



July 2023

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2023 President's Letter

Happy 4th of July PPLAC!

It's warming up outside and starting to feel like summer. If you have plans for the 4th, have a great time and be safe. I know I'm looking forward to BBQing and hanging out with family and friends.

Thank you to Kevin Karzin for his presentation on June 22nd. If you enjoyed that he has a one-day class on Small Studio Product Photography on July 8th through PPC. I'm also looking forward to John Grusd's presentation in July on shooting the solar eclipse.

Congratulations to all our PPLAC members who merited at the PPC Image competition! More details to come as soon as they are announced.

Also on July 8th, we'll be heading down to Long Beach for the Pirate Invasion. Great costumes and characters at the beautiful Long Beach harbor. Come out and have some fun! I hope to see you out there.

Happy Shooting!

Nikki Washburn



Coming Events

Stay Connected

& General Meetings

Come join our monthly meetings held on the 4th Thursday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday).

Save The Date

Meetings and
Events

Visit our Meetup Calendar
or website for more details**

July 8, 2023
Outing
"Pirate Invasion" - Long Beach

July 27, 2023
General Meeting
John Grusd
"Photographing the Total Solar
Eclipse in 2024"

August 7, 2023
DPC Submission open

August 13, 2023
DPC Submissions close

August 12, 2023
Outing
"Wings Over Camarillo" Air Show

August 24, 2023
DPC #3 (Zoom)

September 2, 2023
Outing
Civil War Days - Huntington Beach

September 28, 2023
General Meeting
Gary Parsons
"Topaz Photograph Plugins for Light
Room and Photoshop"

October 3 - 5, 2023
Three Day Outing to the Eastern
Sierras

October 26, 2023
General Meeting
George DeLoache

October 28, 2023
Outing
"Day of the Dead"
Hollywood Forever Cemetery

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<https://www.facebook.com/PPLAC/>

Meet Up

<https://www.meetup.com/Culver-City-Photography-Meetup/>

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2023
Board of Directors

November 7 - 9, 2023
Three Day Outing to Death Valley

November 16, 2023
DPC #4

December
No General Meeting

**Please note that speakers/schedule may
change at any time.*

****<https://www.pplac.org/calendar>**

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DxO

<https://www.dxo.com/>
(July Silent Auction)



**Check out the PPLAC Classifieds
on the website....buy or sell
photographic equipment!**

<https://www.pplac.org/pplac-classifieds>

You are also welcome to bring items to meetings to sell. A table will be available for those items.

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Help Wanted!

Please consider volunteering to join the Board of Directors! All positions open for nomination. Contact any current member of the Board for information.

Congratulations to the PPLAC members who passed the Certified Professional Photographer (CPP) exam in June. They will submit images for review in August.

**Mel Carl
Liz Chalmers
Andrew Lewis**

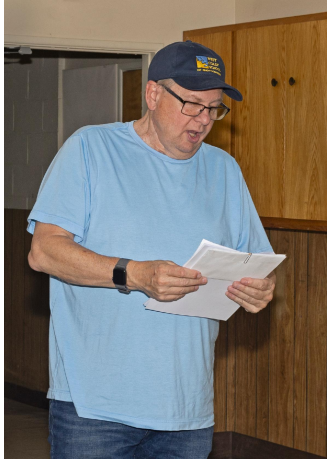
June Highlights

Kevin Karzin

"Creating Stories That Touch the Heart"

Many thanks to Kevin Karzin for his great presentation.....wonderful ideas for slide show presentations.





May Outing

May13, 2023

“Huntington Library and Its Botanical Gardens!”



On Saturday morning, May 13th, PPLAC was off to the Huntington Library and its Botanical Gardens. Five of us met up first thing in the morning at the front gate. Pictured are Angela Chen, Ira Mintz, Roy Patience, and John Powers. Victoria Bolotina joined later. We photographed through the Shakespeare Garden and the accompanying Rose Garden. We then wandered off to the Japanese Garden and finished with the Chinese Garden. Capping off the trek was lunch at the Café 1919 near the front entrance. Warm as the weather was, a grand time was had by all!

We invite you to join us Tuesday evening, May 30th, at 7 PM via Zoom for our *Photo Review* to examine the photos everyone took.

All the best,

John Powers
1st VP

May Outing Photo Review

**PPLAC Outing: "Huntington Library's Botanical Gardens!"
The Winning Photographs!**

On May 13th, 2023, five members from PPLAC (John Powers, Victoria Bolotina, Ira Mintz, Roy Patience, and Angela Chen) were at the *Huntington Library's Botanical Gardens*. The weather was warm and the sun was high but a grand time was had by all.

So, on Tuesday evening, June 27th we came together with other members of PPLAC via Zoom to look at the 25 images we wanted to share. We discussed each image and then everyone voted for their favorites. The first place winner was Ira Mintz. Second place went to Angela Chen while third place was, again, Ira Mintz. Ira received a \$25 Amazon gift card from PPLAC and Angela got a \$15 Starbucks gift card and the \$10 Amazon gift card went also to Ira. Congratulations to Ira and Angela and also big thanks to all who participated.



First Place: Ira Mintz



Second Place: Angela Chen



Third Place: Ira Mintz

John Powers
1st Vice President

**Coming Events!
Meetings/Outings
Safaris/Workshops**

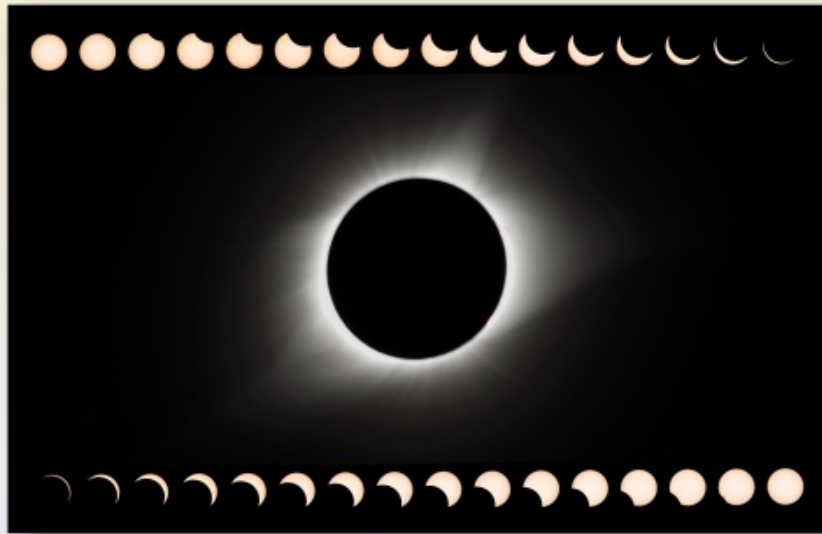
**July Meeting
John Grud**



**PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, July 27th, 2023
6:30 PM**

***“Everything You Wanted to Know About
Photographing the Total Solar Eclipse 2024
But Were Afraid to Ask!”***

John Grusd, M.Photog, M-PPC



Join us as John Grusd shares with us everything involved in making this event a reality for you in 2024, to include logistics, technical set-ups, and what to expect. You don't want to miss this intriguing evening!

**Veterans' Memorial Center
4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230**

The July Silent Auction item will be from DxO - Pure Raw 3 (see DxO sponsor information below). There will also be drawings for three Think Tank certificates.

July Outing



PPLAC Outing
Saturday
July 8th, 2023

Pirate Invasion!

Shoreline Aquatic Park

200 Aquarium Way
Long Beach, California 90802

Join us as we head off to Long Beach for the annual *Pirate Invasion!* This is a great photo opportunity. People love to have their photos taken and all the outfits are unique and special. You won't want to miss this!



The cost will be \$20 at the gate and the event opens at 11:00 AM. We will have lunch together on the grounds at some point, if possible.

If you're interested in attending, contact John Powers at:

johnpowers@hotmail.com

August 24, 2023
DPC #3

The third DPC of the year will be held via Zoom.
Time to start thinking about your submissions while out and about this summer! Submissions open August 7, 2023.

PPLAC Members! Do you want advice about your images?

We can help you!

We can all use a second pair of eyes when evaluating our images. At PPLAC, we have PPC Certified judges who can give you one-on-one informal critiques of your potential DPC submissions so your images are the best they can be for competition. We can also meet with you after a competition to discuss in more detail the scores you received or to evaluate your images in general.

Contact any of the board members or through the PPLAC website (pplac.org) under the "Contact Us" tab and we will set up a meeting (Zoom, phone, email) or whatever works best for you. We are happy to review as many as 6 images per member.



Image by John Powers

Future Outings/Safaris/Workshops

October 3 - 5, 2023 Eastern Sierra

November 7- 9, 2023 Death Valley



Three-Day Outing!!

October 3-5, 2023

Eastern Sierra and Fall Colors!

Join us on this exploration to some
of the most dramatic scenery in the
American West!



In this multi-day PPLAC Outing, John Grusd will lead us on a photographic adventure through some of the most spectacular landscapes in California! We will visit magnificent mountains, beautiful lakes, deep canyons and photograph some of the best fall colors in the west!



John will also assist you in learning Basic Landscape Camera Handling Techniques to help you set up your camera properly and understand the tools that will enhance your technical ability to create pro-level photographs!



The Multi-Day Outing fee which includes three days of guidance and a pre-trip informational Zoom meeting is \$70 per person.

Lodging and transportation are not included. We will be based in Mammoth Lakes for 2 nights at the Quality Inn.

For questions or to register for this event, please contact [John Powers - johnpowers@hotmail.com](mailto:johnpowers@hotmail.com)





Join us on this inspiring 3-Day PPLAC Outing!



**Three-Day
Outing!!**

November 7-9, 2023

Death Valley Adventure!

**Join us on this scenic exploration
to one of the most iconic and
storied places in America!**



During this multi-day PPLAC Outing, John Grusd will lead us on a photography adventure through Death Valley's most spectacular landscapes! We will visit the magnificent dunes, salt playas, and tortured geography that made this place famous!





John will also discuss Jump Starting Your Landscape Creativity to help you learn approaches and techniques that train your brain to be creative while adapting to the conditions at hand.



The Multi-Day Outing fee which includes three days of guidance and a pre-trip informational Zoom meeting is \$70 per person.

Lodging and transportation are not included. We will be based at the historic Stovepipe Wells Resort inside the National Park.

For questions or to register for this event, please contact [John Powers - johnpowers@hotmail.com](mailto:johnpowers@hotmail.com)



Join us on this inspiring 3-Day PPLAC Outing!

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<https://www.thinktankphoto.com/>

There will be drawings for Think Tank certificates during the July meeting.



July Silent Auction

DxO

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3rd Quarterly Photographic Image Competition



Thursday, July 6, 2023
6:30pm



Official rules and regulations: www.ppconline.com
(open to all PPC members. Images previously merited at any other
PPC affiliates are not eligible.)

Entries open: June 24, 2023
Entries close: June 30, 2023



Small Studio Product Photography

July 8, 2023

25675 Yucca Valley Road
Valencia, CA 91355

9am - 5pm



Non Members - \$149
PPC Members - \$129
PPC Premium Members - \$99

Learn how to shoot commercial product photography in a small studio. With minimal space, you can still get great photographs by shooting products, cosmetics, tools, still life, food, etc. You can even shoot portraits from headshots to full blown portrait sessions. You will learn lighting, where to position the lights, and how to make daylight in the studio. Learn to use V-flats, white fill cards, black fill cards, different backgrounds from muslim to seamless paper. We will go over using gels to color the background and accent the product. We will learn how to extract the subject and put in a different background, learn how to change the background to enhance the product.

Register at: www.ppconline.com
800-439-5839 ext. 1





Placerita Canyon Nature Center
19152 Placerita Canyon Road.
Newhall, CA, 91321
Thursday, July 13, 2023
5 - 8 pm



Ranger Frank Hoffman will bring out reptiles for us to photograph in a natural habitat.
Animals include: local snakes, turtles and other reptiles.

Members: \$10
Non-Members: \$15

For information 800-439-5839 ext. 1





PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF CALIFORNIA

2023 Image Competition Awards

Sunday, July 23, 2023

12noon - 2pm

Azo Vino Wine Bar
678 S Citrus Ave.
Covina, CA

\$30 per person
Includes lunch and dessert

Register at: ppconline.com



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WCS News

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See you in 2024!

<https://ppconline.com/wcs/west-cost-school-5-day-class-summaries/>



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<https://www.ppa.com/>

Please note that PPA has a page

The 12 Elements of a Merit Image

<https://www.ppa.com/ppmag/articles/12-elements-of-a-merit-image>

If you are curious or interested in becoming a Certified Professional Photographer check out the PPA link below:

<https://www.ppa.com/credentials-mem/cpp-mem>

dedicated to what is available. You do **NOT** need to be a PPA member to look at what's there.....and they are offering a lot of webinars this year!

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