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Meetings

St. Paul the Apostle • 405 West 59th St. • 2nd floor • New York, NY
(1½ blocks west of Columbus Circle, between 9th and 10th Avenues)
Suggested donation \$5.00 • Optional dinner after each meeting.
The restaurant will be announced at the meeting.

May

Wednesday, May 27, 2009—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Guest speaker:

Michael Tischler

*The Majestic Catskill Mountains
of New York State*

*A presentation of
landscape photography
by Michael Tischler, DDS.
Dr. Tischler will present a
variety of seasonal images
of the Catskill region.*

Michael Tischler has been behind a camera for over thirty years. Living in the majestic Catskill Mountains, allows Michael to focus on this region on a daily basis across all seasons. His images uniquely capture the mostly under-photographed Catskill Mountains in a "pure" fashion. Michael's style is refreshing in that his objective is to deliver a landscape image that is minimally processed by computer. Starting with the Canon A-1 35mm film camera he continues to shoot with Canons. Canvas mural size archival prints are created to be grain free and vibrant with a large-format Canon printer and archival inks. These large size photos are displayed in his Woodstock, NY dental office. For more of his work: www.tischlerphotos.com



Ashokan Birch © Michael Tischler, DDS

June

Wednesday, June 24, 2009—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Members' Night

Come join us for some refreshments as we toast the 2008–2009 season of exciting photographic programs and help us plan to make 2009–2010 even better. Get to know new and long-time members and volunteer to work with the Board on one of the sub-committees.

Members may present up to 6 slides in either digital or film format. Please arrive by 6:15 pm to load your digital images into the computer or your slides into the tray.

To prepare your slides, hold them as they are to be viewed. Place a dot in the lower left corner. When you put the slide in the slide tray, the dot should be visible in the upper right corner.

Digital images should be sRGB, 72ppi, 1024 pixels wide for a horizontal image, 768 pixels tall for a vertical image.

A Note from the Chair

The Board has an opening for another volunteer to join the board, which meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Skylight Diner from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The opening is due to the resignation of Miriam Balmuth. Please speak to any board member, or call me to indicate your availability, or to recommend someone else.

On Saturday, May 30, the American Littoral Society is having their annual Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise. I hope many of you can join us. Dinner afterwards in Sheepshead Bay is always a treat!

There will be at least one or two summer outings. If not in the current newsletter, we'll send out an e-mail with details later. If you have preferences as to where we might go, let me know. If you'd be willing to lead an outing, that would be great.

We are currently considering topics and venues for our next photography exhibit which may focus on trees as a source of paper, the watershed, or the beaches of New York City. Additionally, we are exploring ways to put to use the \$800 donations received in remembrance of Bill Strom.

—Thelma Fellows, Chair

The curtain raiser is **Kay Wheeler** who will show some of her recent works.

Member Activities

May 28: 6:45 pm. **George Pyrpyris** will present, *African Wildlife—from South Africa, Kenya and Madagascar*, at the: Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Tudor City Place (between E. 42 and E. 41 Streets), \$6 entrance fee.

Jacqui Bonavito has a photograph in the mixed media group exhibit *On the Edge—Coastal and Barrier Plants, Their Friends and Some Enemies* at the Sirens' Song Gallery, 516 Main St., Greenport, NY 11944 (Long Island); 631-477-1021; May 22–June 29, 2009; Thus–Mon 12:30–6:00 pm.

The **Tuesday Evening Hour Fundraising Dinnerparty** will be held on May 26, 2009 at T.J. Byrne's, 77 Fulton Street, NY, NY from 5–8:30 pm.

Helen and Chuck Pine will present *Ancient Empires of the Adriatic and the Aegean* for the fundraiser participants. **\$45** for choice of dinner including wine, beer or soda. **Reservations required by May 24**, call Marjorie Grimm at 212-964-3936

Please send your Member Activities or field trip submissions by September for the September/October 2009 issue (which will include activities from mid-September to mid-November) to: Corinna Chifari at cchifari@nyc.rr.com.

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.)

Contest Note

The Banks of the Hudson, Woodstock, NY—A national juried exhibition honoring the Hudson River 400th Celebration, August 8–September 5, 2009. Submitted work must be inspired by, or depict the Hudson River from any location along its course, or include themes related to the Hudson River. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2009. For entry fees and requirements see: <http://www.woodstockschoolofart.org/main.html>

Spring/Summer 2009 Outings

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2009
Location: Shawangunks. Late spring, Various locations in Minniwaska SP to be scouted for best green and water.
Subject: rock formations, waterfall, white cliffs, flat rock stream beds.
Hike: Stony trails, wet rocks, two miles or so, depending on location.
Additional information: Plan for full day. Bring hiking boots, rain jacket, sun block, bug spray, lunch and water.
NYC Start: 11 am NYC Return: 10 to 10:30 pm
Car pool drivers greatly appreciated.
Leader: Charles Dexter 212-315-1963 until 10:30 pm.

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009
Location: Harriman and Bear Mountain State Parks, 2 or 3 locations
Subject: mountain laurel blooms, lakes, streams & landscapes. Late day light on Bear Mountain.
Hike: Short moderate hikes, some stony trails.
Additional information: Plan for full day. Bring hiking boots, rain jacket, sun block, bug spray, lunch and water.
NYC Start: 11 am NYC Return: 10 to 10:30 pm.
Car pool drivers greatly appreciated.
Leader: Charles Dexter 212-315-1963 until 10:30 pm

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2009
Location: Delaware Water Gap region in NJ and/or PA
Subject: water falls, woods, streams and/or ponds
Hike: Short but possibly slippery trails and stones.
Additional information: Plan for full day. Bring hiking boots, rain jacket, sun block, bug spray, lunch and water.
NYC Start: 11 am NYC Return: 10 to 10:30 pm
Car pool drivers greatly appreciated.
Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 pm

2009 Meeting Dates and Speakers

September 30	Members' Night
October 21	TBA
November 18	TBA
December 30	Members' Night

Sad Note

We regret to inform the group of the passing of long-time Committee member **Irene Brenton** in January. Her warm personality endeared her to all who knew her. She, and her superb photography, will be missed.

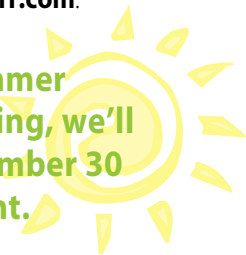
Another Outing you may enjoy:

American Littoral Society Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise

May 30, 2009 and June 20, 2009
(5:00 pm–8:00 pm)

Enjoy a 3-hour cruise aboard the 100' boat *Golden Sunshine* leaving from Pier 2 in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Visit the backwater marshes, JFK Airport and learn about the history, ecology and wildlife of the bay. See nesting peregrine falcon, osprey, egrets, shorebirds and waterfowl. Cost: \$45 includes narrated tour plus wine & cheese, fruit, drink, snacks. Leaders: Mickey Cohen and Don Riepe. Call (718) 318-9344 to reserve. driepe@nyc.rr.com.

**Have a great Summer
and happy shooting, we'll
see you on September 30
at Members' Night.**



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