

# SIERRA PHOTO | NYC

New York City Sierra Club Photography Committee Newsletter

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## Meetings

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

## November

November 29, 2006 – 6:30 PM

### Guest speaker

## Joseph Squillante

Professional photographer Joseph Squillante has been making images of his beloved Hudson River for more than 25 years. His slide show is entitled *Hudson Current: Life Along the River*. His images capture not just the river's spirit, beauty and romance, but also the life of the people living and working on or near it. A *New York Times* reviewer noted that some of Joseph's pictures are similar in style to Hudson River School painters. Besides publishing note cards with his images, he is working on a fine art Hudson River photographic book and a guide to the best locations from which to photograph the river. Invited to exhibit 42 of his black & white fine art prints at the River & Estuaries Center in Beacon hosted by Governor Pataki, Joe is represented by the M.J. Ellenbogen Gallery and Imaging Arts Photography Gallery. He leads photographic workshops for the Center for Photography at Woodstock, Scenic Hudson, and Clearwater.



Highlands Nook is near the town of Highlands. This view looks north from the west shoreline, just south of West Point.

© Joseph Squillante

## December

December 20, 2006 – 6:00 PM

## Members Night & Holiday Reception!

Doors open 6:00 PM for the Holiday Reception welcoming new members and offering new and long-time members an opportunity to meet.

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.

### 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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## Member Activities

**Chuck Pine, Helen Pine, Natalie Manzano, Thelma Fellows, Myron Brenton** 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 9–11 and November 16–18

**Rosalie Frost** has two prints in the exhibit *The World in a Picture/The World in a Borough* at the Queens Museum of Art in Flushing Meadow Park—running through January 14, 2007. 718-592-9700

**Tuesday Evening Hour** presentations by Sierra Photo Committee Members 49 Fulton Street, NY, NY  
Presentations begin 6:30 PM in the dining room:

December 5, 2006: **Jesus Salillas** presents *Galapagos Islands—Above and Under—Prehistoric Wildlife*

December 12, 2006: **Vlassios Pyrpyris** presents *Machu Picchu, Peru*

January 23, 2007: **Linda Calvet** presents *Scotland and England in the 1970s*

February 6, 2007: **Miriam Balmuth** presents *Afghanistan and Pakistan Before the Soviets*

February 27, 2007: **Laverne Muselak** presents *The Photographic Society of America—Showcase 2004 Winners*

**Please send your Member Activity submissions by January 1 for the January/February 2007 issue (which will include activities from mid-January to mid-February) to: JacquiOutdoors@aol.com**

**Please type in the following for the subject of your e-mail: YourName\_Jan-Feb 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.)**

## We are updating our mailing list!

**If you are still receiving a printed copy of this newsletter in the mail, please send your e-mail address to Helen at [sierraphotonyc@aol.com](mailto:sierraphotonyc@aol.com) and receive a color PDF of the newsletter via e-mail.**

## Winter 2006-07 Outings

**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2007

**Location:** Harriman State Park, Stony Brook. Hopefully to photograph ice and woods. Perhaps another location in the park. Short moderate hikes, possibly slippery, slick stony trails. Blizzard cancels.

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

**Additional information:** Plan for long day in cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, and water. 9:00 AM NYC start, long day, dinner afterwards, 9:30 to 10 PM return to NYC. Car drivers greatly appreciated.

**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2007

**Location:** Greenbrook Sanctuary, NY. Hopefully to photograph snowy woods, an icy bog and pond. Short easy hikes, possibly slippery trails. Blizzard cancels.

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

**Additional information:** Plan for long afternoon in cold weather, wear hiking boots, bring lunch, snacks, and water. 11:15 AM NYC start, dinner afterwards, 7:30 or 8 PM return to NYC. Car drivers greatly appreciated.

**Date:** Sunday, February 25, 2007; 1-3 PM

**Location:** Roebling Park in Hamilton Township, NJ.

**Leader:** Mary Leck, e-mail address: [leck@rider.edu](mailto:leck@rider.edu) YOU MUST CONTACT MARY LECK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. You will be contacted by 9:00 AM that day via e-mail should the trip need to canceled. For transportation information contact Jacqui Bonavito, e-mail address: [JacquiOutdoors@aol.com](mailto:JacquiOutdoors@aol.com) or call 212-472-2388 until 9:30 PM.

**Additional information:** Trails are flat and well marked. Habitats include wetlands (a pond, beaver impoundments, marshland) and wooded uplands. If snow conditions are suitable, it might be possible to see beaver tracks and wingprints of owls (no promises). This is part of the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh; see [www.marsh-friends.org](http://www.marsh-friends.org) for information.

## Executive Board Nominations

Nominations for positions on the eight-member Executive Board will be taken at the December meeting. Terms are for one year; any serving board member must be re-nominated each year in order to continue to serve, up to a maximum of four years. There will be two vacancies this year. If a total of more than eight members are nominated in December, elections will be conducted at the January meeting. If no more than eight members are nominated, a simple vote of confirmation will be taken in January. The board itself selects a chairperson or co-chairpersons.

If you wish to nominate someone, keep in mind that board members must be members of the Sierra Club, should be knowledgeable about photography, and must have sufficient time and commitment to attend monthly board meetings and accept responsibility for carrying out the planning, tasks and business of the Photography Committee.

## 2007 Meeting Dates and Speakers

January 31	Tony Sweet
February 28	To be announced
March 28	Jack Barrack/ Doug Goodell/ Maya Selva
April 25	Cal Vornberger Predators of New York City

(Additional dates to be announced)

## Sierra Club Photography Committee Board Members

**Chair:** Penny Smith, 718-445-0790, e-mail: [Smith445@aol.com](mailto:Smith445@aol.com)

**Members of the executive board:** Jacqui Bonavito, Corinna Chifari, Rosalie Frost, Helen Pine, Chuck Pine, Daphne Prior, Judy Rosenblatt

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