

Sierra Club

Photo NYC Newsletter

April 2026 [◆]



Dreaming of Spring © Sharron Lee Crocker

Here's what's to come!

Hello everyone, spring is upon us, and flowers and trees have started blossoming. Charles has planned lots of outings for us to get out there and capture spring all month long.

We are looking forward to this month's speaker, Gillian Overholser, who will talk about emotion and connection in wildlife photography. This event will take place on Zoom only; keep reading for more info and tickets.

We will also talk more about the Wild Camel Protection Foundation, founded by last month's speaker, Kah-Wai Lin.

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Upcoming Speaker Event

Gillian Overholser - Emotion and Connection in Wildlife Photography Tuesday, April 14th - Zoom Only

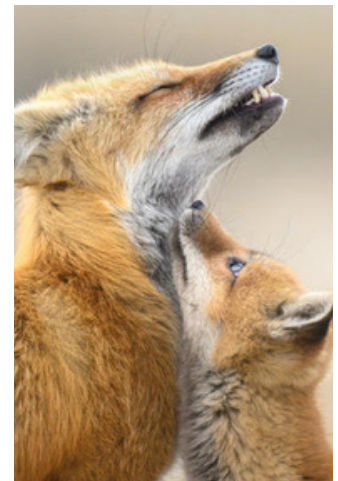
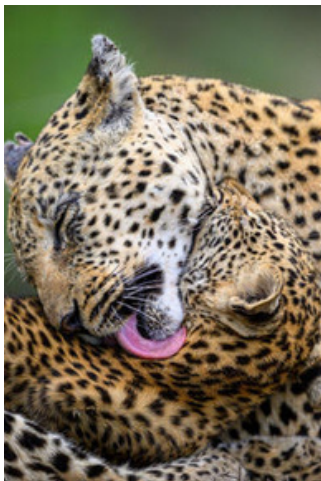
Gillian Overholser's work explores the moments of connection and emotion that exist within the natural world. Drawing from recent field experiences photographing polar bears in both winter den emergence and summer fireweed landscapes, she will share a series of images that highlight interaction, protection, and relationship in wildlife behavior.

While these Arctic scenes are visually striking and rare, the underlying behaviors they reveal are not unique to polar bears. Through comparisons with more familiar species, including shorebirds and other local wildlife, this presentation explores how similar moments of connection can be observed and photographed in everyday settings.

Overholser will discuss her approach to recognizing and conveying these moments in the field, as well as the practical considerations behind the images, including working in challenging conditions, equipment choices, and post-processing. Rather than focusing solely on technical perfection, the talk emphasizes developing a personal way of seeing—one that prioritizes meaning, connection, and emotional impact.

This presentation will be of interest to photographers and nature enthusiasts alike who are interested in creating more compelling and expressive wildlife images.

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



All photos © Gillian Overholser

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Member News

Zoom Links for Speaker Events

Moving forward, Zoom links for meetings will come from eventbrite only. We will not be sending out additional emails with the Zoom links for the speaker events. A couple of things have been changed to make this work more smoothly:

- We have removed the requirement to log into your Eventbrite account in order to access the meeting Zoom link.
- We are manually creating the Zoom links, to ensure they are correct.

Peer to Peer Help Sessions

The board has been thinking about the best way to facilitate this. We have decided to provide a space before our Zoom only events, for people to ask any questions they may have. The floor will be open to questions between 6:30 and 7:00 PM, before our speaker starts.

We will have a hard cutoff at 7:00 PM for the speaker, so there may not be time for all questions. However, anyone on the call who has an answer to someone's question can chime in to help! You may have questions ranging from post-processing and camera gear to troubleshooting Eventbrite or Zoom. So come early to the Zoom-only meetings—this is the time to get help.



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Members Exhibiting



A Seal Coming Up for Air © Charles Dexter

If you will be exhibiting any of your work soon, please email the exhibition information to info@sierraphotony.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.

April 8, Wednesday - Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn

Spring blooms: magnolia tree blossoms, daffodils, native wildflowers, wisteria & maybe a few cherry trees.

Meet at 10:00 am inside the main entrance at 990 Washington Street ([see map link](#)), two (long) blocks from Eastern Parkway subway station (2/3 trains). Lunch at 11:30 am at Yellow Magnolia Canteen. Shoot until late afternoon. Easy walking in 52-acre Garden property. Some dedicated areas may be closed due to construction. Check [website](#).

Garden admission at the gate is \$22 adults, \$16 seniors. The Garden recommends purchasing tickets online in advance. Online service fee: \$1.67.



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Upcoming Outings

Wednesday, April 15 - Branch Brook Park, Belleville, NJ

Photograph cherry blossoms, forsythia, and trees blooming & and white in a park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Perhaps pre-sunset light. Walk: Easy walkways in 1 mile area, slight hills. NYC Start: 1:30 pm, afternoon shoot to sunset (around 7:30 pm), dinner in area to be determined. Also: Bring snacks, water, rain gear, walking shoes. Drivers with cars needed for carpooling. Call leader Charles Dexter for car pick up time and location: 917-593-8381, call until 10:30 pm. Info: [Cherry Blossom Season - BRANCH BROOK PARK ALLIANCE](#)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - Central Park, NYC - Spring blossoms

Photograph spring Magnolias and/or cherry blossoms. Walk across the park, through Bethesda Plaza and up to the reservoir. Bring snacks and water. Meet at 2:45 PM at West 72nd Street and Central Park West entrance. Shoot until dark (about 7:45pm.) Dinner afterward. Subway: B and C train to 72nd Street. Bus: M10, M72 to W. 72 Street and Central Park West. See <https://www.centralparknyc.org> To explore Spring in Central Park on your own, check out: [Spring Guide | Central Park Conservancy \(centralparknyc.org\)](#).



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Upcoming Outings

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 -New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY.

Photograph: Photograph summer blossoms: roses, peonies, woods, Bronx River and more.

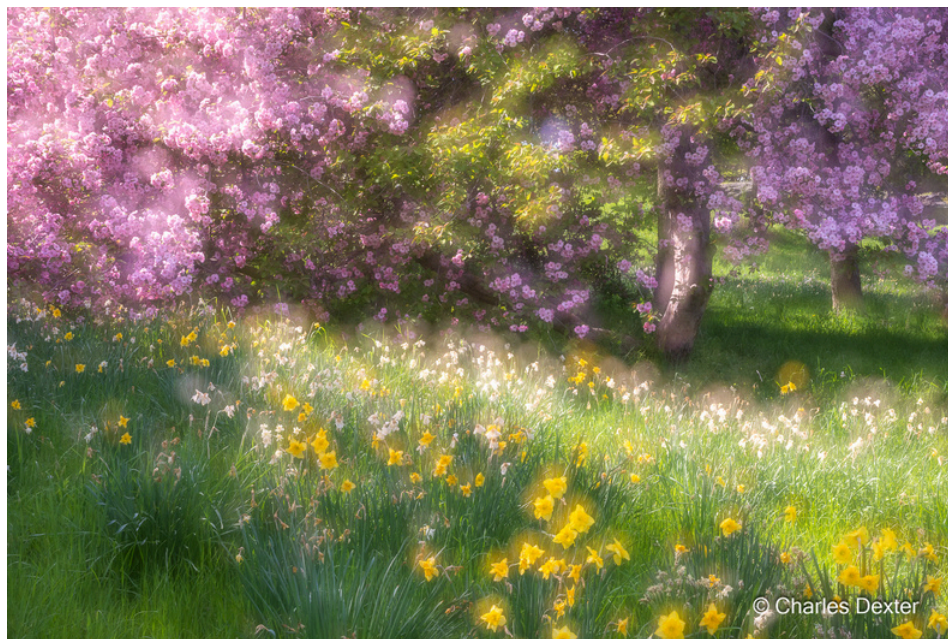
Hike: Easy paved paths & dirt woods trails. Shoot all day until 5:30PM.

Links: [New York Botanical Garden](#)

What to Bring / What to know: Bring a good sun hat, walking shoes, and water. Dinner afterward at [Emilia's Restaurant](#) on Arthur Avenue, Bronx.

Admission: Free for most outside grounds only, between 10 AM to 11:00 AM. Not free for Inside gardens and after 11 AM. See NYBG website for [Admission fees and policies](#).

Go by Train: 9:55 AM train from Grand Central Station to Botanical Garden station. [Metro North Harlem Line Weekday Schedule](#) . Walk across street from the RR station. Meet Charles 10:20 AM, inside the [Moshulu Gate Entrance](#), Go by Car: Meet Charles at 10:05 AM inside admission windows at the [Fordham Gate](#) parking lot on Southern Boulevard. [How to get there link](#) [\\$22 parking fee](#) for Non-Members. Everyone Meet for lunch at 11:45 AM at [NYBG Pine Tree Cafe](#) by Fordham Gate. There, for those who want to go to diner, we will make a group reservation for diner at [Emilia's Restaurant](#) and plan car transportation from the Garden to the restaurant on Arthur Avenue, Bronx. We leave the Garden at 5:45 PM. Extra Carpool drivers needed to drive people to restaurant and back to NYC. Call leader Charles Dexter, 917-593-8381, call before 10:30 pm.



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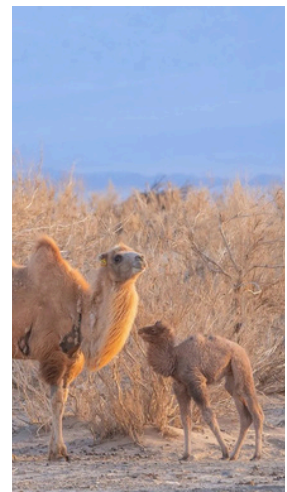
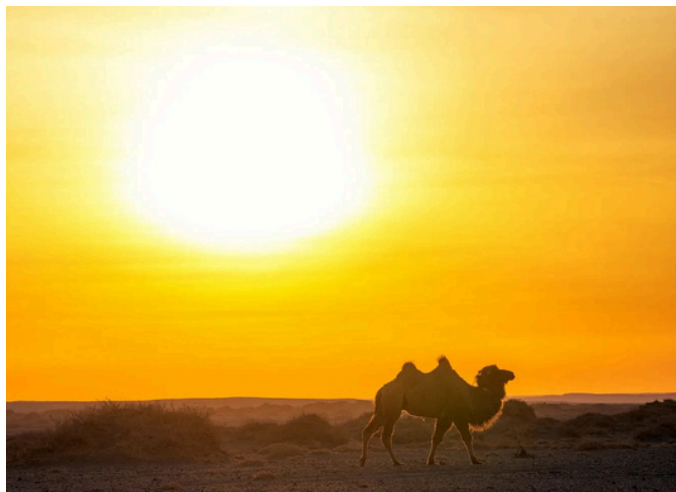
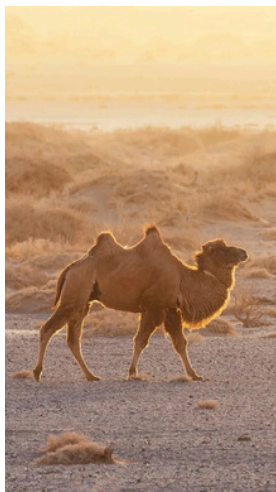
Wild Camel Protection Foundation USA

Last month our speaker Kah Wai Lin told us about the work he does with Wild Camel. In case you missed it, or if you are looking for more information, here it is:

Mission: The sole aim of the Wild Camel Protection Foundation is to protect the endangered wild camel (*Camelus ferus*) and its habitat in the fragile and unique desert ecosystems in the Gobi and Gashun Gobi deserts in north-west China and south-west Mongolia. It is the only charitable environmental foundation in the world, which exclusively targets the protection of the endangered wild camel and its unique desert habitat.

Work: More recently, work has begun on a second breeding center at Toli Bulag, also located within the buffer zone of Protected Area 'A'. This new facility will provide greater capacity for captive breeding and, for genetic and biosecurity reasons. The center will eventually support two distinct captive wild camel populations. Both breeding centers are situated adjacent to the species' natural habitat, facilitating the development of sustainable water sources and improving long-term conservation outcomes.

Education: They regularly organize classes, seminars, and outdoor excursions tailored for K–12 students, aiming to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards. If your school or organization is interested in hosting an event or collaborating, they would love to hear from you. Please reach out to us at: wildcamelusa@gmail.com.



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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. This is where you will access the Zoom link for each meeting.** 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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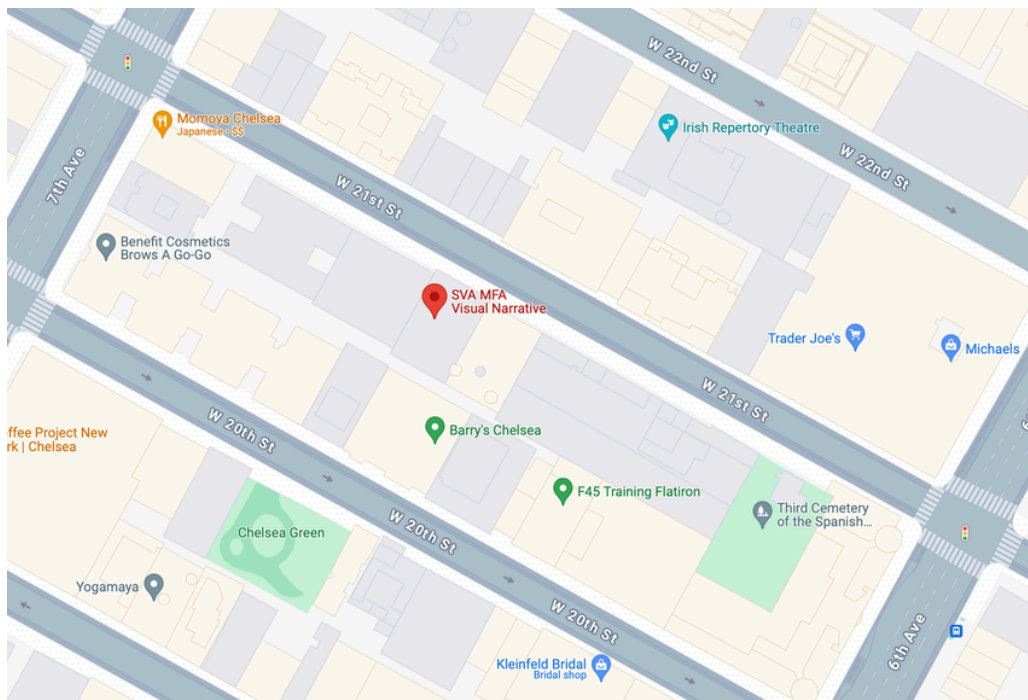
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Joining Us In Person?

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

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

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

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

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