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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.

January

Wednesday, January 26—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Joseph Rossbach— *The Wild Landscape*

In this presentation, Joe will show a wide selection of some of his most famous and inspirational images from the wild coast of Maine to the deep canyons of the southwest. He will explore the philosophy, creative vision and techniques used to bring his vision into focus. Joe will offer the group the opportunity to ask questions about techniques and locations at the end of the lecture.

Joseph Rossbach is a full-time professional nature and landscape photographer, author, guide and workshop instructor. His work has appeared in a number of books and calendars, as well as national and regional magazines. Joseph's fine art prints have appeared in national collections, galleries, personal collections and one-man shows. He is also the co-author and photographer of *50 Amazing Things You Must See or Do in the Greater Washington D.C. Area* and *The Ultimate Guide to Digital Nature Photography*.

For an in-depth look at Joe's work, information on photo tours and workshops, eBooks and free instructional articles and videos, please visit <http://www.josephrossbach.com/index.html>; <http://www.naturephotographers.net/onlinecourses>.



Gift of Light © Joseph Rossbach
Sunrise over the Court of the Patriarchs, Zion National Park, Utah

February

Wednesday, February 23—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Three-in-One: Lee Backer, Corinna Chifari, Louise Luger

Three members of the Photography Committee will present their work.

Lee Backer has been photographing for over forty years. His primary passion has been the natural landscape.

He has exhibited in many group and individual shows in the northeast, including juried shows at the Meetinghouse Gallery in New Marlborough, MA and the Garrison Art Center. Recently in New York City his work has been shown in the November "Inspired by Nature" exhibit at the Calumet Gallery and the PAI exhibit at the National Arts Club. In May, Lee will have a spotlight show at the Soho Photo Gallery.

Corinna Chifari is fairly new to photography, about nine years. She quickly embraced digital photography and is passionate about learning the new techniques, such as HDR, digital infrared and the Lensbaby. She mainly photographs nature with special attention to flowers.

Corinna's work has been exhibited at the Cornell Weill Medical College, the Long Island Dahlia Society, the Science Museum and the Rockefeller State Preserve as part of the Sierra Club exhibit, "Science Rocks" as well as the recent exhibit at the Calumet Gallery, "Inspired by Nature."

Louise Luger has been a commercial photographer for over 20 years, and an instructor for over 10. She freelances doing assignment work. In her fine art work she prefers exploring the glories of nature, primarily in film for its vibrancy and nuance. She has also received a NYS artist's grant for photographing a park in Staten Island. Two of Louise's favorite themes are the Appalachian Mountains and Nature in NYC. Her work has been exhibited widely by The Sierra Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, Nikon House, Konica House, Snug Harbor Cultural Center and various other venues.

(See Page 3 of the newsletter for photographs)

Member Activities

Melissa Fleming is in a group show: "Photography: Alternative Processes" Mills Pond House Gallery at STAC 660 Route 25-A, St. James, NY 11780 January 8, 2011 through February 4, 2011 She is also giving a lecture: "Science as Muse"

SPE National Conference: Science, Poetry, and the Photographic Image, Sheraton Atlanta Hotel Atlanta, Georgia March 10-13, 2011

Tuesday Evening Hour presentations by Sierra Club Photo Committee Members: 49 Fulton Street, NY, NY. Presentations begin 6:30 PM in the dining room. Website: www.tuesdayeveninghour.com/

February 16: **Charles Dexter**—*Wilderness in the Hudson and Delaware River Valleys*

March 22: **Vlassios Pyrpyris**—*Animals of Africa*

Please send your Member Activities or field trip submissions by March 1, for the March/April 2011 issue (which will include activities from mid-March to mid-April) 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.

Note to all exhibitors at the Calumet Gallery:

Please keep your framed images as the Board is looking into finding another venue for the *Inspired by Nature* exhibit.

2011 Meeting Dates and Speakers

March 30, 2011	Stephen Patterson
April 27, 2011	TBA
May 25, 2011	TBA
June 28, 2011 (Tuesday)	TBA

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Winter 2011 Outings

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2011

Location: Central Park, NYC

Meet: West 103 Street walk-in entrance

Photograph: Hopefully snowy woods, fields, an icy bog and pond.

Hike: Long stroll through the park. Possible slippery paths. Blizzard could be great!

Additional information: Plan for long afternoon in cold weather and wind. Wear warm layers, boots, hat and gloves. Bring lunch, snacks and water.

NYC start: 11:00 am, shoot until dark, approx. 5:10 pm. Dinner somewhere afterwards.

Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963, call until 10:30 pm

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2011

Location: Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Photograph: Large colorful camellia blossoms and various greenhouse flowers including orchids. Tripod and close-up lenses are helpful.

Additional information: Plan for both greenhouse environments and outdoor walking. Bring lunch, snacks and water.

NYC start: 8:45 am, shoot until 4:30 pm, dinner in Oyster Bay afterwards.

NYC return: 8:30 or 9 pm.

Blizzard postpones or cancels.

Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963, call until 10:30 pm.

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2011

Location: Delaware Water Gap region in NJ and/or PA

Photograph: Waterfalls. (Hopefully with snow and icel)

Hike: Short, but possibly slippery trails with stones.

Additional information: Plan for full day of cold weather. Wear hiking boots, layered clothing, wool hat, gloves and rain gear. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Dinner in diner afterwards.

NYC start: 9:30 am

NYC return: 10 pm. Blizzard postpones or cancels.

Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963, call until 10:30 pm.

From the Chair

It is with a sense of nostalgia that I write my last "From the Chair" after four years of doing so. I do wish to thank all the many SCPC members, on board and off, who have been so helpful and supportive throughout. Happy New Year to all of you!

Gary Nickerson, Editor of the *City Sierran* would like to increase the use of social media and has expressed enthusiasm about coordinating such efforts between the NYC Sierra Club Group and the SCPC. Perhaps in the future, our SCPC newsletters will be posted in a timely manner on the NYC Sierra Club Group website and there may be the opportunity to post our photos online. In addition to the website, perhaps we can begin to publicize our exhibits through social media outlets.

The Board is currently making plans to move the photography exhibit that was shown at the Calumet Gallery to another venue, yet to be announced. Additionally, they are looking for new venues for exhibits in 2011 and beyond, as many possible sites are booked well into the future.

The Nomination Committee has presented a slate of candidates to serve on the SCPC Board for the coming year. The slate will be voted upon at the January 26th meeting of the members before the presentation of the program.

—Thelma Fellows, Chairperson

Sierra Club Photography Committee Board Members

Thelma Fellows: Chair & Sierra Club Liaison

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Entwined Trees © Lee Backer



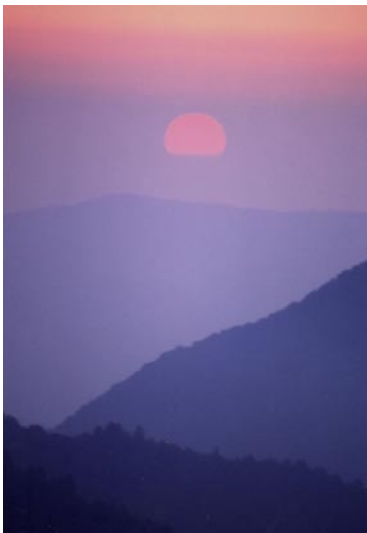
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Skywalker Dahlia (Lensbaby) © Corinna Chifari



Magnolia Trees (HDR) © Corinna Chifari



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