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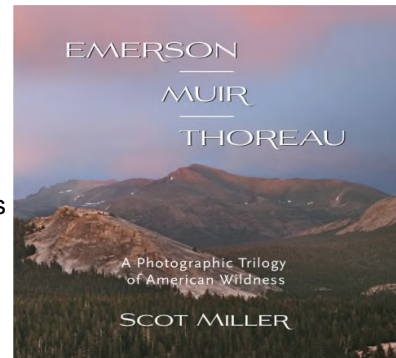
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General Meeting Program - December 8, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Emerson, Muir, Thoreau: A Photographic Trilogy of American Wildness

Scot Miller will give a multimedia presentation about creating the photographs for *Emerson, Muir, Thoreau: A Photographic Trilogy of American Wildness*, the first book to visually connect the philosophies of Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Muir, and Henry David Thoreau. He will emphasize the interconnectedness of these three writers/philosophers/activists, and the role that their intertwined orbits played in America's environmental coming of age. The Collector's Edition book marries passages from each man's selected work with 69 of Scot's never-before-published photographs that reflect the subject matter. For Emerson, that work is Nature. For Muir, it is The American Forests. For Thoreau, it is Walking. The photographs span our country from coast to coast, including one from the Great Trinity Forest in Dallas.



Scot Miller is an award-winning photographer whose work has formed the basis of numerous books. He is a contributor to the Moment in Nature videos, broadcast nationally on Emmy Award-winning CBS Sunday Morning. Scot's photographic and video collaborations include work with Yosemite Conservancy, the Walden Woods Project, and the Harvard Museum of Natural History, where his *Thoreau's Maine Woods: A Journey in Photographs* was on exhibit from November, 2013, through February, 2015.

Scot will have signed copies of several of his books for sale. Scot lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Marilyn, where they own and operate the Sun to Moon Gallery, a fine-art photography gallery.

Everyone is welcome. FREE! You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

Sierra Club Calendars for Sale

Bring your cash or check book to the December General Meeting (and January) and get your 2016 Sierra Club Wilderness Calendars and Appointment Books. These award winning calendars are the best selling calendars in the United States. And they make great gifts, so be sure to get several.

Dallas Sierra Club Holiday Party



Our annual Holiday Party will be held at El Fenix Restaurant at 255 Casa Linda Plaza. We'll party on Sunday, December 13 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [Here is a Google map.](#)



Club members and guests will share the holiday spirit, some great Mexican food, and the company of others at this annual event. Join us for some camaraderie, door prizes, silent auction (including a NEST Learning Thermostat and some great books), and perhaps some surprise speakers, you never know. We'll celebrate some of our outstanding volunteers and have plenty of time to mingle. There's bound to be talk about issues of the day -- air, water, fracking, coal, nuclear, whatever strikes your green fancy. The entire menu will be available so you can order whatever you want to eat or drink, including liquid spirits. We'll provide a free round of margaritas. Support the Club by getting a 2016 Sierra Club Calendar or Planner!. Invite your family and friends. So come on out for a great party, low price, no clean up, and lots of like minded people. What could be better? See you there, and bring your appetite. Happy Holidays!!

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

January 12 - Two Great Programs

Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Area - Bill Greer will present a short program about a Dallas Sierra Club backpack outing in the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Area. Come share the trip with us and see what New Mexico's newest Wilderness area looks like.

Hummingbirds and Challenges Facing Wildlife in Texas - Texas has a wealth of wildlife, one of the most species rich states in the nation. If we wish to continue to support and maintain this diversity, there are numerous challenges we face. Mark Klym will talk about hummingbirds and what is being done to support and maintain our native Texas treasures.

Mark is coordinator of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup and Texas Wildscapes programs at Texas Parks and Wildlife. He grew up just across the international border in Canada where he developed a love for the outdoors – spending time fishing, birding and hiking. His special interest in hummingbirds developed early, when he found a male Ruby-throated Hummingbird exploring the plants in his grandfather's greenhouse.



February 9 - Critterman and His Animals - Live! The live animals in this family friendly presentation will be engaging entertainment for children and adults alike. Meet some amazing Lone Star natives.

March 8 - Clacier National Park - Our March program will feature a visit to Glacier National Park. Glacier was established in 1910 in northern Montana along the Continental Divide near the Canadian border.

We Want You to be our Membership Co-chair

The Dallas Sierra Club is looking for volunteers who likes working with people and planning events, and want to play an important role helping the environment and helping the Sierra Club. Duties could include:

- Assist with checking in new members and visitors at our monthly General Meeting.
- Help maintain our volunteer database.
- Assist with our annual Holiday Party and other social events such as new member hikes, pot-lucks or picnics.



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If this looks like something you might be interested in, please contact the Dallas Group Chair, Wendel Withrow at 972-416-2500 or by [email](#), or visit us at our next General Meeting or Excom meeting (check our calendar).

Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at www.dallassierraclub.org.



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Dec 12 (Sat) White Rock Lake Clean-up

Walk and talk while picking up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM this second Saturday of the month at the Love of the Lake office, northeast corner of Garland Road and Buckner Boulevard. Look for the crowd drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. will be provided. Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-455-2115



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Dec 19 (Sat) Trail Maintenance at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Come to the hilly terrain of Cedar Ridge Preserve to help maintain one of the better trail networks in Dallas. The Dallas Sierra Club is responsible for the Possum Haw Trail. We work here on third Saturdays of almost every month, starting at 9 AM, working until approximately noon. This project is fun and the landscape is beautiful. We've ordered excellent weather. The Preserve's address is 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas 75249. For directions and general information about Cedar Ridge Preserve, click [this link](#). If you need more information or want to carpool, call or email me. Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



Jan 6 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at Brookhaven College, Building H at 6:30 pm. Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



Jan 9 (Sat) White Rock Lake Clean-up

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Jan 20 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

The Outings Committee meets tonight at 6:30, upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas We'll continue to plan outings and classes for 2016. We particularly need day hikes and one-night or two-night outings this spring. Anyone interested in outings is invited. Contact Mark to be added to the advance agenda email list. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

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