

# Sierra Photo NYC Newsletter

November 2024



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## Here's what's to come!

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's Members' Night, we hope you enjoyed everyone's photography. Maybe some of you were also lucky enough to witness the recent aurora borealis, beautifully captured by Sharron Crocker above.

This month, our speaker, George Courtney, will share tips and stories from his bird photography outings throughout New York City and beyond. Keep reading for further information.

The club is also working on creating a portfolio of our members' best nature photos. A selection of 20 images, chosen from all submissions, will represent the group. Keep reading for more details.

We look forward to seeing you all in person or on Zoom for our November meeting!

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## Upcoming Speaker

### **George Courtney** **Tuesday November 12th In-Person & On Zoom**

This month, our speaker, George Courtney, will share stories about his favorite "lifers"—birds he has seen for the first time during his birding adventures. He will discuss how he found these lifers, from useful tips and alerts he received to happy accidents along the way, as well as the entertaining anecdotes that accompanied these sightings.

George Courtney has been a professional photographer for over 20 years, specializing in events, performances, weddings, portraits, fine art, and, more recently, nature and bird photography. George began birding and photographing birds seriously during the Spring Migration of 2019, reigniting an interest in birds that started in his youth, thanks to an ornithology class at Woods Hole Summer School of Science on Cape Cod.

In recent years, George joined the NYC Plover Project, a group dedicated to educating the public about the threatened status of the piping plover and improving fledgling success rates along the shorelines of Queens, New York. He volunteers whenever he can, as a way to give back to the birds that bring him so much joy, and to observe one of his favorite species.

George regularly photographs birds in Central Park, Prospect Park, Fort Tilden, and Mashpee, Massachusetts. His work has been featured on the cover of the Riverside Park Annual Report (2021), in Cape Cod's New Seabury Peninsula Reporter (February and May 2022), The Villager newspaper, and by several book authors.

You can find his bird photos on [Instagram](#) and prints available through [Fine Art America](#).

**Tickets for the event can be purchased on Eventbrite, with a suggested donation of \$8. Buy a ticket [HERE](#).**

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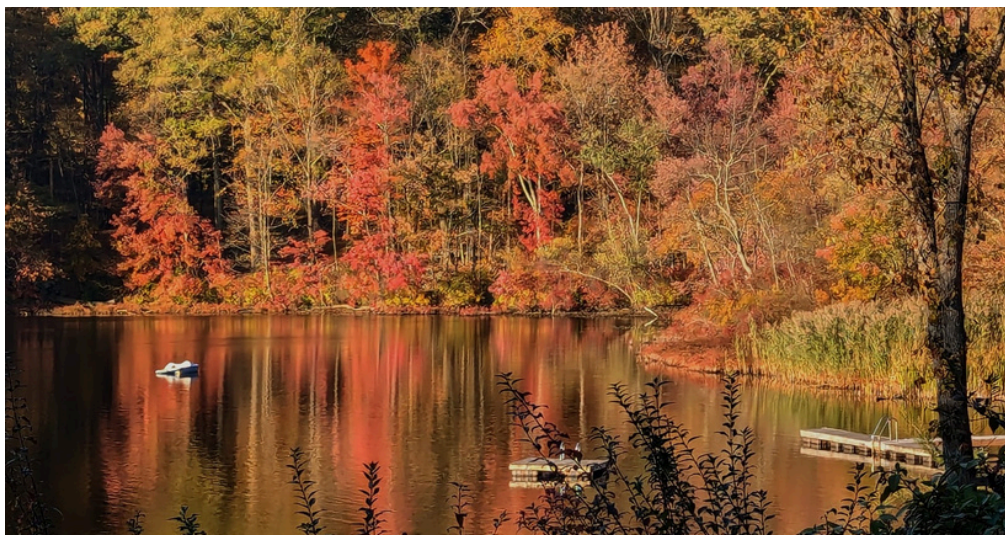
## Member News

### Sierra Photo Members Portfolio Submission.

The board has decided to put together a portfolio of nature images from its members. **We invite members to submit up to four of their best nature photographs.** A panel from the board will review the submissions and select the best 20 photos to create the portfolio. These images may be taken anywhere in the world, and we want to emphasize diversity and nature within these images. The goal of this portfolio is to have a body of work ready to show galleries or possible locations where we might want to display our photography.

The period for submission is open from now until **Saturday, November 30th, 2024.** All images uploaded on or before November 30th will be considered for the final 20 images that will create the portfolio. The final portfolio will be announced and shared in December. Instructions for Submitting:

1. Format each image as a JPEG file, sRGB format at 72 pixels per inch, with 1920 pixels on the long side. (These are the same dimensions we ask for photo submissions on Members Night).
2. Label each image by adding your name and the location of where the image was taken.  
Example: John\_Smith\_The\_Ramble\_Central\_Park
3. Click [HERE](#), then click the “Add Files” button to upload your four images:



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# Upcoming Outings

**Date:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024

**Central Park**

Explore the Pond and North Woods. Fall colors in woods, pond reflections, stream and waterfalls. Long stroll through park.

**Details:** Meet at West 103rd Street entrance at 1:00 pm. Shoot until dark, about 5:00 pm; perhaps dinner afterward.

What to Bring / What to know: Plan for long afternoon in cold weather and wind. Bring good walking shoes, rain gear, snacks and water.

**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025

**Central Park**

Explore the Rowing Lake, the Bow Bridge and the Ramble (hopefully there will be snow)!

**Details:** Meet 12:45 pm at the West 72nd St. and Central Park West pedestrian entrance. Shoot until dark (about 5:00 pm), early dinner afterward.

Reach location via subway lines B or C or bus M10, all to West 72nd St.

See <https://centralparknyc.org> for maps and information.



Season of Falling Leaves © Miroslav Vrzala

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# From The Board

## **Stay Up-To-Date:**

The fastest way to receive our news and updates is by following our website. At the very bottom of the homepage on our website, on the right-hand side, look for the word 'Subscribe'. Click on it, then simply enter your email.

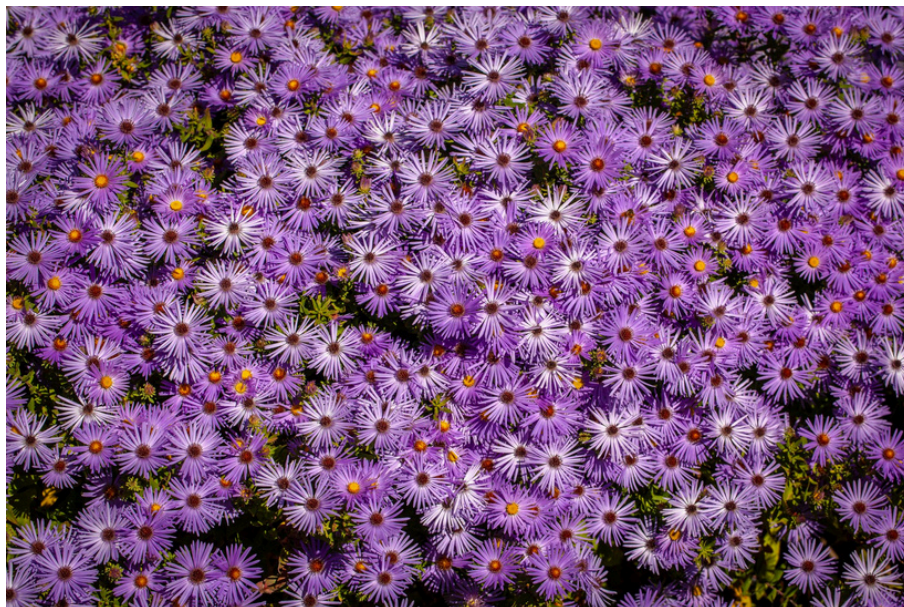
Any questions about the club should be sent to [info@sierraphotonyc.com](mailto:info@sierraphotonyc.com).

## **Meeting Registration:**

We will continue to use Eventbrite again this year, advanced registration is required for all meetings, with a suggested donation of \$8.00 at the time of reservation. You'll need to create an Eventbrite account with your email and password, if this is your first time using it.

As we did last year, members will receive an email when tickets to a new meeting are available, typically a few weeks in advance. The email will include a link to the Eventbrite page where you can reserve your spot and make a contribution.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings, including in-person ones, are broadcast via Zoom. On the meeting date, Eventbrite sends two emails to ticket holders: one two hours before and another at the start time, both with the meeting link. Be sure to sign in to your Eventbrite account in advance. Meetings start at 6:30 pm, with the presenter beginning at 7:00 pm. For in-person attendance, present your Eventbrite confirmation email upon arrival.



Purple Asters © Donald Cannon

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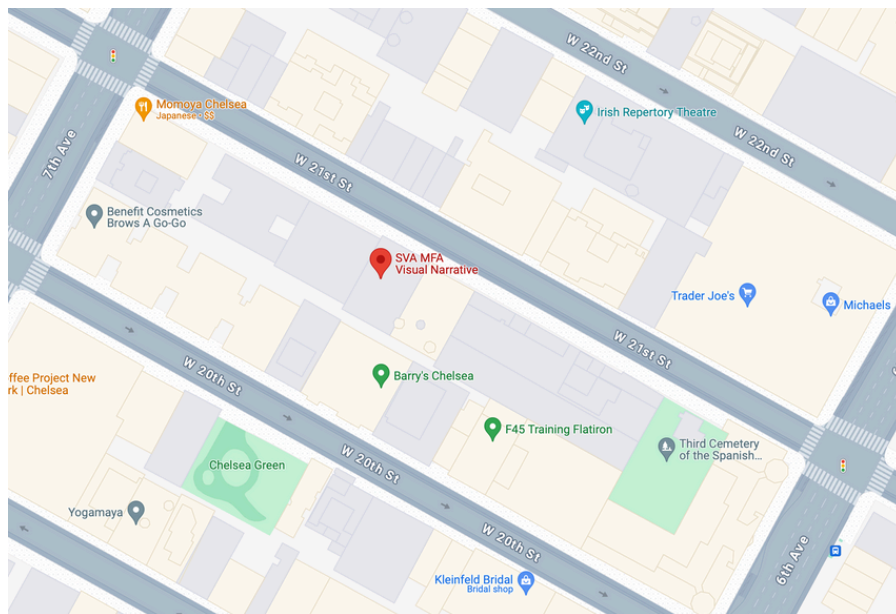
# Information / Contact

## Joining Us In Person?

School of Visual Arts  
136 West 21st Street, Room 418F, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10011  
<https://sva.edu/>

Transit:  
1 train to 23rd Street  
F/M train to 23rd Street  
C/E to 23rd Street  
M7/M55 Bus to 6th Ave & West 20 Street

Doors open at 6:00pm, program starts at 6:30pm  
\$8 suggested donation though Eventbrite



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### Sierra Photo NYC Board

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William King - Art Director  
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### Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

November 12th - **George Courtney** - In-Person & Zoom  
December 17th - **Joshua Cripps** - Zoom Only  
January 21st - TBD - In-Person & Zoom  
February 18th - TBD - Zoom Only  
March 18th - TBD - In-Person & Zoom  
April 15th - **Nikhil Bahl** - Zoom Only  
May 20th - TBD - In-Person & Zoom  
June 17th - **Members Night** - Zoom Only

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<a href="#"><u>Website</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Eventbrite</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Instagram</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Facebook</u></a>
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