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## Meetings

### SEPTEMBER

September 27, 2006 – 6:30 pm

### MEMBERS NIGHT— now also digital!

Digital photographers now have an opportunity to show their work with our new digital projector! Of course, we still have our traditional film slide projector!

Members may present up to 6 slides in either film or digital format. **Please arrive by 6:15 pm to load the slides into projectors.**

**Please follow the instructions for preparing your digital images.**

Film slides should be marked with a dot in the lower left hand corner.

St. Paul the Apostle • 405 West 59<sup>th</sup> St. • 2<sup>nd</sup> floor • New York, NY  
(1½ blocks west of Columbus Circle, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues)

Optional dinner after each meeting. The restaurant will be announced at the meeting

#### Preparing a Digital Image for Projection

- 1 Start with a high resolution original image. Make sure your monitor is calibrated to some known color space (sRGB, Adobe RGB (1998), etc.). Use your favorite imaging program (Photoshop, Elements, Picture Window Pro, etc.) to prepare your original electronic image to look good on your monitor.
- 2 Create a duplicate of your original image (In Photoshop, click on Image>Duplicate). Close your original image for safekeeping and use the copy for the following steps.
- 3 If your image is in 16 bit mode (16 bits per color channel), change it to 8 bits (In Photoshop, click Image>Mode>Convert to 8 Bits/Channel).
- 4 Resize the image (In Photoshop, click Image>Image Size). Make sure that the "Resample Image" and the "Constrain Proportions" boxes are checked. Set the Resolution to 72 pixels per inch. Resize the image by typing 1,024 for the Pixel Dimensions Width for a horizontal image OR use 768 for the Pixel Dimensions Height if the image is a vertical. Make sure that the width does not exceed 1,024 pixels AND that the height does not exceed 768 pixels. Then click OK.
- 5 Convert the image to sRGB color space (In Photoshop, click Image>Mode> Convert to Profile).
- 6 Make any corrections at this point (color correction, cropping, dust removal, etc.).
- 7 Sharpen the image at this stage. For Photoshop's Unsharp Mask filter, I suggest:  
Amount = 150%, Radius = 0.4 and Threshold = 2.
- 8 Save your image as a jpeg/in the .jpg format using the "Save As" command. Type in a new file name for the image using the following format:  
LastNameFirstInitial\_01.jpg  
For example, I would type in the filename: PineC\_01.jpg (Number the images in the order you want them displayed.)  
Choose a moderate level of compression for the jpeg, typically 6-9 in Photoshop to keep the total compressed file size below 1 Megabyte.  
Save the image to the desktop or into a folder you've created for projected images.
- 9 Burn the image to a CD and bring it to the meeting.

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR OCTOBER MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 1.**

### OCTOBER (IN NOVEMBER)

November 1, 2006 – 6:30 pm

#### Guest speaker Nancy Rotenberg

Nancy Rotenberg is an award-winning photographer, writer and educator. Her images and text appear in numerous calendars, greeting cards and magazines (among them *National Geographic*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *Country Gardens* and *Adirondack Life*).

Her goal has been "to photograph intimately, beyond documentation, and to discover each subject's special

essence." In her sixteen years as a nature photographer, Nancy has become a popular motivational speaker, helping others to find deeper ways of seeing and creating through photography.

Nancy leads many workshops. She has co-authored two books: "Close-Up Photography—Capturing Nature's Intimate Landscapes" and "How to Photograph Close-Ups in Nature".

Nancy has just written a book called "Photography and the Creative Life" in which, through text and nature images, she shares the experiences and specific ideas that have shaped her creative vision, in hopes of expanding ours. Her images can be viewed on her website: [www.naturaltapestries.com](http://www.naturaltapestries.com)



Paintbrush in Bluebonnets © Nancy Rotenberg

## Member Activities

**Rosalie Frost** is in two exhibits:

*Water and Sky: Landscapes of Jamaica Bay* at the Soho Photo Gallery, 15 White Street, Manhattan, from September 7–30, 2006. The gallery phone is 212-226-8571 and website [www.sohophoto.com](http://www.sohophoto.com). Exhibit hours are Thursday 6–8 PM and Friday through Sunday 1–6 PM.

Also, *Photography Takes Over* at Upstream Gallery, 26B Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY, 914-674-8548 and [www.upstreamgallery.com](http://www.upstreamgallery.com) from September 14 to October 8, 2006. The opening reception is Sunday, September 17 from 2–5 PM. Gallery hours are 12:30–5:30 PM Thursday-Sunday.

**Louise Luger** has a nature photography show at Blue Heron Nature Center, Staten Island (Poillon between Amboy and Hylan) September 1–30, 2006, Tuesday–Sunday (please call ahead to see if Center is open) 718-967-3542.

**Chuck Pine, Helen Pine, Natalie Manzano and others** will be exhibiting with Park West Camera Club at the Chrystie Street Gallery, 167 Chrystie Street. The theme of the exhibit is *I Love New York*. The Gallery will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, November 2–4, November 9–11 and November 16–18. Reception will be on Saturday, November 4, 12–5 PM. A formal announcement and invitation will be sent in October.

**Kay Wheeler** and four other photographers are having a photography/mixed media show, *Impressions of Nature*, at The Bronxville Women's Club in Bronxville, NY from October 1–31. Reception will be from 2–5 PM on October 1. The Club is less than a ten minute walk from the Bronxville RR station. Call the Club at 914-337-3252 for exhibition hours.

Please send your Member Activity submissions for the November/December 2006 issue (which will include activities from mid-November to mid-January) to: [JacquiOutdoors@aol.com](mailto:JacquiOutdoors@aol.com)

Please type in the following for the subject of your e-mail: YourName\_Nov-Dec Sierra

In the activity information include your name, a brief description and/or title of the event, the location, hours and contact information. (An attached Word document with this information is preferred.)

## Fall 2006 Outings

**Date: Sunday, September 17**

**Location:** Mt. Loretto Fall Wildflower & Monarch Butterfly Walk, Staten Island, NY  
This is a Protectors of Pine Oak Woods outing from 9–11 AM (the afternoon will be a Sierra Photo Outing). Join Dick Buegler and Sandra Mechanic, wildflower and insect photographer, in a full tour (1½ miles) of the meadows, woods, bluff, stream and ponds of this NY State Unique Area. Meet at 9 AM at the parking lot opposite the Mt. Loretto CYO in Pleasant Plains for the tour. See events at [www.siprotectors.org](http://www.siprotectors.org) for more information. If you can't attend the morning session, Jacqui will meet latecomers in the parking lot at 12:30 PM.

**Protector of Pine Oak Woods Leaders:** Dick Buegler 718-761-7496 or Sandra Mechanic 718-967-6685

**Sierra Photo coordinator:** Jacqui Bonavito, e-mail address: [JacquiOutdoors@aol.com](mailto:JacquiOutdoors@aol.com)  
Please e-mail for outing information by Saturday, September 16 or call 212-472-2388 until 9:30 PM.

**Additional information:** Bring lunch, snacks, water and insect repellent.

**Date: Saturday, Oct. 7**

**Location:** Delaware Water Gap Area  
Various locations in area to be scouted for best color, such as the High Point Area, or Tilman Ravine or Van Campen's Glen or PA Water Gap area. Details to come.

**Leader:** Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 PM

**Additional information:** Plan for cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, and water. 9:00 AM NYC start, long day, dinner afterwards. 10:30 or 11 PM NYC return.

**Date: Saturday, Oct. 14**

**Location:** Shawangunks  
Various locations in area to be scouted for best color, such as Mohonk Spring Farm, or Minnewaska Peters Kill, or Sam's Point Preserve to be scouted. Details to follow.

**Leader:** Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 PM

**Additional information:** Plan for cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, and water. 8:30 AM NYC start, long day, dinner afterwards, 10:30 or 11 PM NYC return.

**Date: Saturday, Oct. 21**

**Location:** Harriman State Park  
Various locations in park to be scouted for best color, such as Arthurs Brook Falls or Bear Mountain Summit or Stony Brook, details to follow

**Leader:** Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 PM

**Additional information:** Plan for cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, and water. 9:00 AM NYC start, long day, dinner afterwards, 10:30 or 11 PM NYC return.

**Date: Sunday, Oct. 29**

**Location:** Connetquot State Park and/or Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Oakdale, Long Island

**Leader:** Jacqui Bonavito  
e-mail address: [JacquiOutdoors@aol.com](mailto:JacquiOutdoors@aol.com)  
Please e-mail leader for outing information by Saturday, October 28 or call 212-472-2388 until 9:30 PM.

**Additional information:** Plan for cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, water and insect repellent.

**Date: Saturday, Nov. 4**

**Location:** Greenbrook Sanctuary, NJ  
**Leader:** Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 PM

**Additional information:** Plan for cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, and water. 11:15 AM NYC start, dinner afterwards, 7:30 or 8 PM NYC return.

### We are updating our mailing list!

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