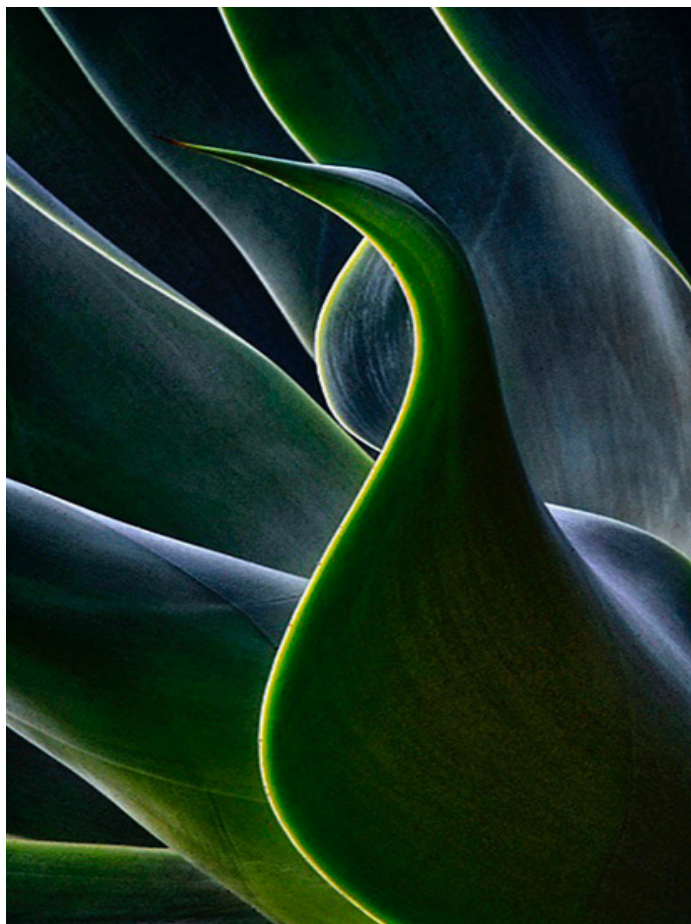


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Members' Night - Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

While we are unable to meet "live" at Lincoln Center, SierraPhoto NYC has planned a virtual meeting to begin the season. For this Members' Night, all are invited to share their nature-themed photos.

We will be utilizing the Zoom videoconferencing platform, a popular application, to present member photos and meet virtually. See our instructions below.

We hope that in the not-too-distant future, we will meet in person. Meanwhile, we look forward to a successful meeting in this new format. Stay safe and well during this difficult and sometimes stressful period.

Preparing Your Photos

Sharing photos is optional, but we hope you consider it. Submit images by September 23 (we'll send a reminder).

1. Select up to 8 of your nature-themed images. You might also consider your reflections on how the pandemic has impacted your photography. Maybe you've found some old "gems", or found other ways to be creative while housebound.
2. Format each image as a JPEG file, sRGB format at 72 pixels per inch, with 1280 pixels on the long side. Export your images so that each image does not exceed 1 MB in size, to fit all photos in a single email. Most people export their images to their computer desktop.
3. Label each image with your name and a sequential number (from 1 to 8): Jones_Mary#1.jpg. Use the sequence in which you would like to have the photos shown. Make sure that when you join via Zoom, you use the same name so that we can announce your photos.
4. Email the photos as attachments (not embedded) to: sierraphotonyc2@gmail.com. If you need to send more than one email, indicate this in the subject lines ("Members' Night Photos #1", "Members' Night Photos #2").

Using Zoom

Zoom will work on most devices that connect to the Internet, but we recommend you use a desktop computer or laptop to take advantage of a larger screen.

1. You can get a feel for how Zoom works by joining a "test meeting" at <https://zoom.us/test>. The Zoom website has excellent training videos, as does YouTube (search "how to join a Zoom meeting"). Or, ask a friend who uses Zoom for help and perhaps to have a test call with you.
2. You will need to download the Zoom application on your computer. Click the "download" button next to "Zoom Client for Meetings" at <https://zoom.us/download> and follow instructions to install the application.
3. We will send you an email with the link to join the meeting a few days before the September 30 meeting.
4. Plan to log into the meeting at 6:30 to give the host time to solve any technical problems that may arise.
5. Join the meeting by clicking on the link provided in the email (if you have not download the application, the system will ask you to do so prior to joining the meeting). You will be also asked for your name to display to the other members. Be sure to use the name you used to label the photographs you submitted.
6. During the videoconference, our emcee Chuck Pine will announce each member and show your photos; he will "unmute" your microphone so that you can say a few words about your images.

Mike Moats - Wednesday, October 28, 2:00 pm (via Zoom)
The Properly-Equipped Macro Photographer



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Being a properly-equipped macro photographer is not just about the equipment, but also equipping yourself with the how-to knowledge of macro photography. Mike will cover the most important equipment for macro photography, how to control depth of field, a little about composition, and subject matter.

Mike Moats is an international award-winning professional macro photographer from Michigan. He is a *Tamron Image Master*. His articles and images have been published in many photo magazines for over 15 years. He has an online *Macro Photo Club* with over 2,000 members from 18 countries. Mike teaches workshops and speaks at photo conferences throughout the United States.

See more of Mike's work at <https://www.tinylandscapes.com>.

News and Notes

The Audubon Society has published its *2020 Photo Awards*, in print and on a beautiful website.
<https://www.audubon.org/photoawards-entry>

The California Academy of Sciences' *Big Picture Competition* has posted its 2020 winners.
<https://www.bigpicturecompetition.org>

The Nature Conservancy cancelled its 2020 photo competition, but 2019 winners are honored at:
<https://www.nature.org/en-us/magazine/magazine-articles/2019-photo-contest-recap/>.

The Nature Conservancy, along with the NYC Parks Department, has introduced a *New York Nature Map*, documenting over 20,000 acres of natural areas within our boundaries.
<https://www.naturalareasnyc.org/map>.

Carlos Esguera's, photograph, "Olmsted Point-5103", won a Merit Award at the 2020 Photography Show at the Spanish Peaks Arts Council Space in La Veta, Colorado, and, together with two other images, were on display in the gallery over the summer.
<https://spanishpeaksarts.org/2020/05/2020-photography-show/>

Claudia Schellenberg participated in an outdoor art show in Maine this summer. For a video:
<https://youtu.be/FuV5BdEJD7I>

Visiting with Chuck and Helen Pine

Chuck and Helen Pine met at the Park West Camera Club in New York City and have been photographing together for more than 25 years. Both are eclectic photographers and have aimed their lenses at a wide variety of subjects over the last two and a half decades. Chuck and Helen share a passion for travel which has taken them to many beautiful and exciting locations throughout the US, Canada, the Caribbean and Central America, South America, Europe, Southeast Asia, and Africa. From landscapes and nature close-ups to urban scenes and abstracts, from wild animals to human portraits, their portfolios include them all. They have presented their work at the New York City Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, and Appalachian Mountain Club, and at many other venues both in the northeastern United States and southern Florida. Both are former New York City school teachers.

Many of our members know Chuck as the organizer of our members' night photography shows for many years. Chuck has taught photography for over forty years and leads photo field trips throughout the US and around the world. Chuck was president of Park West Camera Club for over 30 years and now serves on the Executive Committee in the honorary position of President Emeritus. He has served as a board member of SierraPhoto NYC, as the national vice president of the National Photography Instructors Association (NPIA), as the president of the NPIA's New York Metropolitan Chapter, and as the vice president of the Metropolitan Camera Club Council.

Helen serves on the Executive Committee of Park West as Corresponding/Membership Secretary and has served as chair of the Membership and Gallery Committees. Helen has also served on the Board of SierraPhoto NYC for four years, and currently coordinates the group's email communications.



Hummer on Ginger © Chuck Pine



Great Blue Heron with Catfish © Helen Pine



Peek-A-Boo Pony © Chuck Pine



Iguana © Helen Pine



Three Chicks © Chuck Pine



Graylag Goose © Helen Pine



Member Meeting, January 2020

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