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Meetings

NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION

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.

March

Note this is a THURSDAY meeting at 7:30 PM
Thursday, March 21, 2013—7:30 PM
Doors open at 7:00 PM



Bagan, Myanmar © Jon Ortner

Jon Ortner

A Photographic Pilgrimage into the Spiritual Heart of Asia

Award-winning photographer, author, adventurer, native New Yorker, Jon Ortner will give a personal presentation about his journeys to the majestic landscapes of the Himalaya and the mystical, spiritual centers of Asia. Jon's choice of a career as a photographer was inspired by his first journey to the Himalayas when he was 20. He has trekked thousands of miles, many remote and dangerous, across some of the most extreme terrain on earth, to the farthest corners of the Himalayas, India and Southeast Asia.

Jon has contributed stories to *GEO*, *Travel & Leisure*, *National Geographic*, *Natural History*, *Outdoor Photographer* and *Architectural Digest* among others.

He has recently presented at The Rubin Museum of Art, The Explorers Club, the National Parks, the Sierra Club, Audubon Society and other venues.

Jon has now turned his focus on the canyons and deserts of the American Southwest. Signed books will be available.

Find out more about this photographer on his website:

<http://www.ortnerphoto.com>.

April

Wednesday, April 24, 2013—6:30 PM
Doors open at 6:00 PM

Carl Heilman II

Determining Creativity

Every photo a person takes is created using the basic principles behind the aperture and shutter for working with depth of field, motion, and exposure.

Carl simplifies the techniques behind

these principles and applies them to working with more advanced shooting techniques and some fun creative effects. Carl will also show his video, *The Wild Adirondacks*.

Carl brings over 30 years of photo experience and enthusiasm for many different aspects of photography to each presentation. He has been working with Photoshop since 1997 and a digital SLR since 2007—and thoroughly enjoys the additional freedom afforded by digital photography. He has led photo workshops since the early 1990s and has been presenting photography workshops in Brant Lake, NY, since 1997. He has also done workshops for the Adirondack Photography Institute, NANPA, the Adirondack Mountain Club, the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts and the Lake George Association. He has published more than a dozen books and DVDs on the Adirondacks, New York state and Maine. His photography has been used by publications and businesses around the world. Carl's videos have aired on regional PBS stations and he was interviewed for the national PBS special, *The Adirondacks*.

For information about his dozen published books, calendars, DVDs, posters, and workshops please visit his website,

<http://www.carlheilman.com/>.



© Carl Heilman II

Spring 2013 Outings

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2013

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

Photograph: Waterfalls (hopefully with snow and ice!)

Hike: Short, but possibly slippery trails & stones.

Additional information: plan for full day of cold weather; wear hiking boots, layered clothing, wool hat, gloves, rain gear. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Dinner in diner afterwards. Blizzard postpones or cancels

NYC Start: 9:30 am **NYC return:** 10:00 pm

Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 pm; Car pool drivers greatly appreciated

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

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: 12 noon, lunch in park, afternoon shoot to sunset at 7:30 pm
Dinner details in area to be determined.

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 27, 2013

(Rain Date: Sunday, April 28, 2013—Charles will lead Sunday if it rains Saturday.)

Location: New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY

Meet at Garden at 10 am, Metro North Train to "Botanical Garden."

Subject: Spring blossoms: tulips, magnolias, dogwoods and more; orchid show still on.

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

NYC return: 9:30 or 10:00 pm; Car pool drivers greatly appreciated

Leaders: John Wazeter, Cell: 914-522-5365 or jwazeter@optonline.net.

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2013

Location: High Line Park in Chelsea, NYC

Subject: Nature above the city, wild flowers and grass, beginning of Spring, old rail tracks, architecture, NYC skyline, art and people

Walk: Up to 20 blocks or more, north to south, West 30th Street to Gansevoort Street

NYC Start: Join the hike and depart it as

you like at different park entrances.

More details and meet times for different park entrances to be announced at March Meeting. Shoot until dusk at 8:25 pm.

Dinner in the area.

Download Map:

<http://www.thehighline.org/about/maps>

Additional information: Bring snacks, water, rain gear, walking shoes; Handheld cameras may be easier to work with.

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

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2013

Location: Minnewaska State Park, NY;

Various locations in the area to be scouted for best shooting

Subject: Beginning of Spring, trees and rock formations, waterfalls and perhaps a lake

Walk: Short walks at two or three locations

Additional information: Bring, lunch, water, rain gear, hiking boots; Dinner in the area

NYC Start: 8:30 am **NYC return:** 10:30 pm

Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 pm. Car pool drivers greatly appreciated.

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/

March 19: **Ruth Formanek**—*Tunnel Rock & National Park*

March 26: **Linda Calvet**—*Kansas City in Missouri & Kansas*

April 2: **Harvey Kopel**—*Costa Rica*

April 9: **Vlassios Pырpyris**—*South America: Chile, Uruguay & Bolivia*

April 16: **Louise Luger**—*Winter Blossoms into Spring*

April 30: **Miriam Balmuth**—*Special Country: Mustangs in Northern Nepal*

Please send your Member's Activities or field trip submissions by May 1, 2013, for the May/June 2013 issue, which will include activities from mid-May to mid-September, 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.

From the Chair

Spring is coming and I hope all of our members can get out to and photograph nature's reawakening in our parks and wildernesses. To help make that possible, we have scheduled outings to the waterfalls of the Delaware Water Gap Region, the cherry blossoms of Branch Brook park in New Jersey, the wild grasses and flowers in New York City's Highline Park, the spring blooms of the New York Botanical Garden and the budding green trees on the cliffs in the Shawangunk Mountains.

Many different visions of nature will be explored in *Moments Inspired by Nature*, an exhibit of work by our Photography Committee members. The show will exhibit work personally selected by the photographers who participated in one or both of our two Calumet shows. It will be on display at the Manhattan Borough President's Office from April 1–19, located at 1 Center Street, 19th Floor. ID needed to get into the building. We will have an artists' reception with wine and refreshments, Thursday evening, April 4 from 5:30–8:00 pm.

Those who would like to help with hanging the show and preparing for the reception are encouraged to contact me at cdexter337@aol.com. We hope to see you there. —Charles Dexter, *Chair*

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