

Sierra Club

Photo NYC Newsletter

February 2026 ♦



Footsteps in the Snow © Miroslav Vrzala

Here's what's to come!

Hi everyone! We hope you're staying warm despite the snowy January weather.

This month, we're looking forward to learning all about flower photography from our guest speaker, Lori Lankford. We also have some great new outings on the calendar thanks to Charles. Read on for those details.

Lastly, we are excited to debut our new conservation section with a look at the Plover Project, perfect for anyone who missed Benjamin's presentation last month.

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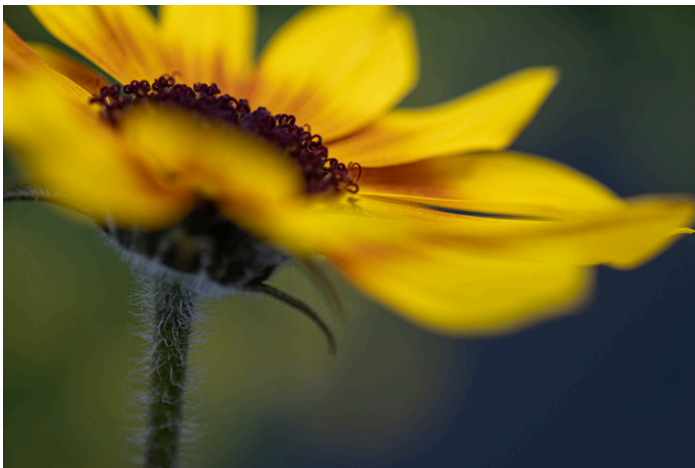
Upcoming Speaker Event

Lori Lankford – Creative Flower Photography Tuesday, February 17th - on Zoom only

Lori Lankford's passion for photography began as a way to capture her travel adventures and has grown into a love for landscapes, macro, and especially close-up and abstract photography. Escaping into the tiny details of a flower or object allows her to shut out the world for a few moments, finding beauty in both light and shadow. Her work has been exhibited in galleries across the U.S., and she enjoys sharing her creative process through local and online workshops. Lori's goal is always to keep learning, growing, and capturing the expected in unexpected ways.

Rooted in her love of nature and flowers, much of her work is created in her English cutting garden and potting shed. Through creative shooting and post-processing techniques, Lori aims to reveal hidden details and evoke emotion—showcasing the beauty often overlooked in everyday life.
landscapes.

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



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Short Form Video

We are looking for anyone with experience in video editing who would be willing to volunteer their time to help create 30 second video trailers for our speaker events. These videos can be used to help attract new members and give people a better sense of what our speaker events are like. If you would like to help with this project, please email us info@sierraphotonyc.com

Eventbrite Page

Earlier this year we created a new eventbrite page for Sierra Club Photo NYC. We encourage everyone to follow our page [HERE](#) to be sure you are notified every time a new event is created.



Just A Touch of Winter © Sharron Lee Crocker

Members Exhibiting



Varied Thrush © Benito Sim



Central Park Zoo © Charles Dexter

If you will be exhibiting any of your work soon, please email the exhibition information to info@sierraphotonyc.com for it to be added to this section of our newsletter.

Upcoming Outings

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

February 18th - Wednesday, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, LI:

Large colorful camellia blossoms and various greenhouse flowers. See: [Planting Fields Foundation](#)

NYC carpool starts at 8:45 am. Coffee and deli stop before Planting Fields arrival. Day-long shoot, dinner in area, return 8:30 / 9:00 pm. Walk through both damp/cool and warm/steamy greenhouses after coming inside from a cold day. Wear layers and prepare for cold outdoors and both cool and warm greenhouse environments. Bring lunch, snacks, and water.

Call Leader for car meet up location. Charles Dexter – 917-593-8381
Carpool drivers needed! To offer help with carpooling, please call leader!

February 25th - Wednesday, Central Park Zoo:

Bears, snow leopards, lemurs, penguins, sea lions, snakes, poison dart frogs, tropical birds and butterflies! Stroll through exterior and interior wildlife exhibits.

Meet: 12:30 PM for 1PM entrance at main ticket gate. (See Zoo Map: [Map - Central Park Zoo](#))

Admission: \$23 (Adult), \$19 (Senior). Best to reserve tickets in advance online. Same-day tickets at zoo may be sold out. [Tickets - Central Park Zoo](#)

Shoot until 4:30 pm closing, dinner in area. Wear layers and prepare for cold outdoors and warm, humid interiors. Snacks and water available at the zoo or bring your own.

Conservation

Plover Project

If you caught our last speaker event, you heard Benjamin Forbes tell us about the amazing work he does with this project. In case you missed it, or if you are looking for more information, here it is:

Mission: About 100 Piping Plovers have nested in NYC in recent years, and fewer than 8,000 plovers remain globally. Our mission is to protect endangered Piping Plovers and other fragile beach-nesting birds on New York City's beaches through education, community engagement, and volunteer stewardship.

Work: Piping Plover & Shorebird Beach Ambassador Program. Together with our partners at the National Park Service and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, we have a force of volunteers from the Rockaways and beyond working to connect daily with thousands of beachgoers from Breezy Point Tip to Far Rockaway. We help to educate folks about the importance of habitat protections and other simple tips to help our nesting visitors which need NYC beaches to survive.

Education: We have programs in schools from K-12, ranging from arts programs to high school citizen science curriculum. To learn more about our education programs or arrange an educational program for your school, please contact our education director, Ciara Fagan, ciara@nycploverproject.org.



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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.

Questions?

All questions 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. 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 Zoom 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 at SVA.

Add Your Name to our Members Log

1. Click [HERE](#) to access our active members log.
2. Fill your name, last speaker event attended, sierra club ID number and expiration date.
3. If you are an active Sierra Club Photo NYC member, the last column will turn green, and state "active member". If you are not, it will stay red and indicate "non-active member".

Please share your nature photos with us!

Instagram:

1. When creating a new post, click on "Tag people"
2. Then tap on your photo for the search bar to appear.
3. Lastly, type in and find Sierra Club Photo NYC. Click the name to officially tag us.

Facebook:

1. Post your photos on the group page, Friends of Sierra Club Photo NYC
 2. Wait for a moderator to accept and post your photo.
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Joining Us In Person?

School of Visual Arts

132 West 21st Street, Room 418F, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10011

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 6:30pm, program starts at 7:00pm

\$8 suggested donation though Eventbrite



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Exhibition Sub-Committee

Linda Buongermino - Chairperson

Meeting Schedule for 2025/'26

February 17th - **Lori Lankford** - Zoom only

March 17th - **Kah-Wai Lin** - In-person & Zoom

April 14th - **Gillian Overholser** - Zoom only

May 19th - **Douglas Dubler** - In-person & Zoom

June 16th - **Members Night** - Zoom only

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