

# Sierra Photo NYC Newsletter

January 2025



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## Here's what's to come!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Zoom for Joshua Cripps' wonderful presentation last month. We hope you had a great holiday season, and we wish you all a Happy New Year!

This month, our speaker, Madhavan Parthasarthy, will present ***A Life Less Ordinary: The Art of Nature Photography.***

The Sierra Photo NYC sample portfolio is complete! Check out the final portfolio to see if your photos have been selected to represent the group.

We look forward to seeing you all on Zoom for our January meeting!

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## Upcoming Speaker

### **Madhavan Parthasarthy**

#### ***A Life Less Ordinary: The Art of Nature Photography***

**Tue. January 21st 6:30pm EST- In-person & Zoom**

Join photographer and storyteller Madhavan Parthasarthy as he takes you on a journey of resilience, creativity, and connection through the lens of his camera. From the fiery sunsets of Monument Valley to the quiet beauty of a misty harbor, this presentation explores the emotional and technical art of nature photography.

Madhavan shares his transformation from a pandemic hobbyist to a professional photographer in under five years, weaving in stories from his ongoing road trip across North America. Featuring key images and behind-the-scenes insights, he reveals how capturing fleeting light can inspire conservation, creativity, and self-discovery.

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or a lover of landscapes, this talk invites you to see the beauty around us—and within us—through a new lens.

For Madhavan, photography is more than an art form; it's a mirror. Each image reflects not just the grandeur of the natural world but the inner landscapes of the soul. Through his lens, fleeting light becomes a metaphor for resilience, shadow mirrors introspection, and vast open spaces echo themes of solitude and belonging. His work is an invitation to explore both the beauty of our world and the depths of ourselves.



**Tickets for the event can be purchased on Eventbrite, with a suggested donation of \$8.**

**Buy a ticket [HERE](#).**



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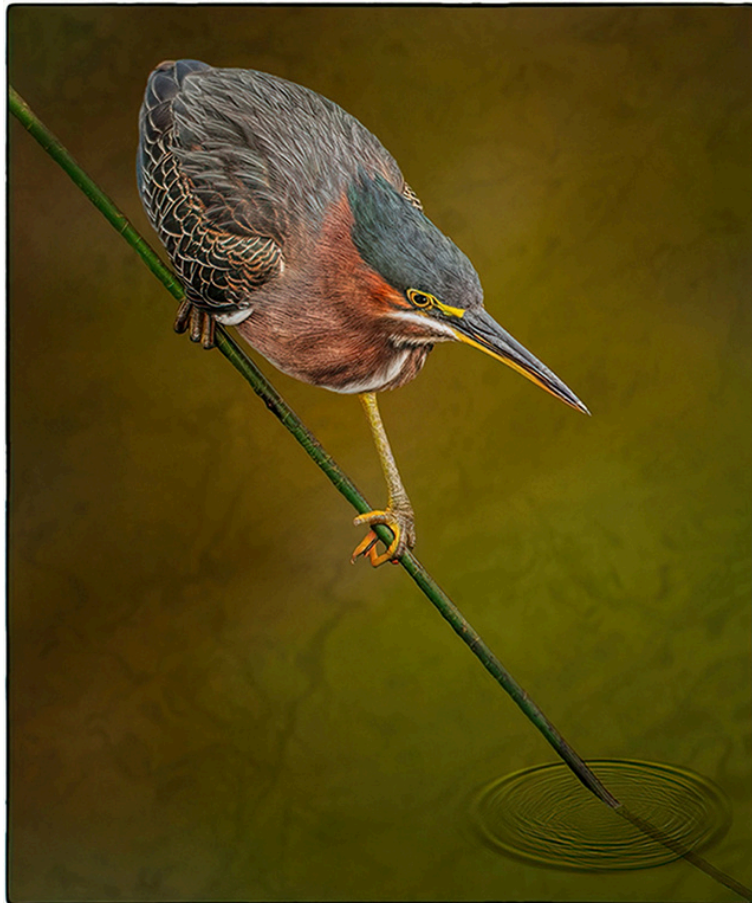
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## Member News

### Sierra Photo NYC - Sample Portfolio

The board would like to thank everyone for submitting such beautiful photographs for our sample portfolio. We received an incredible 146 images! Thank you all for participating—choosing the final selection was no easy task. The 25 selected images will be used to showcase the amazing art our group can create to potential gallery spaces. We hope this portfolio will bring us closer to securing our next exhibition. Keep up the fantastic work!

Click [HERE](#) to view the portfolio.



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## Member News

### Members Exhibiting

#### **Natalie Manzino**

Knox Gallery Annual Community Show  
452 Main Rd Monterey, MA 01245  
December 13, 2024 - January 25 2025

Click [HERE](#) or more information.



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## Member News

### **William King**

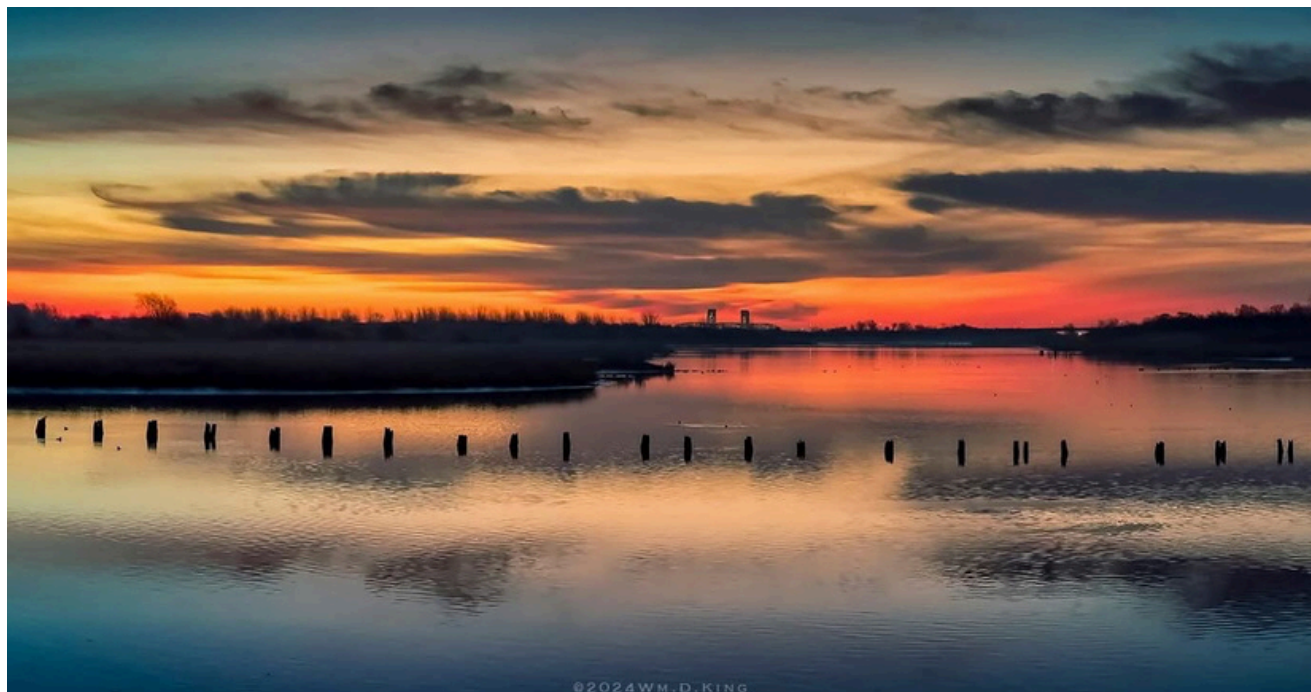
i3 Lecture Series

January 28, 2025

School of Visual Arts

136 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10011

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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## Upcoming Outings

**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.

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2025

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, at Fifth Avenue, NYC

An afternoon at the art museum. No Photography involved. Explore galleries of various painting genres. American Landscapes, Impressionism and European painters. Bring good walking shoes.

Museum exhibit info: [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

**Details:** New York State residents pay what they wish. Non residents and students see Museum visit info: [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

Meet 12:45 PM at the circular information kiosk in the huge main entrance foyer. Come earlier to allow time to check your coat. Walk begins at 1 pm. Museum closes at 5 PM. Dinner in the neighborhood afterwards.



Monksville Reservoir © 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:**

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.

Members can reserve a spot and make a contribution by the link in each months newsletter. You can also visit the Sierra Photo NYC Eventbrite page, [HERE](#) to reserve tickets to future meetings.

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.

## **Am I a Sierra Photo NYC Member?**

Sierra Photo NYC does not have a membership program and we do not charge membership fees, as we are a subcommittee of the [Sierra Club](#). However, we kindly request a donation to attend our speaker events, which helps cover our operating expenses. Our photography field trips are free and open to everyone. While we encourage all of our members to be Sierra Club members, it is only required if you would like to participate when we organize photo exhibitions.

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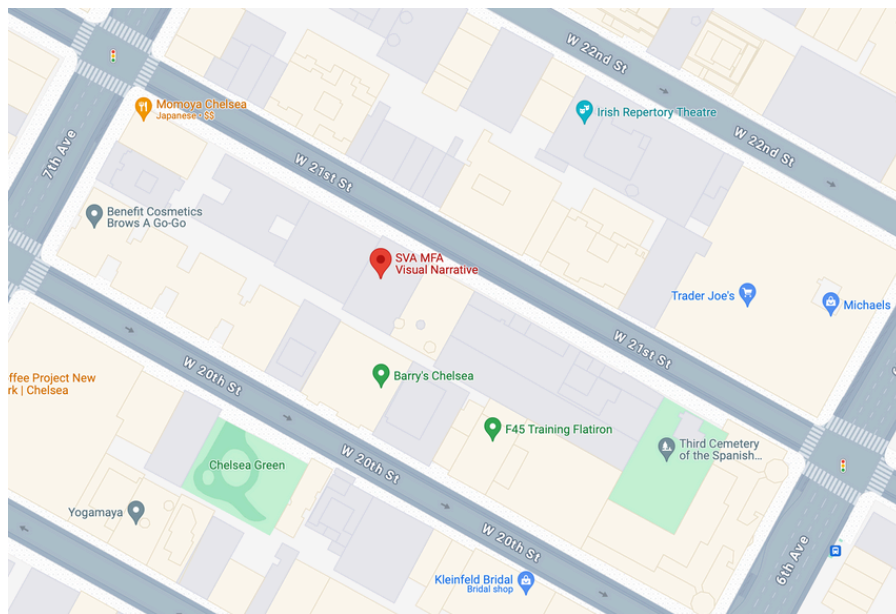
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## Joining Us In Person?

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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### **Meeting Schedule for 2025**

January 21st - **Madhaven Parthasarthy** - 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

<b>SIERRA PHOTO NYC LINKS</b>
<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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