

# SIERRA PHOTO | NYC

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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.



Bryce Canyon National Park © Don Young

## March

Wednesday, March 30—6:30 PM  
Doors open at 6:00 PM

**Guest speaker:**  
**Don Young**

### ***A Hiker's Canyon Country***

DON WILL LOOK BACK at the wondrous canyon landscapes and secret sites that he explored in 10 consecutive years, 1972–1981.

At that time very few people had ventured into the most isolated areas. Even now, many natural arches and bridges, petroglyphs, slot canyons, and river gorges are unknown to most travelers. The canyon lands, largely in Utah, are still the center of a

congressional debate over wilderness designation.

Don has an eye for intimate details and abstractions. These are the photos of a Sierra Club hiker: a coiled rattlesnake; the drip-drip of life-giving water from a seep; a “hike” up toeholds on a sheer rock wall.

A former Chair of the Photography Committee and of the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club, Don is the editor or author of more than 20 books on the outdoors, its politics, and its historic preservation. These include *The Sierra Club Guides to the National Parks* (editor of 5 volumes); *The Sierra Club Book of Our National Parks* (co-author); *The Great American Desert* (author and photographer); and *National Parks of America* (author).

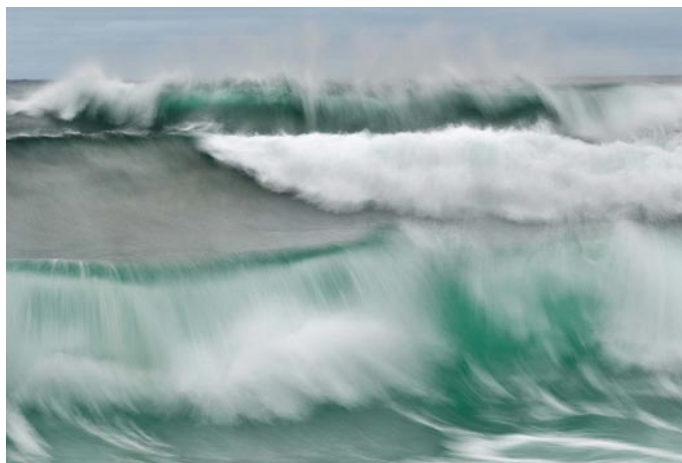
## April

Wednesday, April 27—6:30 PM  
Doors open at 6:00 PM

**Guest speaker:**  
**Stephen Patterson**

### ***The Symmetry of Nature: Its Order as Expressed Through Photography***

STEPHEN SCOTT PATTERSON BEGAN MAKING color photographs of the landscape after acquiring his first 35 mm camera in 1983. He is mainly self-taught with the exception of having spent time with master photographer Ernst Haas in 1985, who gave him tremendous encouragement; at this time he was carefully studying the work of painters as well as photographers, citing the



Waves © Stephen Scott Patterson

impressionists and abstract expressionists as key inspirations for his photography. Photographic quests have taken him to Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Galapagos Islands and Ecuador, The Canadian Rockies, Queen Charlotte Islands, and throughout his home province of Nova Scotia.

Stephen has presented his images for many prestigious photography organizations. He's assisted Freeman Patterson (no relation) and André Gallant in their workshops in New Brunswick. He teaches workshops around the world, his classes generate an atmosphere of enjoyment and enthusiasm; participants come away with a new perspective and enthusiasm for photography. Stephen's musical

background in classical guitar performance and composition has played an integral part in the development of his personal artistic expression. He is a regular contributor to *Photo Life Magazine* and his photography is featured in the books *Canada, The Wild Places* and *The Endangered Oceans*.

## Member Activities

### Robert Smith Exhibit —

*The GRAND* minute

**Dates:** April 5–23, 2011

**Where:** Viridian Artists,  
530 West 25 Street, #407, NY;

**Hours:** Tuesdays—Saturdays, 12:00–6:00 pm;

**Reception:** Thursday, April 7th,  
5:00–8:00 pm

**Jacqui Bonavito** has two photos in

*Humor & The Lighter Side of Life*;

Wed–Sat through March 31;

Belmar Arts Council, 608 River Road,  
Belmar, NJ 07719

[www.belmararts.org](http://www.belmararts.org)

**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/](http://www.tuesdayeveninghour.com/)

March 22: **Vlassios Pyrpyris**—

*Animals of Africa*

**Please send your Member Activities or field trip submissions by May 1, for the May/June 2011 issue (which will include activities from mid-May to mid-June) to Corinna Chifari at [cchifari@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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.)**

### Members of the Sierra Club Photography Committee Executive Board

**John Wazeter:** Chair, Sierra Club Liaison &  
Program Coordinator

**Trudy Fritschi:** Membership Coordinator

**Joan Lappin:** Membership Coordinator

**Del Owens:** Program Coordinator

**Sid Georgiou:** Recorder & Membership Coordinator

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## Spring 2011 Outings

**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2011

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

**Photograph:** Waterfalls. Hopefully with  
snow and ice!

**Hike:** Short but possibly slippery trails and  
stones. Blizzard cancels.

**Additional information:** Plan for full day  
of cold weather. Wear hiking boots, layered  
clothing. wool hats, gloves, 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.

**Date:** Saturday, April 16, 2011

**Location:** Branch Brook Park, Newark, NJ

**Subject:** Cherry Blossoms, Forsythia,  
hundreds of trees blooming pink and  
white in a park designed by Frederick  
Olmsted. Perhaps late pre-sunset light.

**Walk:** Easy walkways in 1 mile area,  
slight hills.

**NYC start:** Possibly two shooting shifts.  
Morning and/or afternoon shoot to sunset.  
Starting times and diner details to be  
worked out.

**Additional information:** Bring, water, rain  
gear, walking shoes

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

**Car pool drivers greatly appreciated**

**Date:** Saturday, April 30, 2011

**Location:** New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx, NY. **Meet at Garden at 10 am,**  
Metro North Train to the Botanical Gardens.

**Subject:** Spring blossoms: tulips,  
magnolias, dogwoods, and more.

**Additional information:** Dinner  
afterwards at Emilia's Restaurant on Arthur  
Avenue, Bronx.

**NYC return:** 9:30 or 10 pm.

**Car pool drivers greatly appreciated.**

**Leader:** John Wazeter, Cell: 914-522-5365  
or [jwazeter@optonline.net](mailto:jwazeter@optonline.net)

### 2011 Meeting Dates and Speakers

May 25, 2011 Joseph Rossbach

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 Members' Night

## From the Chair

First of all, many thanks to Thelma Fellows for her service as Chair these past four years. Thelma's exemplary administrative and managerial skills have proven to be very positive for the Photo Committee. Under her able leadership, we've enjoyed several successful exhibits including the blockbuster "Inspired by Nature," the organization of forward looking activities with the larger NYC Sierra Club, the tightening of our administrative links with St. Paul's, among other accomplishments. With her, we have grown and prospered.

Bob Smith has completed his term as a Board member and we thank him for his ideas, his advice, and his service as Financial Officer. Because of their knowledge and experience, I would like to ask both Thelma and Bob to serve as Off-Board Resource Persons for special projects that will surface in the future. While we salute Thelma and Bob, we welcome our two new Board Members, Trudy Fritschi and Joan Lappin.

Hats off to our three "local" photographers: Corinna Chifari, Louise Luger, and Lee Backer who presented their beautiful work to us on February 26th. Louise's instructive and beautifully illustrated lecture on composition and creativity, Corinna's delicate soft focus flowers, and Lee's magnificent landscapes are etched in our minds. Our thanks to Del Owens for organizing this showcase. A special thanks to Charles Dexter for replacing a snowbound Joe Rossbach on January 26th. Charles' great show was a pinch-hit home run...in the middle of winter!! Joe Rossbach will be with us on May 25th.

Hopefully by now we will have started to receive some submissions to our title search for the next Calumet exhibit. Please submit your titles to [Sierraentry@live.com](mailto:Sierraentry@live.com).

Finally, March 27 marks the first meeting of the NYC Sierra Club's Social Media Committee, an initiative organized by Gary Nickerson, the editor of the City Sierran. We need to coordinate publicity for our programs more closely with the City group, a collaboration which might give us eventual access to a Website (Gasp!)

Please don't hesitate to share your ideas and suggestions with me and the other members of the Board.

—John Wazeter, *Chair*