
Nov 2 Saturday	New York Botanical Garden Bronx, NY  Chrysanthemums, ornamental cabbage, fall foliage, Kiku: Japanese Chrysanthemums exhibit.  Hike a variety of terrains from easy paved paths to dirt woodland trails.	By Metro-North: 8:42 am train from Grand Central to Botanical Garden; meet 9:15 am inside the Mosholu Gate (across from station).  By Car: Meet 9:50 am inside admission windows at Fordham Gate on Southern Blvd.  Meet for Lunch (and to make dinner reservations) 11:45 am at Pine Tree Cafe by Fordham Gate.  Full day of shooting until 5:30 pm.  Dinner at Emila's Restaurant on Arthur Ave, return 8:30–9:30 pm.	Bring good walking shoes and rain gear as needed.  Free admission to grounds before 10:00 am; afterwards NYC residents pay \$15 for grounds access (\$7 seniors 65+) or \$28 for full access.  After 10:00 am, non-NYC residents pay \$28 for full access (no grounds-only access).  There is a \$20 parking fee.
Nov 6 Wednesday	Central Park New York, NY Fall colors in woods, pond reflections, stream and waterfalls.	Meet at West 103rd Street entrance at 1:00 pm. Shoot until dark, about 5:00 pm; dinner afterward.	Long stroll through park. Plan for long afternoon in cold weather and wind. Bring good walking shoes, rain gear, snacks and water.
Nov 13 Wednesday	The High Line Park and Hudson Yards New York, NY (Chelsea)  Autumn nature above the city, wild grass, old rail tracks, architecture, NYC skyline, art and people.  Hike about 20 blocks (north to south) from West 34th Street to Ganesvoort Street.	Various afternoon meeting times at different park entrances. Details to be announced at October members' meeting.  Shoot until dusk, about 5:30 pm; dinner afterward.	Park is crowded and passages are congested; tripods are a bad idea.  Bring good walking shoes, rain gear, snacks and water.  Download <u>Guide to High Line Park</u> here.

Members at Planting Fields Arboretum, June 2019



### **Member News**

<u>Lee Backer</u> exhibited his work in a group show, *Water Works*, at the New Marlborough, MA Meeting House Gallery in July and August.

**Nancy Langer** produced an illustrated <u>video of her trip to the Pantanal in Brazil</u> and has posted it on YouTube.

Nancy and others exhibited work in the Professional Women Photographers' exhibition, *Abstracted Reality*, at the Atlantic Gallery in Chelsea in June.

One of our previous speakers, *Michelle Valberg*, has been honored by having her close-up portraits of Kermode, Polar, and Black Bears featured on Canada Post stamps.

<u>Charles Dexter</u> is a finalist in the New Jersey Highlands Coalition's <u>6th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit</u>, at the Morris Museum in Morristown, NJ. This exhibit celebrates the landscapes, flora, fauna, natural, cultural and historic resources of the Highland regions. There is an artist reception and award ceremony at the Morris Museum on September 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm. To attend, please RSVP to Julia Somers (<u>julia@njhighlandscoaltion.org</u>). For visitors' information see: <a href="https://morrismuseum.org/visit/">https://morrismuseum.org/visit/</a>

**Louise Luger** will have a photograph published in the 2020 Staten Island Nature and Wildlife Calendar, produced by <u>Protectors of Pine Oak Woods</u>, an organization dedicated to the preservation of wild habitats. Acceptance of this photo was through a juried competition. The photograph is a close up of a wild azalea, growing on the hills in Clove Lake park. These plants are part of the genus Rhododendron.



Pinkster Azalea, Clove Lake Park, Staten Island, May 2019 ©Louise Luger

#### **B&H Portfolio Development Program Reception, July 2019**



Margit Zsedely

Congratulations to our members who successfully completed the prestigious six month <u>B&H Portfolio Development Program</u>. The group exhibited their work at the Soho Photo Gallery at the end of July and included:

- ∞ Pat Garbarini
- ∞ Aliza Holtz
- ∞ Harvey Kopel
- ∞ Marilyn Thypin
- ∞ Ann Wenzel
- ∞ Margit Zsedely

Photos Courtesy of Nancy Langer



Ann Wenzel



Patricia Garbarini



Harvey Kopel

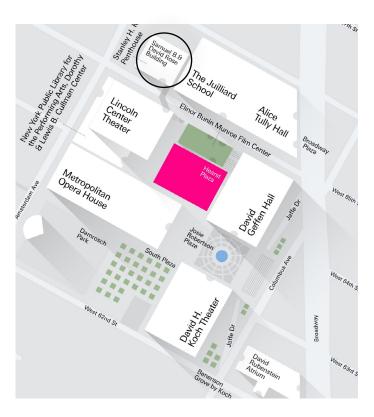


Marilyn Thypin



Alisa Holtz

### **Meeting Details**



Metropolitan Opera Guild Learning Center Lincoln Center

Samuel B. and David Rose Building, 6th Floor 165 West 65th St.

Click here for building info, map and directions

Doors open 6:00 pm

Program begins 6:30 pm

\$7.00 Suggested Donation

Join us for optional dinner afterward at Old John's Luncheonette, 148 West 67th St.

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### Meeting Schedule 2019-2020

Members' Night

Oct 23	Ossian Lindholm
Nov 20 Dec 18 Jan 22 Feb 26 Mar 25 Apr 29 May 27 Jun 24	TBD Members' Night Steve Winter TBD Lisa and Tom Cuchara Eric Rock Members' Night (note: May date) Jennifer Hayes

### **SierraPhotoNYC**

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