

# 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 \$7.00 • Optional dinner after each meeting. (usually Old John's Luncheonette, 148 West 67 St., NY, NY 10023, between Broadway and Amsterdam)

## January

Wednesday, January 27, 2016—6:30 PM

### Jean Miele

#### *Creating the World We Want*

We all want peace. We want a world where the oceans are restored, the rain forests thrive, and the great forests and deserts remain unscathed. We all share the deep-seated longing for clean air and water, and for balance in the global ecosystem. As landscape and nature photographers, our work reflects this yearning—a desire to remember that this is the only planet we've got, and we're all in this together.



Untitled Landscape. Copyright © Jean Miele / www.jeanmiele.com

In this artist's talk, Jean "Gino" Miele will present photographs from Norway, Iceland, and all over the US. He'll also share his thoughts about how our job as photographers is to create the reality we want, and to help people see the stars again—metaphorically and actually.

To find out more about Gino's work, upcoming photography workshops in Death Valley and Palm Beach, and private lessons here in New York, please visit [www.jeanmiele.com](http://www.jeanmiele.com).

### *In Pursuit of Nature Exhibit*

Exhibit runs through Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Health Center, 645 Tenth Avenue, between 45th and 46th Streets.

## February

Wednesday, February 24, 2016—6:30 PM

### Chris Nicholson

#### *Photographing America's National Parks*

From sea to shining sea, the national parks preserve some of the country's most unique wilderness areas—a gift to nature photographers everywhere.

In this presentation, Chris Nicholson delves into what the park system offers to the photographer, and how to best research and prepare for a trip to explore the artistic opportunities within. Learn how to travel safely and photograph in the various environments found in the parks, including desert, alpine, forest and coastline. Many locations will be discussed, with special emphasis on Acadia, Death Valley, Everglades, Grand Teton, Great Smoky Mountains, Olympic, Shenandoah and Yellowstone. Discover where to find valuable information about iconic and secret photo locations, how to stay powered up in the outdoors, and ideas for supplementary gear that will make a photo project more productive and enjoyable.

Chris Nicholson has been a photographer for over 20 years, and is the author of *Photographing National Parks* (Sidelight Books, 2015).

To see more of his images, go to his website, [www.photographingnationalparks.com](http://www.photographingnationalparks.com).



Olympic National Park © Chris Nicholson

## From the Chairs

As we enter this New Year, we want to extend our wishes that it will be filled with health, happiness and a continuing desire to share your experiences through the lens. We look forward to your images and how you perceive what surrounds us, but with your personal eye. Many of you have adventured to various locations and we look forward to viewing these events.

Our speakers will continue to educate, inspire and introduce us to a world outside our own. We always welcome your input and ideas and hope you will continue to send them our way. We will work hard to live up to all your expectations in the approaching months ahead.

May you continue to explore, enjoy and protect the planet; and be sure to mark your calendar on February 9, to pick up your art at the Chelsea-Clinton Health Center.

Contact us by email: Eileen Duranko, [eileendura@mac.com](mailto:eileendura@mac.com) or Harvey Kopel, [harvey@kopel.us](mailto:harvey@kopel.us).

—Eileen Duranko, *Co-Chair*  
—Harvey Kopel, *Co-Chair*

## Member Activities

**Claudia Schellenberg** was selected as the 2015 Appalachian Mountain Club Photo Contest Grand Prize winner. The judges chose her image *Tree Line* as the best of this year's entries. The winning images will be included in the January/February 2016 issue of *AMC Outdoors*. Claudia will also have one image in the upcoming Women in the Arts Foundation show at the Riverside Public Library, 167 Amsterdam Avenue at 65th Street, New York, NY (near Lincoln Center). The show will run from January 5–30. Reception is Saturday, January 9, from 2:30–4:30 pm.

Please send your Member Activity submissions by March 1 for the March/April 2016 issue (which will include activities from mid-March to mid-May) 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.

## 2016 Meeting Dates and Speakers

March 30, 2016 Laurie Klein  
[www.laurieklein.com/](http://www.laurieklein.com/)

April 20, 2016 Ken Hubbard  
[www.kenhubbardphotography.com/](http://www.kenhubbardphotography.com/)

## Winter 2016 Outings

**Date:** Sunday, January 17, 2016

**Location:** Central Park, NYC

**Meet:** West 103 Street walk-in entrance

**Photograph:** Hopefully snowy woods, fields, an icy bog and a pond

**Hike:** Long stroll through the park; possibly slippery paths; blizzard could be great!

**Additional information:** Plan for long afternoon in cold weather and wind. Wear warm layers, boots, hat and gloves; bring lunch, snacks and water

**NYC start:** 11:00 am, shoot until dark, about 5:10 pm; Dinner somewhere in the area afterward

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

**Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2016

**Location:** Stony Brook in **Harriman State Park, NY**

**Photograph:** Winter landscape and macros, hopefully with snow and ice, maybe mud and rushing water in the stream.

**Hike:** Along Stony Brook, rocky, possibly slippery trails. Blizzard cancels.

**Additional information:** Plan for long day in cold weather and wind. Wear warm layers, boots, hat and gloves. Bring lunch, snacks, and water.

**NYC start:** 9:00 am shoot until dark, 5:20 pm approx. Dinner afterward

**NYC Return:** 9:30 pm

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

**Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2016

**Location:** **Planting Fields Arboretum**, Oyster Bay, Long Island

**Photograph:** Large colorful camellia blossoms and various greenhouse flowers. Close up lenses are helpful. Tripods may or may not be allowed in greenhouses. Rules uncertain at this time.

**Additional information:** Plan for both damp cool, and warm steamy greenhouse environments after coming inside from a cold day. Bring lunch, snacks and water

**NYC start:** 8:45 am long day shoot, dinner in Oyster Bay afterward

**NYC return:** 8:30 or 9:00 pm

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

**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2016

**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, rain gear. Bring lunch, snacks and water; Dinner in diner afterward; blizzard postpones or cancels.

**NYC Start:** 9:30 am

**NYC Return:** 10:00 pm

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

**Date:** Date to be determined by blooms—possibly, Saturday, April 2, April 9 or 16

**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:** 12:00 noon, lunch in park, afternoon shoot to sunset. Dinner in area diner to be determined

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

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

**Carpool drivers greatly appreciated**

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