

On the Docket for the
General Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Katrin Eismann,
Photoshop Diva:
Adobe's Photoshop Lightroom

Katrin is one of our most admired presenters and we are lucky to have her back again. This time she will be showing Adobe's new Photoshop® Lightroom™.

Everyone who takes digital photographs takes many more than he/she did with film, and pros take a great many more. A wedding shoot can easily be several thousand images and a family occasion can be several hundred. Why not?...Electrons are free. Keep clicking—the next shot may be better. But here is the rub: how does one deal with so many images—some good, some bad, some great, and most improvable by some tweaking?

Photoshop Lightroom

Adobe changed image making with Photoshop. Now it has listened to digital photographers and designed a program to better handle all those clicks.

Katrin Eismann—the Photoshop Diva—will show us Adobe's new program Photoshop Lightroom. Both Photoshop and Lightroom are good tools, and she will explain how she uses them together to increase productivity and creativity. Not only is Lightroom great at organizing your images, but many photographers will use it for adjusting exposure, changing color balance, cropping, and printing. These adjustments are non-destructive; you still have your originals. With Lightroom you can work easily with camera RAW files.

Adobe describes Lightroom as “The professional photographer's essential toolbox, providing one easy application for managing, adjusting, and presenting large volumes of digital photographs so you can spend less time in front of the computer and more time behind the lens.”

Katrin Eismann Shares Expertise

For many years Kodak's slogan was “You push the button: we do the rest.” All of us can be image makers. Just get a Kodak Brownie, or a digital point and shoot, or an SLR, and click. There is an image, and often it is not bad.

But Katrin can help all of us become image improvers. Anyone who has seen her books or web site knows that she can do magic. But the real magic is when she shares her tricks with us. This is like getting lessons from Houdini! Often when the trick is explained, it is still amazing...but not that hard. Katrin turns a demo into a performance and it is always a treat.

Katrin Eismann is a distinguished artist, teacher, and author on the subjects of imaging, restoration, retouching, and the impact of emerging technologies upon creative professionals. She received her BFA degree in Photographic Illustration from the Rochester Institute of Technology and her MFA degree in Design from the School of Visual Arts. She is the author of *Photoshop Restoration & Retouching* and *Photoshop Masking & Compositing* and co-author of *Web Design Studio Secrets*, *Adobe Photoshop Studio Secrets*, and *Real World Digital Photography*. Katrin is the Chair of the Masters in Digital Photography Department at the School of Visual Arts in NYC. Her website is: <http://www.katrineismann.com>

Programmers tell me that computer files are just zeros and ones, but I know that some people can make magic with those digits. If you like photography, don't miss the Photoshop Diva.

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—William Ginsberg, Program Chair,
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General Meeting Info

- When:** Tuesday, April 24th, 2007
*NOTE: Not our usual day
Rescheduled from 04/19*
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street,
west of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open
6:30pm Q&A, Announcements
7:00pm Presentation
- Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @7th Ave
(check with MTA)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta

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NYPC Classes for April

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, or e-mail classes@nypceducation.org

Complete descriptions are on our website, www.nypceducation.org, where you can also register online. Unless otherwise specified, there is a registration fee of \$10 (waived for NYPC members). An advantage of NYPC computer training is flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. We'll try to tailor a class to your needs.

⇒ Buying (or Building) Your Next PC

In the past three years, A+ Certified Computer Technician Fred Kahn has built seven computers and purchased dozens for his friends, clients and his job. These range from \$500 PCs to \$5000 Power MACs. His particular expertise in choosing the right configuration of components for the particular job at hand will allow you to select the perfect machine for your present and future needs. He will explain how to determine what components will best suit your needs and where to get the best bargains. Pre-registration is an absolute must as space is very limited.

Sunday, April 8, 10:00am-2:30pm

Workshop, \$29

⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of the many camera options to take better photos.

- ▶ Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- ▶ Plan to bring your manual to class

2 Thursdays, April 12, 19, 1:30-4:30pm

Hands-on with your camera, \$59

⇒ Introduction To Programming with Microsoft Visual Basic.NET

Here's a chance to learn the basics of programming, using the latest technologies from Microsoft's Visual Basic 2005 Express, which Microsoft designed for the needs of new developers. It is a fully functional subset of Microsoft Visual Studio 2005. This course, designed for beginners, will use Jerry Lee Ford, Jr.'s book, *Microsoft Visual Basic 2005 Express Edition Programming for the Absolute Beginner*. It will be taught by Anna Gourdji, who teaches programming at the college level.

Prospective students must be experienced computer users and proficient at file management with the Windows XP operating system. Attendees will receive a fully functional copy of Visual Basic 2005 Express Edition, plus handouts with project assignments and additional material.

Each person is required to bring the textbook, a USB flash drive, a notebook, and folder to each class session.

Mondays, April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21; June 4, 11, 6:00-9:00pm

Hands-on course, 8 sessions, \$299

⇒ Getting Started with Open Office

Open Office is an office suite which is free for the downloading. The suite includes word processor, spreadsheet, presentation generator, and drawing application. Testers particularly like the integration among the suite's applications, such as being able to create new spreadsheet applications from within the word processor. It is able to import from and export to such file formats as .doc and .xls, and has a familiar interface. Available in both Windows and Linux versions, it is written in open code, with a community of contributors. It receives good reviews and is growing in popularity. Here's your chance to learn it! Mark Halegua, chair of the DeLUGE SIG, will give you the instruction you need to get a running start. Each class participant will receive a CD with Open Office and some resources. 2 Saturdays, April 21, 28, 1:00-4:00pm
Hands-on, \$79

⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! In each of the following courses we'll learn how to use search engines more effectively. Take one or more. Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search. Price per hands-on session, \$35 for 1; \$30 for 1-3. Take all 4 for \$99

⇒ More Effective Use of Search Engines

The emphasis will be on Google and its syntax and features, but we'll also look at alternate search sites and discuss when to use them. Sunday, April 15, 10:00am-1:00pm

⇒ Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching

Alternatives to Google: meta-search engines, clustering search engines, topic-specific searchers, and alternative ways to visualize results. Also: directories (and when to use them), RSS feeds, other ways to supplement search engines when you're seeking information. Sunday, April 15, 2:00-5:00pm

⇒ Finding Health/Medical Information Online

How to structure effective searches and separate valuable information from the questionable. We'll also look at some excellent sites. Sunday, April 22, 10:00am-1:00pm

⇒ Planning Your Trip Online

How to find travel bargains online. How to search for information to enhance your experience at your destination. Sunday, April 22, 2:00-5:00pm

Corel Painter Class coming to NYPC!

Learn how to create paintings from photos using Corel Painter! Karen Sperling, digital artist and a terrific teacher, will hold an Artistry Corel Painter Retreat at NYPC during the last week of April. Karen wrote the first Painter manual and has been imparting her knowledge to others ever since.

For information about this intensive, exciting course, go to <http://www.artistrymag.com>

Classes "on Demand" at NYPC

NYPC offers a wide variety of computer courses, but we don't always offer what you want *when* you want it.

We're trying an experiment. In addition to the classes listed here, we're going to offer "classes on demand."

If there's a course you'd like to take that you don't see listed, please let us know via phone at 212-643-7005, x2 or e-mail at classes@nypceducation.org.

If we can find at least three students to take the course, and a teacher, we'll offer it.

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Access	3 <i>Happy Passover</i>	4 Palm Pilot	5 Enterprise Windows Java Gen Mtg	6	7
8 <i>Happy Easter</i> Buy/Build Next PC	9 TechTips	10 Photoshop(D) Genealogy Excel Exchange	11 Alpha DB Visual Basic	12 DIG CAM CONTR (1, D) DeLUGE	13 Marketing Committee	14
15 SEARCH ENGINE USE BEYOND GOOGLE	16 VB.NET (1)	17 Photoshop(D) Investment Perl	18 Speech Recog	19 DIG CAM CONTR (2, D) NYPC Board	20 Photog/Dig Graph	21 OPEN OFFICE (1)
22 MEDICAL SEARCH TRAVEL SEARCH	23 <i>Corel PAINTER (D)</i> VB.NET (2) Adv Tech & Tech	24 NYPC General Meeting <i>Corel PAINTER (D)</i>	25 <i>COREL PAINTER (D)</i> Cell Phone/Wireless	26 <i>Corel PAINTER (D)</i> MetaStock	27 <i>COREL PAINTER (D)</i> Hardware	28 OPEN OFFICE (2)
29 <i>Trenton Computer Festival</i>	30 VB.NET (3)	May 1 Genealogy	2 Palm Pilot Visual Basic	3 Java Gen Mtg Enterprise Windows	4	5

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting
Bold = NYPC Class

Italic = Other Meetings
Black background = General Meeting

(D) = Daytime

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Check online calendar for updates and changes:
<http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>.

See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

Location Legend

MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor (Photo ID req)
 PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550

SIG Directory

The calendar shows events that were scheduled at press time. Find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>, and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will also send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative.

In addition, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's attendee list.

See Location Legend bottom of page 4.

AXS Access

Linda Ewen, LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com
Monday, April 2nd, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
Converting Access to SQL Server

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@gmail.com
Monday, April 23rd, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
General discussion of PC Technology

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
Wednesday, April 11th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

BEG Beginners

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
On hiatus

CSG C++/Java: See Java

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
Thursday, April 12th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
On hiatus

EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://www.nyewin.org>. Stephen Goodwin, srg@winnyc.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com
Thursday, April 5th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Michael Murphy: Windows Vista: Infrastructure Protection and Operational Efficiency

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, alfred.vachris@gmail.com
Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange

<http://www.nyexug.com/>. Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, webjif1967@aol.com
On hiatus

GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Multi-Media Family Histories! - Part 3

HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
Friday, April 27th, 6:30 PM
Hands-on hardware; specific topic TBA

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
On hiatus

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
Tuesday, April 17th, 6:15 PM
Location: MS
What Makes a Winning Stock: Numbers that Really Count

CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsigs.org>. Gary Russo, garyrusso@hotmail.com
Thursday, April 5th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

CSG C++/Java: Java Projects

Dario Laverde, dario@nycjava.net
Date TBA
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

ODK JAVA: ODK

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
Email Carlos for dates, locations

LNK LINUX

We're working to revive this important SIG. If interested, e-mail nypc@nypceducation.org

MKT Marketing

Murray Strelitz/Grace Lee, marketing@nypc.org
Friday, April 13th, 6:30 PM
E-mail Murray for information

MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr, bigaljr@attglobal.net
Thursday, April 26th, 7:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19th, 6:30 PM
Members are welcome to attend, but let us know by sending an e-mail to pres@nypc.org

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 24th, 6:00 PM
Location: PS41
Katrin Eismann: Adobe Lightroom

PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com
Wednesday, April 4th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Open questions, answers, discussion

PRL Perl Seminar NY

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/perlseminy>
James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net
Alex Gill, alexgill@nyc.rr.com
Tuesday, April 17th, 6:15 PM
Location: NYPC
Stevan Little: Moose: A complete modern object system for Perl 5

PHT Photography & Digital Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net; Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Friday, April 20, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
What's new in digital cameras

PHO Photoshop Daytime SIG

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
Tuesday, April 10th, 17th, 1:00 PM, preceded by lunch in TickTock at 11:45
Location: NYPC
4/10: Using Photoshop on Portraits & Headshots & John Milisenda on Street Photography
4/17: Video Training & Show Your Work

SIG Directory...

QBB QuickBooks

Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net
On hiatus

SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner,
76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred
Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
Wednesday, April 18th, 6:30 PM
Tools for Learning Dragon
NaturallySpeaking: talk2type.com and
"VoiceTeach"

STR Streaming Media Plus

On hiatus

PAS TechTips

Kathy Petrucci, kathypetrucci@hotmail.com;
Michael Ostrowe, mjoostrowe@earthlink.net
Monday, April 9th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

VPI Ventura

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com
Monday, April 16th, 7:00 PM
Location: TBA
More on Frames and Frame Tags

BAS Visual Basic

<http://www.nypcvb.org>; David Kulick,
dgkulick@hotmail.com
Wednesday, April 11th, 6:15 PM
Location: MS
Writing Browser Apps using WPF

WMM Web Design for the 21st Century

On hiatus

WFI Cell Phones/Wireless

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net
Wednesday, April 25th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

XML XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com
On hiatus

Other Organizations

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John L. German, 212-759-2368
Includes:

JOB Career Development Group

Wednesdays at 5 PM
April 18, May 2 and 16 at West-Park
Presbyterian Church, 86th & Amsterdam
Facilitators include:
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FIRST PERSON SINGULAR

In the Beginning

By Stan Silver, NYPC's New President

It all started in October 2004, with severe pain in my lower back. Numerous doctors failed to pinpoint the problem. Finally, I went to the Cleveland Clinic, where several tests revealed I had an anterior horn cell lower motor neuron disease. A neurologist referred me to the Eleanor and Lou Gehrig MDA/ALS Center at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital here in New York. On Dec. 22, 2005, Paul Gordon, co-director of the center, told me I have progressive muscular atrophy (PMA), a form of ALS.

Our lives changed. Suddenly I became a person with ALS and my wife, Phyllis, a caregiver. The Internet became vital. I read articles about ALS daily that were frightening because they described what I may someday experience. Talking to others and communicating on MDA's Living With ALS forum has been beneficial, however. The MDA Web sites (www.mda.org and www.als-mda.org) also contain many interesting leads.

MDA has been a fantastic resource. On our first clinic day, an MDA representative registered us with the Association. From that point on, MDA has given us help at crucial times in addition to unusual opportunities. Jackie Puerta, our MDA health care service coordinator, provided the chance for Phyllis and me to be interviewed on a radio station. That was exhilarating!

We attended Wings Over Wall Street, an MDA fund-raiser, where we mingled with others with ALS and several well-known doctors from MDA/ALS clinics elsewhere in the country. Seeing firsthand the generosity of the attendees was very rewarding.

Other events during 2006 also turned my personal understanding of having ALS into a meaningful, emotional and social concern: meeting others with ALS has been a transforming experience for me. I appreciate that the mundane is nonexistent and we can discuss anything that pertains to our concerns regarding this horrible disease.

The MDA support group is both depressing and uplifting. Though it's upsetting to meet people unable to speak who have to use assistive devices to express their thoughts, their efforts to attend each meeting and continue communicating are amazing. As time passes, friendships are strengthened there. In this environment the desire to help others is remarkable.

Different functions, including fund-raisers and awareness-raising events, caused a metamorphosis in my attitude and spirit in living with ALS as I developed bonds with other ALS patients, caregivers and fantastic volunteers. Being part of their efforts helped me understand the importance of bringing public attention to this disease, and to realize that I could contribute to that mission.



A political first for me, a national ALS advocacy day in Washington, provided a valuable exchange with other people with ALS from across the country and created additional friendships.

I realized that I can still live my life, just in a very different way. I am still the same person. My interior hasn't changed! But some time passed before I could cope with the inevitability of the degeneration of my exterior.

Now that I have reached the first anniversary of my diagnosis of ALS, the essence of all these events was the ease of communicating with and caring for others who have the commonality of experience. It was the sharing of the inner strength that we all unexpectedly discovered, along with determined spirit and positive attitude, that allows us to push toward a hopeful future.

Stan Silver, 64, and his wife, Phyllis, have lived in New York City for 25 years. He worked in the computer industry as a programmer analyst and an independent database consultant before ALS forced him to stop working.

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The newsmagazine, along with a wealth of additional information, is available online at <http://www.als-mda.org/publications/als/default.htm>
An article by Phyllis, Stan's wife and NYPC's Course Registrar, is at http://www.als-mda.org/publications/als/als12_3.html

April 2007

First Class Mail

Auction of Services

NYPC is starting an auction of member services at each General Meeting. Bidding on a service donated by an NYPC member is a great way to support NYPC while receiving some needed help...and learning about a consultant's services.

Offerings at the April General Meeting:

- Bill Ginsberg offers a 2-hour candid photo shoot, either traditional film or digital
- Len Ginsburg offers 3 hours of help with QuickBooks or QB Point-of-Sale
- Mary Ginsburg offers 2 hours of personalized instruction on using your digital camera
 - ▶ Minimum bid for all services is \$50.00.
 - ▶ Work out the time and place directly with your consultant.
 - ▶ These are all people we believe to be competent and responsible, but please note that NYPC cannot be responsible for outside consultants.

For details/updates, see <http://www.nypceducation.org/auction>

Trenton Computer Festival

Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29
Professional Conference, Friday, April 27
Plan to attend and go to some seminars
Details: <http://www.tcf-nj.org>
NYPC might have an outreach table. To volunteer, e-mail
LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net

Painter Class coming to NYPC!

See page 3 for details, or go to
<http://www.artistrymag.com>

coming attractions

We've got some great general meetings coming up...

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to Bill.Ginsberg@nypc.org.



Recycle Your Electronic waste!

When:

Sun., April 22nd, 9am to 3pm

Where:

Union Square Park - North Plaza

Sponsor:

Lower East Side Ecology Center

Details:

<http://www.lesecologycenter.org>