

# SIERRA PHOTO | NYC

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## Meetings

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

Wednesday, March 26, 2014—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

#### Charles Dexter

*Scenes and Vistas from the American East and West*

There is a distinct difference between the rocks, streams, soil, flowers, skies and even the very light found in both the eastern Atlantic wilderness regions and those found in western Colorado.

When photographs of these disparate regions are compared, these elements seem like they belong in different worlds. Charles Dexter's presentation will contrast colors, textures, shapes and spaces existing in America's East and West! Charles is inspired by the photographic traditions of the Sierra Club and his art history classes. He is self-trained as a photographer. His weekends are spent searching for new vistas, waterfalls and special places from the Catskills to the Delaware Water Gap. Charles is also passionate about photographing in Colorado. He leads NYC Sierra Club Photo Committee photo outings to many of the places he loves and exhibits in all the Photo Committee group shows. His two solo photography shows include *Natural Abstracts* at Berkeley College in NYC and *Natural Visions: From the Hudson Valley to the American West*, at the Greenbrook Sanctuary in NJ, where he has conducted photo outings and workshops. You can see more of his photography at: [www.CharlesDexterPhotography.com](http://www.CharlesDexterPhotography.com).



Greenbrook Pond, New Jersey © Charles Dexter



La Plata Peak, Colorado © Charles Dexter

### April

Wednesday, April 30, 2014—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

#### Dwight Hiscano

*Less Is More: A Simplistic Approach to Composition*

For this presentation I will discuss the principles of minimalism and symmetry, and how to apply them to landscape and wilderness photography. Using examples from my portfolio and several works from well-known artists and art movements, I will explain



First Light Cedar Mesa © Dwight Hiscano

what inspires me and describe my attempts to reflect the balance and perfection of the natural landscape—a subject that is all too often regarded as chaotic. I will also discuss my efforts to create successful images without the aid of filters or digital enhancement.

Widely published and highly collected, Dwight Hiscano has been photographing the natural landscape for over 30 years. His colorful, highly detailed, limited edition prints are held in numerous collections both here and abroad and his landscape images have been on display at the Smithsonian and the National Geographic sponsored International Mountain Summit. His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Nature's Best*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *Photographic Magazine*, and *Nature Conservancy Magazine*, and has been featured prominently in books, posters, calendars and annual reports both here and abroad. Dwight has led workshops and presentations throughout the New York area, and was the keynote speaker at the Garden Club of America's Eastern Horticultural Conference. An avid outdoorsman, he is a former trustee for the Nature Conservancy in New Jersey, and currently serves on the board of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. He recently opened the Dwight Hiscano Gallery in Morristown, NJ. See his website for more information: [www.dwighthiscano.com](http://www.dwighthiscano.com).

## Member Activities

March 5–29: **Lee Backer**—The Soho Photo Gallery will be exhibiting his show, *Natural Abstractions*, taken in Death Valley and the White Mountains of California. The exhibit runs from. There will be an opening reception on Tuesday, March 4, 6:00–8:00 pm. Soho Photo is located at 15 White Street in TriBeCa. For more information, visit [www.sohophoto.com](http://www.sohophoto.com).

April 8–26: **Bob Smith**—Viridian Gallery, 548 West 28 Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, NYC; Gallery hours: Tuesday–Saturday, Noon to 6:00 pm, Reception: Thursday, April 10, 6:00–8:00 pm; Exhibition entitled: *Not to Be Missed*—up close, undisturbed, natural landscapes you didn't see

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

April 15: **Linda Calvet**—*Cultures of Colorado and New Mexico*

April 29: **Louise Luger**—*Spring Blossoms Into Summer*

Please send your Member's Activities or field trip submissions by May 1, 2014, for the May/June 2014 issue, which will include activities from mid-May to mid-September 2014, 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

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## Spring 2014 Outings

**Date:** Saturday, March 15, 2014

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

**Photograph:** Waterfalls (hopefully with snow & 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 hat, gloves, and rain gear. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Dinner in diner afterwards. Blizzard postpones or cancels.

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

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

**Date:** Saturday, April 5 or April 12, 2014 (Date TBD)

**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 twilight/sunset light.

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

**NYC start:** 12 noon, lunch in park, afternoon shoot to sunset.

Dinner details in area to be determined.

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

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**Date:** Saturday, April 26, 2014

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

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

John Wazeter, Cell: 914-522-5365 or e-mail, [jwazeter@mna.com](mailto:jwazeter@mna.com).

**Date:** Saturday, May 17, 2014

**Location:** Audubon Society's Constitution Island Marsh Sanctuary on the east side of the Hudson River, in Garrison, NY.

**Photograph:** Boardwalk access to swamps, marshes, wild grasses, birds, distant views of Storm King Mountain & Breakneck Ridge. Also a visit to nearby Indian Brook Waterfall.

**Additional information:** Plan for a half-day or full-day outing, bring hiking boots, rain jacket for spring weather, sunblock, bug spray, lunch, and drinks. Restaurants in Cold Spring or Garrison

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## A Note from the Chair

Over the years there have been a number of requests by individuals and organizations to gain access to the NYC Sierra Club Photography Committee E-mail list to promote non-photography committee events or activities. The Photography Committee Board believes that our list should not be shared with anyone outside of the board without permission. E-mails from Sierraphotonyc should only be used to inform our members of Sierra Club Photography Committee events.

The board has adopted the following policy regarding use of the Sierra NYC Photo e-mail list: *The e-mail list should be used to send announcements and information regarding the activities and events of the Sierra Club NYC Photo Committee. The e-mail list should not be used to promote individual projects. Any extraordinary use of the e-mail list must be approved by the board.* The board also adopted an equivalent policy for its Twitter.com account, **@sierraphotonyc**.

About our Twitter account: We started it to provide our members with yet another way to be notified of upcoming events and activities. Members with mobile smartphones, desktop computers or laptops connected to the Internet, can sign up for Twitter, find us and follow us **@sierraphotonyc**, and get Tweets from us the moment we send them. They can also re-Tweet our Tweets to share our events with friends who are not members. Our account will only be used to send out our news items. It will not receive Tweets or be a place for "digital chatting." So far, we have a "grand" total of eight followers. We would love to welcome more! Click this link in the PDF newsletter to see what our Tweets look like! **@sierraphotonyc**. If you would like to learn more about what Twitter is and how it works, **click here**.

Spring is coming and I hope all of our members can get out 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 spring blooms of the New York Botanical Garden and the first blush of Spring in the wild marshes on Constitution Island on the Hudson River below the Hudson Highlands, near Garrison, NY. —Charles Dexter, *Chair*