



Photo by Ian Plant

Wednesday, January 27 - Kathy Adams Clark

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January 27 (7:00 pm) - via Zoom

Kathy Adams Clark - Butterfly Photography

Butterflies can be found almost everywhere! They live on high alpine tundras, low arid deserts, moist tropical jungles, and temperate backyard gardens. Butterflies shimmer with iridescent scales and blend into the leaf litter with muted brown tones. These lovely insects can be a challenge to photograph because they are constantly moving from place to place. Join Kathy Adams Clark to learn how to capture stunning photos of butterflies. Learn how to stalk butterflies, what's going on in the mind of a butterfly, how to anticipate behavior, and how to find butterflies. This educational session will also include equipment needed for butterfly photography such as macro lenses, extension tubes, close-up lenses, flashes, and focus stacking. Kathy will also illustrate how butterflies can be photographed with basic equipment and a camera with any lens.

Kathy Adams Clark has been a professional nature photographer since 1995. Kathy's photos have been published in hundreds of places including Family Fun,, Nature's Best, New York Times, Birder's World, and Ranger Rick. AAA Journey, Texas Parks & Wildlife and Texas Highways magazines have used Kathy's photos on their cover. Her photos have also appeared in numerous books and calendars including the Barnes & Noble Ireland Countryside Calendar, the cover of the Arbor Foundation Rainforest Calendar, and the Sierra Engagement Calendar. Kathy's photos of Houston, Texas were compiled into a calendar offered in Costco in 2016.

Her photos appear every week in the "Nature" column in the Houston Chronicle written by her husband, Gary Clark. Kathy and Gary have worked with national publishing houses to produce ten books that combine their photography and writing. Their latest books are *Book of Texas Birds* published by Texas A&M University Press and *Backroads of Texas* published by Voyageur Press.

Kathy's photography is featured in *Portrait of Houston* published in 2012 by Farcountry Press. *Photographing Big Bend National Park*, published in 2013 by Texas A&M Press, is written by Kathy and uses her photography throughout.

Kathy is Past-president of the North American Nature Photography Association. She teaches photography and is a popular speaker at local and national events. She leads photo tours through Strabo Tours to countries including Costa Rica, Brazil, Spain, Africa, Italy, Peru, Morocco, and Norway. Follow her at <https://kathyadamsclark.com>.

Zoom instructions will be provided with an email link; you may sign in from 6:30 pm.

Photo on following page: *Gulf Fritillary* by Kathy Adams Clark



February 24 (7:00 pm) - via Zoom Ian Plant - Visual Design Techniques for Stunning Photos

In this presentation, professional photographer Ian Plant will share some of his favorite photos from around the world, as well as some of his top composition techniques for making compelling photographs that get noticed. You'll gain a better understanding of visual design principles from this inspiring presentation.

Whether hanging over the rim of an active volcano, braving the elements to photograph critically-endangered species, or trekking deep into the wilderness to places most people will never see, renowned professional photographer Ian Plant travels the globe seeking out amazing places and subjects in his quest to capture the beauty of our world with his camera. Ian seeks out the hidden spaces in between the familiar, relying on long exposures, unique lighting conditions, non-traditional perspectives, and special natural events to show his subjects in a new light. Known for his inspiring images and dedication to creating the perfect photo, Ian has inspired hundreds of thousands of people around the world in his mission to inspire and educate others in the art of photography. Ian is a frequent contributor to many leading photo magazines, the author of numerous books and instructional videos, and CEO of Shuttermonkeys, a site dedicated to photography education and inspiration. You can see more of his work at <https://www.ianplant.com>.



Mystery Solved! Our last issue featured a photo of Branch Brook Park of unknown origin from a 2017 member outing. Nancy Langer identified the photo as one of hers.

The Sierra Club NYC Group is sponsoring its *Sustainability Series* via Zoom and makes recordings available on the web. See <http://nyc.sierraclub.org> for more details. Schedule (subject to change):

- February 10 NYC De-Carbonizing Transportation, Housing, Construction
- March 10 Pollinators, Pesticides, and Protections
- April 14 51st Earth Day - Global Assessments

The publication *The Guardian* has posted the winning photos from Britain's *Nature Photographer of the Year* contests. The overall winner of the *Nature Photographer of the Year*, Roberto Marchegiani portrays the movements of a giraffe in Nakuru National Park, Kenya. *The Wildlife Photographer of the Year*, Sergey Gorshkov, catches an Amur Tiger hugging a tree in Siberia's Land of the Leopard National Park.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2020/dec/24/nature-photographer-of-the-year-2020-the-winners>
<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2020/oct/14/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-2020-winners-in-pictures>

The California Academy of Sciences launched its 2021 "Big Picture" Competition, accepting entries through March 1. Take a look at the 2020 winners here:

<https://www.bigpicturecompetition.org/2020-winners>

The National Wildlife Federation's annual photography contest winners can be viewed here. The 2021 contest opens on January 15:

<https://www.nwf.org/Magazines/National-Wildlife/2021/Dec-Jan/PhotoZone/2020-Winners>

The Audubon Society's "Great Backyard Bird Count" 2020 Photo Contest winners can be viewed at <https://www.birdcount.org/learn/photos/> and the next count takes place from February 12-15.

The North American Nature Photography Association will be holding its annual summit in "virtual" mode, April 29-30, 2021: <http://www.naturephotographysummit.com>

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of long-standing member John Wazeter, on January 15. Over the many years John was a member, he chaired the group twice, arranged for speakers, and led numerous field trips to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. We extend our deepest condolences to John's wife, Miriam, his sister Maria Wazeter Robinson, and their extended family.



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