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Meetings

NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION

November

Wednesday, November 28, 2012—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Robert Rodriguez Jr

Beauty Within: A Journey of Landscape Photography



Grotto Falls, Smoky Mountains © Robert Rodriguez Jr

Photography is the language of light, color, shape, texture, and emotion. Your ability to learn and use this language effectively is the basis of creating expressive and dramatic images. There are no secrets in photography, only practice, dedication, and an open mind to the beauty and magic that nature offers us every day. Each of us has a unique and personal vision to express, and I believe this is the key to help you develop and improve your photography.

In this presentation, I'll discuss how these ideas form the basis of my photography, and how I use the modern tools available today to create what is most important, a meaningful image. I'll discuss not only the how's of landscape photography, but more importantly

the why's that can help you begin to "make" meaningful images instead of just hoping for good results.

Robert Rodriguez Jr., a resident of the Hudson Valley region since 1997, is a landscape photographer focused on conveying the deep, spiritual beauty he sees and feels in nature. Robert's photography has been published in numerous publications including the *New York Times*, and is used by many non-profit organizations including Scenic Hudson, and the Mohonk Preserve. Robert is also a Canson Infinity ambassador.

He conducts photography workshops in the Hudson Valley and other national parks throughout North America, and also teaches at his studio in Beacon, NY.

Website: www.robertrodriguezjr.com

The Metropolitan Opera Guild Learning Center • 70 Lincoln Center Plaza
6th floor, Samuel B. and David Rose Building at Lincoln Center
West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam • New York, NY 10023

Suggested donation \$6.00 • Optional dinner after each meeting.
The restaurant will be announced at the meeting.

December

Wednesday, December 12, 2012—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Members' Night



From "Mountain Rhapsody" by Del Owens

Come join us for spirits, refreshments and photography as we celebrate the holidays with our fellow members of the Sierra Club New York City Group. Festivities will include our Members' Night show (bring up to 5 images), a raffle of Sierra Club items, Del Owens' *Mountain Rhapsody* slide show set to music—and a silent auction of five of his framed prints from the 2011 Calumet exhibit.

Members' night: Members may show up to 5 images in either digital or slide format. Please arrive by 6:15 pm to load your digital images (memory stick or disc) into the computer or your slides into the tray.

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

For more details on silent auction, see page 2

Member Activities

Tuesday Evening Hour presentations by Sierra Club Photo Committee Members: 49 Fulton Street, NY, NY.

Presentations begin 6:00 PM in the dining room. Website:

www.tuesdayeveninghour.com/

November 13: **Charles Dexter**—*Colorado, From Tree Line to Skyline*

November 27: **Thelma Fellows**—*Granada, the Loveliest City of Spain*

December 11: **Sid Georgiou**—*National Parks, Denali in Alaska & Big Bend in Texas*

Please send your Member Activities or field trip submissions by January 1, 2013, for the Jan/Feb 2013 issue, which will include activities from mid-January to mid-March, 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.

2013 Meeting Dates and Speakers

January 30, 2013 TBD

February 27, 2013 TBD

(Additional dates to be announced)

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 and receive a color PDF of the newsletter via e-mail.

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Silent Auction of framed photos by Del Owens at December 12 meeting

A silent auction of five photographic prints by Del Owens will conclude our Holiday meeting. The prints were part of our Calumet *Moments in Nature* show in 2011. Each photo was framed and matted for the exhibit. The mats are not signed. Del sent his slides to The Slideprinter in Denver, CO. They mounted his prints on foam core board. His hand written labels can be found on the back of some of them.

Members can write their bids on tablets in front of each print before the beginning of the meeting and during a break. The highest bidders will be announced at the end of the meeting. Cash or check will be accepted for payment. If the starting price is not met, the print will not be sold. High bidders can make arrangements with Charles Dexter to pick up their print(s) or bring a protective carrying case.

The proceeds will go to the NYC Sierra Club Photography Committee.

Framed photos by Del Owens for auction are reproduced below. The photos to be auctioned, along with their titles, frame sizes and starting prices are:



Gold Poppies
Picacho Peak State Park, AZ
24" x 28" Frame with Mat
Starting Price: \$60



Rainbow
Western Utah
20" x 16" Frame with Mat
Starting Price: \$50



Aspen Grove
San Miguel River, CO
14" x 16" Frame with Mat
Starting Price: \$40



Winter Tree
Yellowstone National Park, WY
20" x 16" Frame with Mat
Starting Price: \$50



Elk
Yellowstone National Park, WY
20" x 16" Frame with Mat
Starting Price: \$50

From the Chair

We hope everyone weathered Hurricane Sandy as well as possible. For those who were seriously impacted, we wish you all the best and our thoughts are with you.

At long last, NYCSCPC has a new website: **Sierraphotonyc.com**

We want to thank Jacqui Bonavito for her countless hours of work, during the past few months, building and creating a new interactive website for us. She did all this in addition to her graphic design work on the layout of this newsletter every month.

We also want to thank Thelma Fellows and Sierra Club NYC Group members for all of their help and contribution to our upcoming joint Holiday and Members' Night Celebration this December 12. Not only are they contributing fine spirits and refreshments to the event, they also will provide official Sierra Club accessories and calendars to be raffled.

We hope you have a very joyous holiday season! —Charles Dexter, *Chair*