



# Phabulous Photo Weekend!

A Celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week  
at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

## **ON THE REFUGE**

**9:00 – 10:30 pm: Hands-on Night Shoot:** *Join professional nature photographer Roman Kurywczak*, a Sigma Pro, as he leads an in-the-field workshop on photographing the nighttime sky. This hands-on workshop will begin in the auditorium, where you will set up your gear. Roman will help you test your gear and find the focus point on your lens. After the setup, Roman will lead you outside to do some night shooting of your very own! If conditions are rainy or too overcast, this workshop will be cancelled. You should bring a fully charged DSLR with memory card and a sturdy tripod. A lens in the range of 10-24mm and an f/stop or 4.5 or faster is recommended. A cable release and bubble level are some good accessories to bring but not required. Don't forget to bring a small flashlight or headlamp to help you get around at night! Limited to 20 participants. **By preregistration only.** Program begins in auditorium. *Sponsored by Sigma.*

## **AT THE VISITOR CENTER**

*(Presentations take place in the auditorium)*

**7:00 pm: Nature's Paradise: Costa Rica;** *a narrated slide program by photographer Douglas Goodell.* This program will highlight some of the natural wonders, diversity, beauty, and contrasts of Costa Rica. This small country is a paradise for nature lovers and biologists, and for photographers. I will illustrate how the mountains and volcanoes separating the coastal areas lead to microclimates ranging from very wet to very dry, and from tropical to sub-alpine, and some of the flora and fauna characteristic of each. The program is not a recitation of species, but is a narrative of some of the findings and experiences encountered in the preparation of the related, photo-based book.

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

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**6:30 am: Sunrise Photo Shoot:** Meet near the entrance to the boardwalk at Parking Lot 1. Tripods recommended but not required. No preregistration required.

**4:00 – 6:00 pm: Field Workshop: Photographing Birds;** *Join photographer Roman Kurywczak* in the field for a hands-on workshop about how to photograph birds in the wild. Meet on the deck of the visitor contact station at parking lot. **By preregistration only; limited to 30 participants.** *Sponsored by Sigma.*

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**9:00 – 10:00 pm: Field Workshop: Astrophotography 101;** *Join photographer Benjamin Grunow* for a field introduction to shooting stars at night. Participants will need a DSLR (with a manual mode setting; capable of ISO 800 and a 30 second exposure minimum), lens with an aperture setting of f4 or better, and a tripod. **By preregistration only; limited to 30 participants.** *Sponsored by Panasonic /LUMIX.*

## **AT THE VISITOR CENTER**

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**7:00 – 8:30 am: Vendor Setup**

**8:30 – 9:30 am: Visit with Vendors & Photo Contest Exhibition**

**10:00 am – Noon: Raptor Photo Shoot!:** *Staff and volunteers from the Center for Wildlife* will be on hand with several of their non-releasable raptors to provide event participants with an opportunity to photograph these magnificent birds at close range. Three 30 minute photo sessions will be offered, with a maximum of 10 photographers per session. \$20 registration fee. Fees collected go to support the Center's ongoing work. **By preregistration only.**

**11:00 – 11:30 am: Visit with Vendors and View Photo Contest Exhibition**

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm: See Yourself in Print – Self Publishing Your Own Photo Book;** *a presentation by photographer Douglas Goodell.* A coffee table photo book provides a great way to present your images – whether it's a travel book, wedding album, family or baby record, or a portfolio. In recent years the popularity and accessibility of this type of publication has mushroomed. There are now so many options for vendors, software, and book designs that the choices can be confusing. This program examines the choices and important parameters to consider, and shows the results you can expect. And, the results will make you want to see yourself in print!

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| <b>12:30 – 2:00 pm: Lunch, Visit with Vendors, &amp; View Photo Contest Exhibition</b>  |
| <b>2:00 – 2:45 pm: What’s New at Nikon?:</b> <i>Join Bob Watts, of Nikon USA</i> , for an “up close and personal” look at Nikon’s “latest and greatest” camera and lens gear. Nikon’s camera and lens lineup has become quite large – and with new technologies and designs, many new images will be able to be created. Bob will have a full range of gear to show and talk about during this session.   |
| <b>3:00 – 4:00 pm: Landscapes and Nature of the Swiss Alps;</b> <i>Join photographer Benjamin Grunow</i> for a narrated slide show about his various photographic adventures in the Swiss Alps. The presentation will include a diversity of images including sweeping landscapes, unique natural features, the night sky, and edelweiss – an increasingly rare plant. Ben will also be discussing how he employs auto bracketing and high dynamic range techniques to create some of his compelling images of nature. <i>Sponsored by Panasonic LUMIX.</i> |
| <b>4:00 – 5:30 pm: Visit with Vendors &amp; View Photo Contest Exhibition</b>   |
| <b>7:00 – 8:30 pm: Photographing the Nighttime Landscape;</b> <i>Join photographer Roman Kurywczak</i> for an educational how-to program designed to open up your eyes to the possibility of photographing landscapes with the star filled sky as a backdrop. Equipment, tips, techniques, and camera setting for both star points and star trails will be covered. We will also explore “light painting” of a foreground subject as well as overcoming obstacles when the conditions are less than ideal. <i>Sponsored by Sigma.</i>                       |

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>10:00 am – 11:00 am: Image Design &amp; Capturing Light;</b> <i>a presentation by photographer Ed Heaton.</i> This presentation will cover the overlooked and sometimes forgotten aspects of image design and the important role that light plays in creating dramatic and spectacular images. Join Ed as he talks in-depth about how to get a better understanding of the basic and advanced concepts of composing compelling compositions and using light to make extraordinary images from ordinary subjects! <i>Sponsored by Tamron.</i> |  |
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| <b>12:30 – 1:30 pm: Panoramic Landscape Photography;</b> <i>a presentation by photographer Kathy Tarantola.</i> Kathy will show samples of her panoramic landscape photographs and discuss composition, equipment, exposure and helpful tips for both film based panoramic cameras and for digital stitching of images.   |  |
| <b>1:30 – 3:00 pm: Visit with Vendors and View Photo Contest Exhibition</b>   |  |
| <b>3:00 pm: 2014 Photo Contest Winners Announced!</b>   |  |

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