

Sierra Photo NYC Newsletter

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Here's what's to come!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Zoom for Greg Smith's incredible presentation last month!

Our March speaker, Denis Finnin, will present ***33 years of photography at the American Museum of Natural History in-person at SVA.*** Be sure to grab your ticket on [Eventbrite](#) now! We will have a very exciting announcement at the beginning of our meeting!

We also bring some very sad news this month, as we remember long time friend, Miriam Wazeter.

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Upcoming Speaker

Denis Finnin

33 years of photography at the American Museum of Natural History

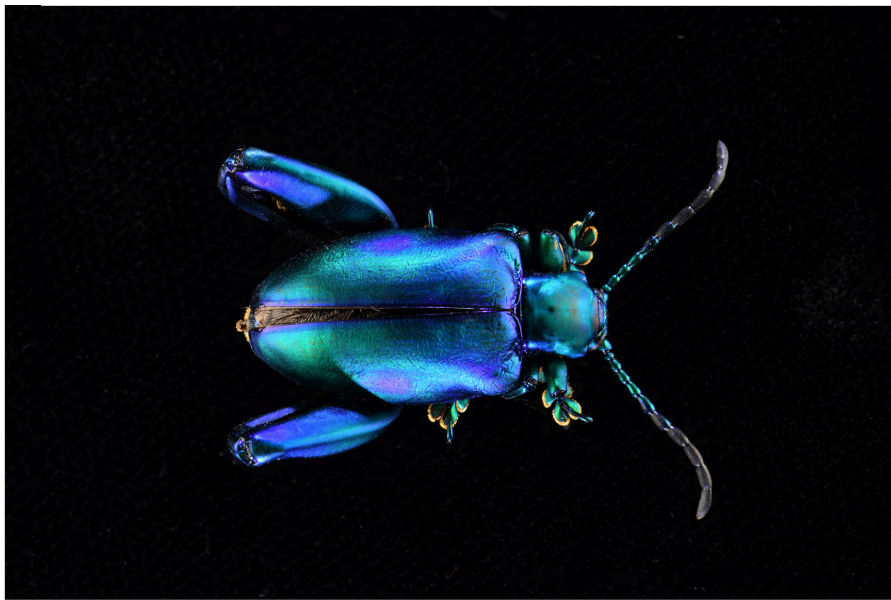
Tue. March 18th 6:30pm EST- In-person & on Zoom

In this presentation, Denis will reflect on his decades of photography at the American Museum of Natural History, showcasing images from a wide range of assignments both within the museum and in the field. His work spans subjects from the microscopic to the monumental. He will discuss the museum's transition from analog to digital photography, as well as advancements in drone photography, photo stacking, and time-lapse techniques.

Denis will also explore the various purposes of museum photography—from collection study and exhibition documentation to publication in books, magazines, and newspapers, as well as the evolving demands of online media to keep the museum accessible and engaged with the public.



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

Remembering Miriam Wazeter



We are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Miriam Wazeter, a dear friend to many of us in our group and the beloved wife of long time member John Wazeter, who passed away four years ago. She died February 13, in San Diego, California, with her immediate family close to her.

Though Miriam was not a photographer herself, she was often a merry part of our group's activities, full of lively spirit. After our meetings and outings, she would join John and us at the restaurants we met at, such as Teresa's, Amelia's, Maud's, Olympic Flame and Old John's, keeping us entertained with funny stories and good humor. She and John hosted many Sierra Photo get togethers, slide shows, and New Year's Day parties at their home in Hastings on Hudson, NY. Her cooking for these events, including a variety of pastas, salads and fruit cakes, was sublime. These get togethers really contributed to our group's cohesion at the time.

Aside from all she did for Sierra Photo, Miriam lived a full and productive life as committed philanthropy professional, primarily in the field of Jewish Philanthropy. After earning her B.S.W. in Social Welfare at Concordia University, she moved to New York where she became the Director of Foundation Relations at the American Friends of Hebrew University. Her previous work experience included Hadassah, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Environmental Defense Fund and the Central Park Conservancy. Miriam Wazeter also served as Director of Research at Pace University and had the pleasure of serving as Manager of Research at the Ms. Foundation for Women. She continued to work late into her life for the non-profit ELEM/ Youth in Distress in Israel as a Grants and Research Analyst.

After John's death, she moved to San Diego to be close to her daughter and family. At this time, there are no planned services for her in the NYC area but there will be a celebration of her life in San Diego in the next few months. Condolences and sympathy can be sent to her daughter and family c/o Tanya Hackel at tanyahackel@yahoo.com or by mail: Tanya Hackel, 5215 Soledad Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92109.

Miriam will be buried at the Mt. Olivet cemetery in Wyoming, Pennsylvania, next to her beloved husband, John. The family will have a funeral for her at the cemetery chapel, on March 13 at 11:00 am EST. If you are able to attend, please contact Tanya, and she will share the additional details with you.

We will always remember Miriam fondly and the happy times we had with both her and John.

-Charles Dexter



Member News

Sharing Your Nature Photos on the [SierraPhotoNYC](#) Instagram Page

How to Tag SierraPhotoNYC in your post:

1. Start create your post as usual with your nature-related photo.
2. Before sharing, tap "Tag People." See Photo #1 below.
3. Tap on your photo.
4. When the search bar appears, type in sierraphotonyc. Tap on the name, and your post then look like Photo #2 below.
5. Publish your post.

By tagging us directly, you'll ensure that our moderators can see and consider your photo for sharing. Your photos may also appear in these newsletters. We encourage all members to share their nature photos, and we thank you for being part of our community!

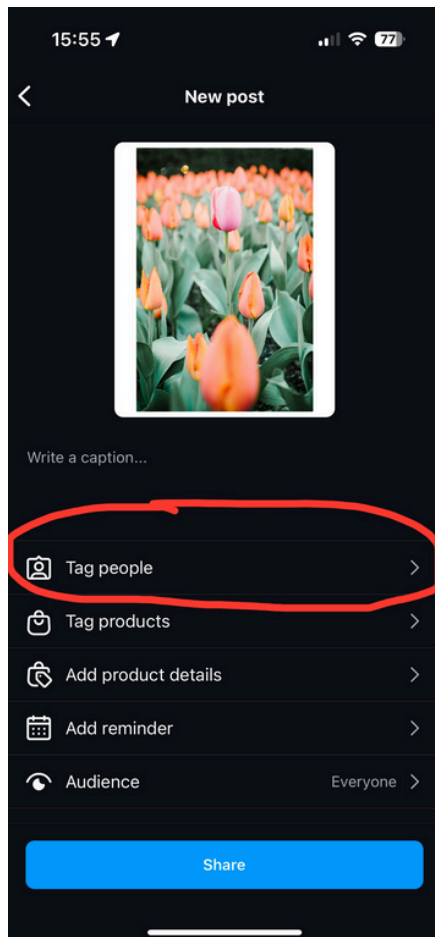


Photo #1

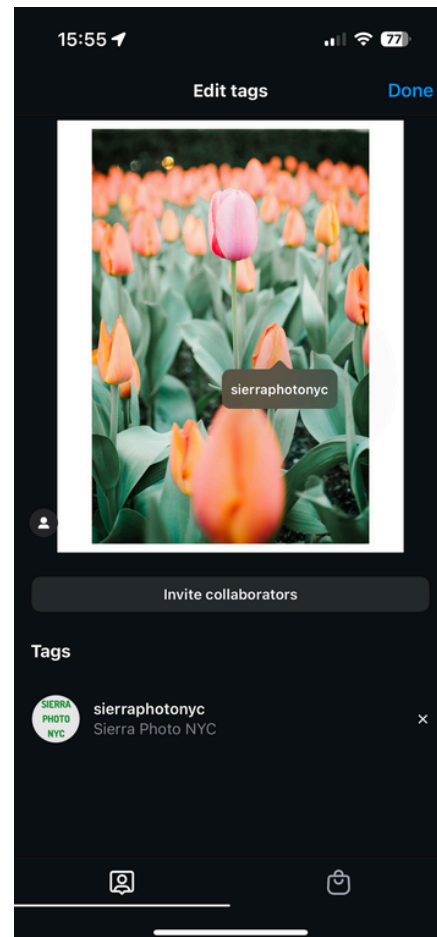


Photo #2

Upcoming Outings

City outings are “meetup” only, accessible by public transportation. Outings outside of city require carpooling. Call Leader for car meet up location information and to offer help with carpooling. Charles Dexter – 917-593-8381.

Should crowded situations arise, wear a mask to protect yourself and others. For all outings, wear clothing appropriate for the weather (layers are best) and bring snacks and water. Check the web for visitor and transit rules. Leader: Charles Dexter, 917-593-8381, call until 10:30 pm.

Date: March 12, Wednesday

Moon Shoot: Liberty Island State Park, NJ

Try again to photograph sunset and moonrise above the NYC Battery skyline. Long lenses and tripods are helpful. Shoot from 4:15 pm until dusk (about 7:20 pm). Return to Manhattan via 7:37 pm ferry. Dinner in lower Manhattan afterwards.

Details: Meet 3:45 pm at Brookfield Place ferry terminal on the Hudson River at Vesey Street. Link to [Brookfield Place Terminal - Google Maps](#) Buy NY Waterway Ferry tickets, round trip to Paulus Hook. Purchase tickets at ticket window (cash or debit/credit accepted, Seniors: \$14 round trip, Adults: \$15 roundtrip. Link to NY Waterway Ferry information: [Paulus Hook](#)

We will take the 4:07 ferry departure to Paulus Hook. Ferry return to NYC 7:37 PM. Diner afterwards.

Public Transit to Ferry Terminal: NYC Subway: 1, A, C to Chambers Street, 2, 3 to Park Place, E to Chambers Street. Walk west toward Hudson River on Vesey Street.

Upcoming Outings

Date: March 21, Thursday

Dumbo, Brooklyn: (Via NYC FERRY) Explore waterfront and neighborhood under the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges. Photograph river views, green parks and Manhattan skyline until dusk. Shoot from 2 PM until dusk. (7:15 PM Sunset) Diner in the neighborhood afterwards. See: [Dumbo, Brooklyn - Wikipedia](#)

Details: Meet 1:15 PM at Wall Street Ferry, Pier 11 on the East river, ([Google Map Link](#)) at South St. & Gouverneur Lane, near Wall Street. Allow time to purchase tickets at ticket vending machine. 1:39 PM ferry departure to Dumbo / Fulton. Ticket: \$4 one way. Ferry information: [South Brooklyn Ferry Route & Schedule](#) | [NYC Ferry Service](#)

We will take the 1:39 ferry departure to Dumbo / Fulton Ferry. Ferry return to NYC, 7:40 PM. Diner afterwards.

Public Transit to Ferry Terminal: NYC Subway: 2, 3 train to Wall Street / William Street. 4, 5 train to Wall street / Broadway. Walk SE on Wall Street to East River, turn right, go one block to ferry landing.



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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.

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.

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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Meeting Schedule for 2025

March 18th - **Denis Finnin** - In-Person & Zoom
April 15th - **Nikhil Bahl** - Zoom Only
May 20th - **April Anderson** - In-Person & Zoom
June 10th - **Members Night** - Zoom Only

SIERRA PHOTO NYC LINKS
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<u>Instagram</u>
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