October 15, 2023: Northern Lights Photography Workshop Recap

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The October 15, 2023 Aurora Photography Workshop was the second photo workshop of the fall at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and the tenth workshop of 2023. Throughout the year we offer night sky photo workshops every month as part of our <u>educational initiatives</u> at the Keweenaw Mountain in association with being the headquarters of the <u>Keweenaw Dark Sky Park</u>.



It was a calm fall day and a peaceful evening at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. When reviewing data from <u>our weather station</u> after the workshop, the temperature only fluctuated 4 degrees in a 24 hour period. One of the good things (or bad things, depending whom you ask) about being on the <u>Keweenaw Peninsula</u> is that the weather can change quickly. The old statement, "If you don't like the weather, just wait an hour" resonates with the Keweenaw residents (but is said by many around the country – Keweenaw residents fully grasp that we are surrounded by Mother Superior on 3 of our sides).

NORTHERN LIGHTS PHOTO WORKSHOP

JOIN PHOTOGRAPHER NATE BETT FOR A DARK SKY PHOTO WORKSHOP
IN THE KEWEENAW DARK SKY PARK



KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE OCTOBER 15, 2023 - 7:30 PM



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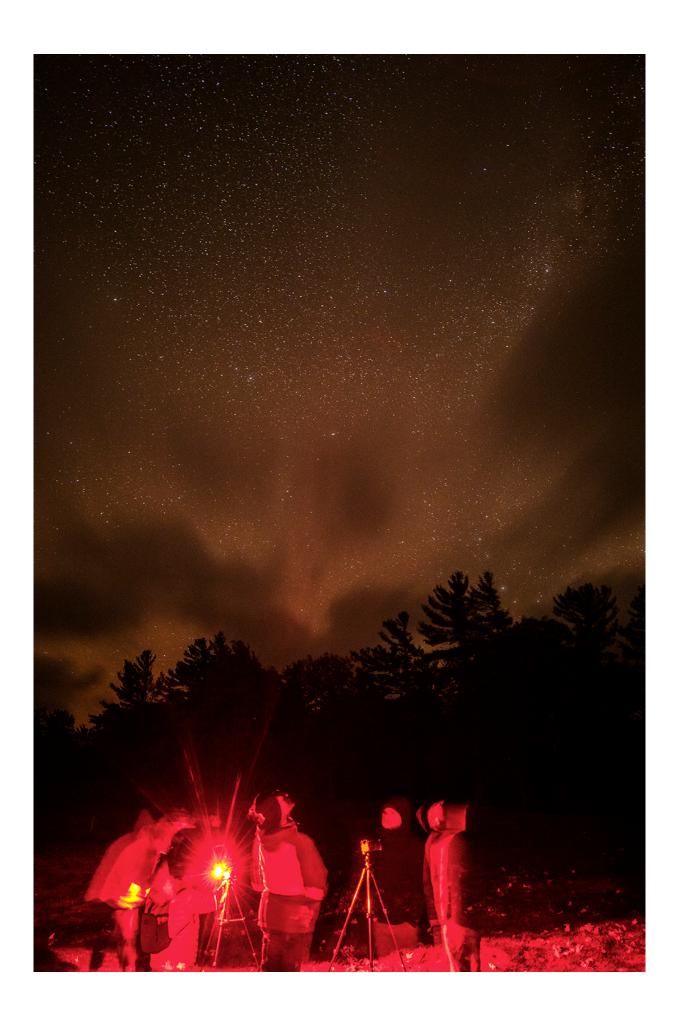
Four guests attended the workshop, all of which were staying at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. We have noticed over the past year that guests are booking their stay to attend the workshop and take advantage of the <u>Lights Out!</u> The Lights Out event at the Lodge is a three-to-seven day event where the Lodge turns off all the street lights and other lights to increase one's stargazing experience.

<u>Nate Bett</u> was the instructor for the class. Nate has a diverse background in photography including attaining an MFA from <u>Parsons The New School For Design</u> in 2012, working for <u>Canon cameras</u> at trade shows and teaching photo classes at <u>NMU</u>.

The Night Sky Photo Workshops are broken into two segments: an inside presentation and an outside, hands-on portion. This night's class started at 7:00pm and Nate launched into a digital slideshow covering topics like: preparations for a night sky photo shoot, Aurora basics, camera settings, and picking good locations.



The weather stayed mostly agreeable for the outside portion of the class. Nate gathered the group and they headed to Hole 5 of the golf course. Nate did a demonstration with his camera and helped a participant to focus her camera.



The clouds started to move in quickly and some light was reflecting off of them from the town of Copper Harbor. I frantically set up my camera to show the group my process. I was able to take this image of Jupiter framed between the trees before the clouds rolled in and the class ended.



Our next photo workshop will be held during the new moon in November, on November 11th:

Stargazing: Northern Lights Photography Workshop, November
 11, 2023



Chris Guibert

Chris Guibert: I have a strong passion for all things outdoors and have worked as a tour guide and professional photographer for the last twenty five years. As the Lead of Outdoor Activities at the Mountain Lodge I want make sure you and your family have a great experience while staying and playing. Please feel free to ask me any questions about the trails, regional activities and local secrets.