

# SIERRA PHOTO | NYC

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## Meetings

### May

Wednesday, May 28, 2014—6:30 PM  
Doors open at 6:00 PM

*Please note that Members' Night has been moved up to the May meeting instead of June.*

### Members' Night

Snacks and beverages will be available before the meeting. Members may present 6–8 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.

To prepare your slides, hold them as they are to be viewed. Place a dot in the lower left corner. When you put the slide in the slide tray, the dot should be visible in the upper right corner.

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



### 2014 Meeting Dates and Speakers

September 17, 2014                      TBD

October 29, 2014                        TBD

(Additional dates to be announced)

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.

### June

Wednesday, June 25, 2014—6:30 PM  
Doors open at 6:00 PM

### Cristina Mittermeier

*How to Shoot Your Passion: Techniques and Ideas for Social, Environmental and Cause-Related Photography*

Photographer and conservationist Cristina Mittermeier uses her camera as a passport to document the complex issues where conservation of wild nature and human needs intersect. Her subjects range from indigenous people of the Amazon to climate change and ocean conservation. Cristina uses her passion for photography to influence the fate of our planet's natural resources and is now a Sony Artisan of Imagery, one of only seven photographers representing Sony's new cameras.

Among many other awards and recognitions she has been named 2010 *Nature's Best Conservation Photographer of the Year* and is the recipient of the 2010 North American Nature Photographers Association Mission Award. *Outdoor Photographer* magazine selected her as one of the 40 most influential nature photographers of our generation for her contributions to the creation of the discipline known as conservation photography.

She has edited 20 coffee table books on conservation for CEMEX and this year she will author her first book with *National Geographic*, *Sublime Nature: Photographs that Awe and Inspire*. For more details go to her website: <http://www.cristinamittermeier.com>.



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## Member Activities

May 12: **Tom Wismuller**—*The Rise of Albedo as a Major Driver of Climate* (Sierra Club). Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Boulevard, Douglaston or Little Neck (for GPS), NY 11362. Doors open at 6:30, presentation begins at 7:00 pm. Donation: \$3.00 for Sierra Club members; non-members: \$5.00.  
<http://www.alleypond.com/index.html>

**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/)

May 27: **Chuck & Helen Pine** *South African Adventure: Images from South Africa, Zambia and Botswana*. This is also the year-end fund-raising dinner for the Tuesday Evening Hour. Reservations must be made with Marjorie Grimm before May 25; you will then receive the time and place for dinner. Marjorie can be contacted at (212) 964-3936.

Please send your Members Activities or field trip submissions by September 1, 2014, for the September/October 2014 issue, which will include activities from mid-September to mid-November 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/Summer 2014 Outings

**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:** Shoot until the late light in the day; bring hiking boots, rain jacket for spring weather; sunblock; bug spray, lunch and drinks. Dinner afterwards in restaurant in Cold Spring

**NYC start:** 11:00 am

**NYC return:** 10:00 pm

Drivers with cars appreciated for carpooling

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

**Date:** Saturday, June 7, 2014—Harriman and Bear Mountain State Parks, NY

**Location #1:** Lake Sebago at ADK Camp Nawakwa in Harriman; a shared photo outing with ADK

**Location #2:** Perkins Tower at top of Bear Mountain

**Photograph:** Summer mountain laurel blooms by lakes, in the woods, on rocky ledges & with vista landscapes; late-day light on Bear Mountain

**Hike:** Short moderate hikes; some stony trails

**Additional information:** ADK requests a \$10 fee per person for use of their camp. Plan for full day with changeable weather; bring hiking boots, rain jacket, sunblock; bug spray; lunch and water

**NYC Start:** 11:00 am

**NYC Return:** 10:00 to 10:30 pm

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**Date:** Saturday, June 14, 2014—North Central NJ, summer marshes & birds

**Location #1:** Visit Dwight Hiscano Gallery, Morristown, NJ

**Location #2:** The Raptor Trust, Millington NJ—<http://theraptortrust.org/>; visit rescued hawks and owls to be rehabilitated for release

**Location #3:** Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, north central NJ

**Photograph:** Boardwalk access to swamps, marshes, wild grasses, birds & ponds in late day light

**Additional information:** Plan for full day with changeable weather; bring hiking boots; rain jacket; sunblock; bug spray, lunch & water.

**NYC Start:** 11:00 am, shoot until late, Restaurant dinner afterwards.

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## From the Chair

The NYCSC Photography Committee is looking for a volunteer with an interest in social media and the internet to help us maintain a consistent presence on Facebook and Twitter on a regular basis. This would require a lot of e-mail interaction with our members and others who are interested in our group. Content direction would come from the Sierra Photo Board. Your input would be valued. If you would like to help us, please contact me at [cdexter337@aol.com](mailto:cdexter337@aol.com).

Spring has just barely arrived even though summer will soon be upon us. I hope everyone has a chance to make good nature photographs. I look forward to seeing all of you and your latest new photographs on members' night. Please note that it is on May 28 this year. I imagine we will see a lot of winter photos this time. No matter. It is always a pleasure to see your best!

—Charles Dexter, *Chair*

# In Memory of Sid Georgiou

December 21, 1939–April 9, 2014

SID GEORGIU WAS A TREASURED MEMBER of both the New York City Sierra Club Photography Committee and the Park West Camera Club. He loved photography, and all the friends and connections he made at both groups. He contributed so much to all of us and enjoyed doing it. He was a member of the NYSCPC Board and volunteered his time and energy for many of our committees. He helped hang our Calumet shows, catered the refreshments at our members' nights and knew all the hidden corners and shelves at Trader Joe's.

Sid's parents were Nick Georgiou (of Cyprus) and Fanny Fishbone (of Ukraine). Though they were immigrants, their common language was English, the language Sid grew up with. Through his parents, he experienced both cuisines, and cooking became a big passion of Sid's. These were skills he would put to future use for both camera clubs. He grew up mainly in Port Washington, NY, a town he loved and where he made many of his early close friends. He graduated from Hofstra University and then earned his degree from Brooklyn Law School. He became a self-employed personal injury lawyer. He met his wife, Ellen, in the early 1970s during a July 4th weekend in the Hamptons, where he enjoyed cooking for large groups of friends. They were married in 1974. Their daughter Alesia was born in 1983. The family settled in Greenwich Village, a neighborhood that Sid loved, where he lived for the rest of his life. He was a familiar face at "neighborhood institutions" such as Porto Rico Coffee, Ottomanelli's and Zito's bakery. He was a proud native New Yorker.

He loved to travel to our nation's national parks. Among the national parks he visited were Arches, Big Bend and Denali. Besides photography, he was also a history buff, a political debater, an animal lover, and of course, a lover of cooking. They were his greatest passions in life. It was always a joy to hear him talk about what he loved. We all enjoyed his company. He leaves behind an extensive network of friends who knew and loved him. We will miss him.

Sidney Georgiou's family will hold a memorial for him in NYC on Saturday, June 28, 2014, from 2:30–5:30 pm, at the Westbeth Community Room, 55 Bethune Street, New York, NY 10014. To get to the center by subway take the #1 train to Christopher Street or the L train to Eighth Avenue.

In celebration of his life, his photographs will be displayed and friends are invited to share memories of him. It will be an informal event. Sid did not want any kind of religious service. You are welcome to share the memorial information with anyone who may wish to attend. If there are any stories in particular that you'd like to share, please e-mail them in advance of the memorial so that a program may be composed.

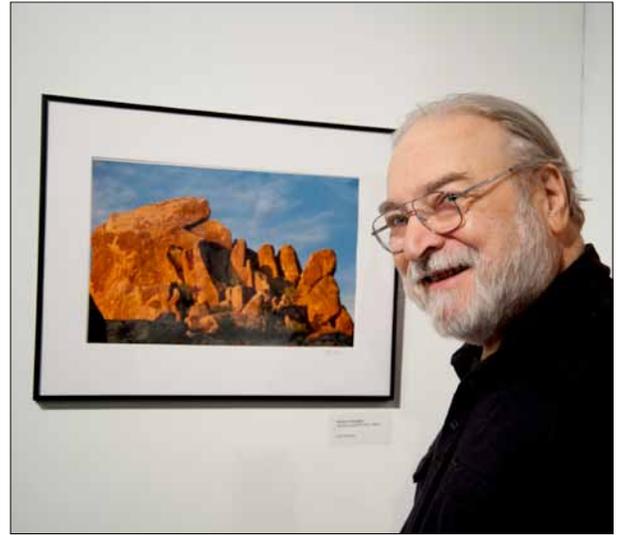
Contact: Alesia Georgiou, e-mail:  
**Alesia.Georgiou@gmail.com**;  
Cell phone: (212) 679-3456.

For those who wish to make a donation in Sid's name, please send contributions to the Second Chance Animal Shelter. Several of the family's beloved cats came from there, and it's a wonderful facility that Sid's family is glad to support.

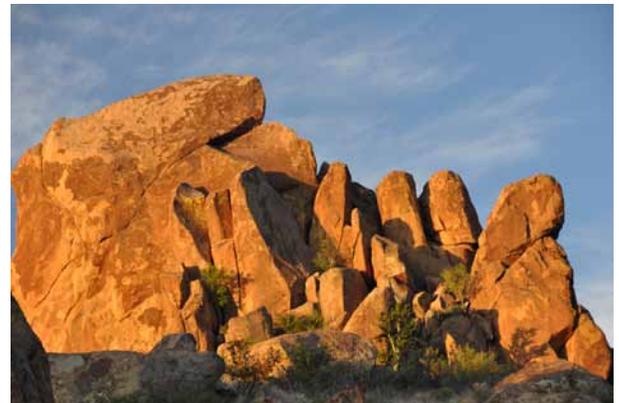
The shelter's website is: <http://www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org>. If you have any questions about donating, please contact the shelter directly at: (802) 375-2898.



Sid & daughter Alesia © Ellen Georgiou



Sid and his photograph at the 2011 Calumet exhibit © CorinnaChifari



Rocks in Sunlight Big Bend National Park, Texas © Sid Georgiou



Sid, 2010, Big Bend National Park, Texas © Bob Wine