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**Wednesday, January 25 (via Zoom):
Sarah Hudson/Gotham Whale**

**Wednesday, February 22 (in person and via Zoom)
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Sarah Hudson / Gotham Whale

Gotham Whale is a New York City-based marine mammal research, education, and advocacy organization. Showcasing breathtaking photos from the Gotham Whale WANTED project, Sarah Hudson explains how the group uses photography for Humpback whale research and how you can help through Citizen Science!

Sarah Ryan Hudson, Esq. serves as Gotham Whale's Director of Advocacy focusing on issues including ship strikes, entanglement, and plastic pollution.

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Empire State/Jerry - Artie Raslich Photography

Esteban Toro/Making the Impossible Possible

Esteban Toro seeks to inspire the community of photographers to dream big, pre-plan, plan and re-plan before, during and after a photo-trip to achieve outstanding images. We will discuss technique, composition and post-processing, but overall, storytelling to improve our photographs when on the road.

Esteban Toro is a travel photographer and film director based in New York City. Using a camera as an excuse, he has travelled to more than fifty countries with a passion to capture his experience of the world. He is a Sony Ambassador and BenQ Global Ambassador, and a Professor at the School of Visual Arts (NYC). He has led creative workshops, photography/videography expeditions and is a popular professional speaker. He's a contributing photographer for Adobe Lightroom, B&H Photo/Video and Medecins Sans Frontieres and in 2021 he was a National Winner in the Sony World Photography Awards.

When Esteban is not out documenting a remote country, he's working in the studio, researching new places to visit and choosing his next adventure. His career as an educator and photography curator has turned him into a restless person, always curious and looking for new references to share with his students. This passion turned him into an international World Press Photo Global Talent nominator. His work has been exhibited digitally and in print around the globe, as well as in collective and individual exhibitions, making him a well-known reference in his field. He is represented worldwide by YellowKorner Gallery.

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Member Outings

Leader: Charles Dexter, 917-593-8381, call before 10:30 pm.

Outings are “meetup only”, accessible by public transit. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather (layers are best) and bring snacks and water.

January 26, Thursday (Meet 1:00 pm)

Dumbo, Brooklyn

Explore waterfront and neighborhood under the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges. Photograph river views, green parks and Manhattan skyline. Shoot from 1:30PM until dusk (about 5:00 pm). Dinner in the neighborhood afterwards.

Meet 1:00 pm at Wall Street Ferry, Pier 11 on the East River at South Street and Gouverneur Lane, near Wall Street. ([Google Map Link](#)). We will take the 1:24 pm ferry to Dumbo/Fulton Ferry. Allow time to purchase tickets at the Pier 11 vending machine (\$4 each way).

NYC Subway: 2, 3 train to Wall Street at William Street. or 4, 5 train to Wall street at Broadway. Walk south-east on Wall Street to the East River, turn right, go one block.

Ferry information: [South Brooklyn Ferry Route & Schedule | NYC Ferry Service](#)

February 9, Thursday (Meet 12:15 pm)

Liberty State Park, NJ

Hudson River and harbor, NYC skyline and Statue of Liberty views, green park and marsh. Shoot from 1:00 pm until dusk (about 5:10 pm). Return to Manhattan via 6:30 pm ferry. Dinner in lower Manhattan afterwards.

Meet 12:15 pm at Brookfield Place ferry terminal on the Hudson River at Vesey Street ([Google Map Link](#)). Look for the yellow boats of City Ferry (not NY Waterway). We will take the 12:45 pm departure to Warren street at Liberty Landing. Purchase ticket on board ferry (cash or debit/credit accepted, \$14 round trip).

NYC Subway: 1, A, C to Chambers Street, 2, 3 to Park Place, E to Chambers Street. Walk west toward Hudson River on Vesey Street.

Ferry information: [Ferry from New Jersey to New York | NY to NJ Ferries | Liberty Landing Ferry](#)

February 23, Thursday (Meet 1:00 pm)

Roosevelt Island, NY and FDR Four Freedoms Park

Explore the southern half of Roosevelt Island, including the new Cornell Tech campus. Photograph city skyline, 59th Street bridge and river views. Shoot until sunset (about 5:40 pm). Dinner on the island afterwards.

Meet 1:00 pm outside the F train subway station (Roosevelt Island stop).

[Roosevelt Island \(Wikipedia\)](#)

FDR Four Freedoms Park Conservancy: <https://www.fdrfourfreedomspark.org>

Member News

Lee Backer is exhibiting a series of photographs inspired by the hanging scrolls of Chinese and Japanese artists from past centuries. He intends to create scrolls that convey a quiet beauty, such as might be found in the tokonoma (alcove) of a Japanese home. Twelve hanging scrolls will be on display. The exhibit takes place until Sunday, February 5 at the Soho Photo Gallery, 15 White Street, New York, NY. Hours are 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. Lee plans to be at the Gallery on February 2. <https://sohophoto.com>.

Several members who are part of PWP (Professional Women Photographers) are exhibiting at a juried exhibition at the El Barrio Artspace (PS109), 215 E. 99th Street, New York, NY from Sunday, February 12 until Wednesday, March 1. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. <http://pwponline.org>.

The National Sierra Club has published its inaugural [Annual Report](#).

Thank you to our members who made financial gifts to help with our expenses over this past year. Anyone who still wishes to do so can send a check (made out to Sierra Club, Inc.) to:

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