

*New York City Sierra Club*

# **Photography Committee NEWSLETTER**

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## **NEXT MEETING**

**March 29, 2006 – 6:30 pm**

405 West 59<sup>th</sup> St.

1 ½ blocks west of Columbus Circle

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Shayok Mukhopadhyay**

Shayok is a native of India who came to the US in 1998, and became involved in the 1990s tech boom. His true interest is photography which he began back home at the age of six. When he moved to the US it made photography more affordable and he began following his art intensely. After some short term jobs, Shayok was able to purchase equipment, film and get started! And off he went as a budding landscape photographer, shooting all over the globe, from Alberta, Canada to Tierra del Fuego.

In 2004, he started selling his work at art shows; that's when Nina Edwards discovered him at a Westchester art show and saw some very good work for someone just breaking into the field. He has now devoted himself to photography full time, and has done several art shows including the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts at Blue Mountain Lake, the Armonk Art Show twice, and won the Judges Award at Artigras, Jupiter, Florida.

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*After each meeting some members go out to dinner. The restaurant will be announced at the meeting.*

## **APRIL MEETING**

**April 26, 2006 – 6:30 pm**

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Carlos L. Esguerra**

Carlos L. Esguerra loves to capture the beauty of nature in the most suitable light, with the least number of elements, framed and composed in a simple austere view. Interviewed onstage in Linz, Austria during the Awards Ceremony for the Hasselblad Austrian Circuit, Esguerra was asked why he likes the “quiet” or “silent” style of photography. Esguerra said he was influenced strongly by Japanese Zen and “wabi-sabi” principles. He said further, “I strive to make my photographs simple, clean, and uncluttered.”

He studied Business and Economics at the University of the Philippines, and obtained his MBA from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He was in the computer field for 36 years starting as a programmer analyst for IBM Corporation in White Plains, NY, and later as founder and president of CLÉ Systèmes, Inc. for 12 years. He took early retirement from his business in 2003 to devote his time to his newly found passion—photography.

In the short period of seven years as a landscape fine arts photographer, he has received more than 25 national and international awards, and his works have been selected in numerous juried exhibitions in many states in the U.S. and in other countries such as Canada, China, and Austria. He has a growing group of loyal corporate and individual collectors in the U.S., Germany, Mexico, and the U.K.

For further information:

<http://clegallery.photofolio.com>

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## Members' Activities

### Rosalie Frost

Several photographs taken along the Hudson River are included in an exhibit from February 12 to March 26, 2006 at the Pomona Cultural Center, 584 Route 306, Pomona, NY 10970. Gallery hours are Friday-Sunday, 2 to 6 pm, or by appointment. The phone number for information is 845-362-8062 or 845-364-7207.

Rosalie Frost also has work exhibited (non-nature related) through Professional Women Photographers at the Chrystie Street Gallery, 167 Chrystie Street, NY 10002 from March 2-25, 2006. Hours: Thursday-Friday 5-8 pm, Saturday 11am-6 pm ([www.pwponline.org](http://www.pwponline.org)).

### Bob Smith

Has an exhibit called *Trapped in Color* from **April 11-29** at Viridian Artists, 530 West 25th Street, #407  
Time: Tuesday thru Saturday 10:30 am-6:00 pm.

**Reception:** April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.

### Del Owens

will provide the program for Tuesday Evening Hour on **April 4:** "2005 Wildflower Bonanza, Death Valley and Southern Nevada." 6:30 pm, St. Margaret's House, 49 Fulton St. (near the South Street Seaport).

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## SIERRA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

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## OUTINGS

**Date:** Saturday, April 15, 2006 **Alternate date** Saturday, April 22 (if bloom is late this year)

**Location:** Branch Brook Park, Essex County, NJ

**Leader:** Charles Dexter 212-315-1963

Please call leader up to 10:30 pm for detailed information.

**Subject:** Cherry blossom display that rivals the blossoms of Washington, DC.

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2006, 1:00-3:30 pm

**Location:** Corson's Brook Woods, Staten Island's Greatest Secret

**Leader:** Dick Buegler, 718-761-7496

**Subject:** This is a Protectors of Pine Oak Woods wildflower botanical walk with an invitation to photographers from Dick. He would like to document this unique area. Please call Dick or visit [www.siprotectors.org](http://www.siprotectors.org) for more information. Close-up photography equipment recommended.

**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2006

**Location:** Surprise Lake, Bearfort Mountain, NJ

**Leader:** Charles Dexter 212-315-1963

Please call leader up to 10:30 pm for detailed information.

**Subject:** Strenuous, all day hike through hilly woods to photograph early spring foliage and white-blossomed shadbush.

**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2006

**Location:** Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Oakdale, Long Island

**Leader:** Jacqui Bonavito

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Please e-mail leader for outing information by Friday, May 12 or call 212-472-2388 until 9 pm only.

**Subject:** Spring bulbs, wildflowers, flowering shrubs and trees in varied habitats.

**Date:** Saturday, May 20, 2006

**Location:** Ken Lockwood Gorge, Teetertown Ravine, and Hacklebarney State Park, NJ

**Leaders:** Charles Dexter 212 315-1963 until 10:30 pm

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Please e-mail leader for outing information by Friday, May 19 or call 212-472-2388 until 9 pm only.

**Subject:** Wildflowers, spring foliage, river and perhaps a waterfall. We are revisiting areas that Dr. Yuan Li introduced us to in 1996.

**Date:** June 11, 2006

**Location:** Marine Park and Plumb Beach, Brooklyn

**Leaders:** Jacqui Bonavito and Louise Luger

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Please e-mail Jacqui for outing information by Friday, June 10 or call 212-472-2388 until 9 pm only.

**Subject:** Horseshoe crabs, salt marsh, meadows and sand dunes.