



May 2023

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President's Letter May



Happy May, PPLAC!

I hope you're taking full advantage of what might be the last of the cooler weather before the heat arrives. We've still got some beautiful spring color out there but summer is just around the corner. It's really hard to believe.

Thank you to Adriana Lopez for her presentation on the new updates to Photoshop 2023. Some fun tools and filters have been added in a beta stage and it was interesting to see. The evolution of Photoshop is creating some thought provoking conversations about photography and how it's changing as more technology is introduced.

The full suite of Imagenomic software was auctioned off and congratulations to our winner- John Powers! Looks like a fabulous trio of plugins for Photoshop

and Lightroom.

We've still got a lot of fun events happening this year. We went to the Renaissance Faire in April and the photo review for that will be May 2nd. On May 13th, we'll be headed to the Huntington Library- always a great place for photos. On May 25th we have our 2nd DPC of the year. Registration for that will be May 8th through May 14th. With the beautiful spring we've had and all the traveling our members have been doing, I know there will be some fantastic images. At our June monthly meeting, Kevin Karzin will tell us all about Creating Special Events.

Don't forget about the photo safari's we have planned for this year. We'll be headed to the Central Coast in May, the Eastern Sierras in October and Death Valley in November. For full details on any of the events above, please visit PPLAC.org.

I hope to see you all on zoom at the May DPC!

Nikki Washburn
2023 PPLAC President

Coming Events & 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**

May 2, 2023
Renfaire Photo Review
Topic: PPLAC Photo Review
Time: May 2, 2023

DPC Submission Dates:
Open : May 8, 2023
Close: May 14, 2023

May 13, 2023
Outing
Huntington Library, San Marino

May 22-24, 2023
PPLAC Safari - California's Central

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May 25, 2023
DPC #2

June 10, 2023
Outing
TBD

June 22, 2023
General Meeting
Kevin Karzin
"Creating Special Events"

July 1, 2023
Outing
"Colonial Faire" - Yucaipa

July 27, 2023
General Meeting
John Powers
"Photographic Insights of India"

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

August 24, 2023
DPC #3

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 26, 2023
General Meeting
George DeLoache

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

November 16, 2023
DPC #4

December
No General Meeting

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

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<https://skylum.com/luminar>

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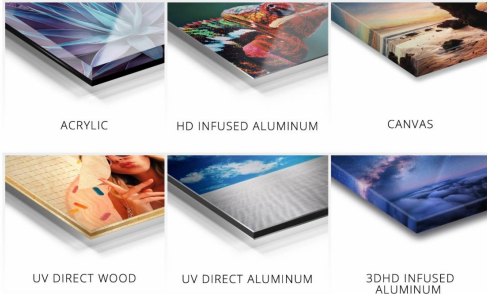
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Tale a look at the PPLAC Classifieds on the website....buy or sell photographic equipment!

<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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WCS has a fantastic Instructor line up for 2023. See who's teaching this year in the WCS section below!

PPLAC is using a new billing system for membership renewals which will allow members to pay on-line. Look for the link on your next invoice.

Happy Mother's Day - 5/14/2023

Happy Memorial Day - 5/29/2023

April Highlights

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

"New Features in Photoshop 2023!"
Adriana Lopez, M.Photog.

Join us for an evening of creative choices, eye-opening techniques, and the latest and greatest developments in the world of Photoshop! Adriana will bring to us her special insights and share them just with us!

Adriana Lopez is one of the Professional Photographers of America's newest recipients of the Master of Photography degree! And she has dominated IEPV over the last few years, holding the Photographer of the Year in both the Children and Wedding Category simultaneously.

**Veteran's Memorial Center, 4170 Overland Ave,
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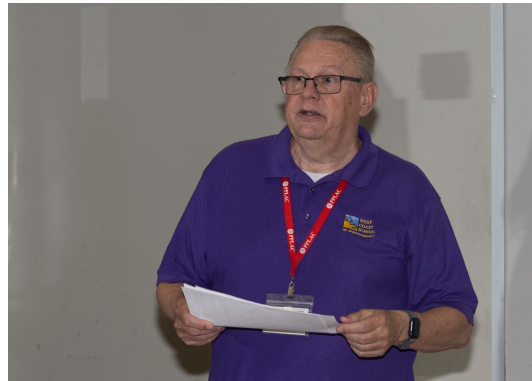
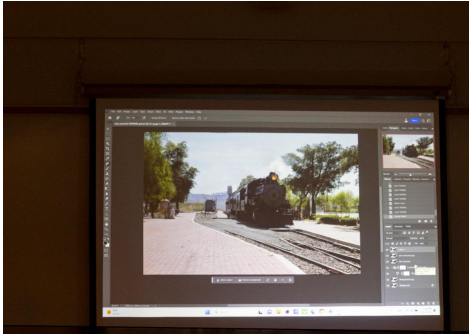
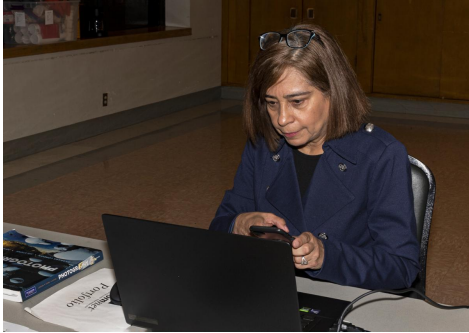


Photo Outing Reviews

March Outing Photo Review Point Mugu Air Show

PPLAC/CIPPA Outing at the Pt. Mugu Airshow

The Winning Photographs

Early on the morning of Saturday March 18th photographers from Channel Islands Professional Photographers Association and Los Angeles Professional Photographers Association met at Naval Base Ventura County, Pt. Mugu. The group consisted of Hutch Hutchison, Martial Keyser and Janine Bognuda of CIPPA; Gary Parsons, John Grusd, Alan and Jane Raphael, Angela Chen, and Roy Patience of PPLAC and Nan Carder and Larry White from Photographic Society of America.

It was only the third time in the long history of the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds that they were both at the same airshow. The group was treated to amazing shows by both the headliners and the other performers. Several aerobatic performers put on impressive shows and the Commemorative Air Force squadron from Camarillo brought several beautiful vintage aircraft.

The group reconvened via Zoom to review the 42 images submitted. Our group "Guru," Hutch Hutchison gave us all extra advice on post-processing and how to be prepared for the next airshow.

Janine Bognuda received First Place and an Amazon gift certificate for her image of War Dog.



Gary Parsons, Larry White, and Roy Patience tied for Second Place.

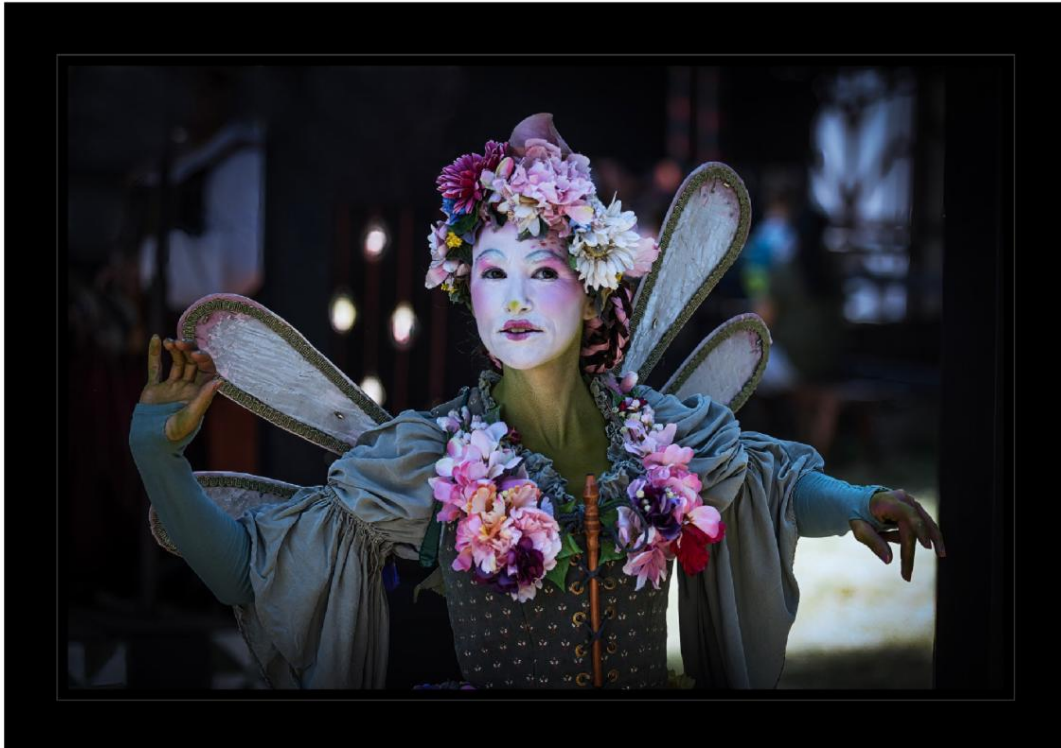
Gary Parsons





April Outing

“At the Renaissance Faire!”



On Saturday morning, April 22nd PPLAC held its latest Outing to the Renaissance Faire in Irwindale. Members attended over a two-weekend stretch, capturing both the spirit and the images of the day. Warm and crowded, it's still a favorite venue for many photographers, out to have a great day.

We invite you to join us Tuesday evening, May 2nd, at 7 PM via Zoom for our *Photo Review* to examine the photos everyone took.

Finally, our next PPLAC Outing will be May 13th as we venture to the Huntington Library. Details to follow soon.

All the best,

John Powers
1st VP

Topic: PPLAC Photo Review

Time: May 2, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726885958?
pwd=YTU0SzlvcnZDQTJyVUE1bVZBOEVmZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726885958?pwd=YTU0SzlvcnZDQTJyVUE1bVZBOEVmZz09)**

Meeting ID: 897 2688 5958

Passcode: 379203

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

**May Meeting
2nd DPC of 2023
May 25, 2023
via Zoom**



PPLAC DPC
May 25, 2023
6:00pm

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Join us for our 2nd Digital Photographic Competition of 2023 ! Yes, we compete, but it is really a learning exercise. There is no better way to improve your work than to receive constructive comments from knowledgeable photographers. A panel of 3 judges evaluates each image submitted into the competition and they do it live!



"A Farmer's Isolation"
by John Powers
February Best of Show

Our DPC is conducted via Zoom meeting. For all of the details about how to enter as well as how to watch the competition, go to pplac.org and click on the "Photo Competition" tab.

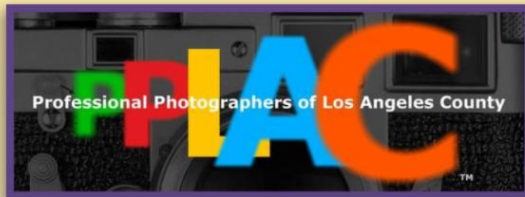
The dates to submit images are May 8-14.

Join us on May 25th at 6:00pm!

DPC Zoom information
06:00 PM - 10:00 PM

For more information regarding DPC competition check out the PPLAC website at <https://pplac.org/photo-competition>

May 13, 2023 Outing Huntington Library San Marino



PPLAC Outing
Saturday
May 13th, 2023

Huntington Library: The Botanical Gardens!

**1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA 91108**

Join us as we are off to the Botanical Gardens at the Huntington Library. These exquisite grounds are exciting to stroll through and we will do just that, with cameras in hand. We will meet at the front gate at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning, May 13th. Then lunch follows so please join us!



Photo by John Powers

You can purchase your tickets on-line at tickets.huntington.org or get them at the gate upon arrival.

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

johnepowers@hotmail.com

Workshop/Safari May 22-24, 2023

https://www.pplac.org/files/ugd/44a8da_1b71554279db42c4b5b792d319555dff.pdf



PPA Workshop
Safari !!
May 22-24, 2023

California's Central Coast!

Join us on this exploration & photo workshop to one of the most beautiful areas in the Golden State!



This Workshop/Safari is in partnership with our friends at CIPPA (Channel Islands Professional Photographers Association) and PPA (Professional Photographers of America).



With John Grusd (PPLAC) and Mike Mercadante (CIPPA) as our guides and instructors, we will photograph the rich variety of

locations, weather conditions and even wildlife of this picturesque area of California! Locales will include sand dunes, rugged coastlines, colorful harbors, dramatic piers and a historic California mission.

The workshop will cover the necessary adjustments we, as outdoor photographers, always need to consider in creative photography. The techniques we will cover will include fast and slow shutter methods, bright and low light conditions, long exposures for creative effects, creative compositions and basic wildlife settings. It's all about learning your camera well enough to use it creatively on site, whatever the conditions!



The Safari fee which includes three days of guidance, workshop and a pre trip Zoom meeting is \$70 per person. Lodging and transportation are not included.

More information including a proposed itinerary, lodging and sign-up for this PPLAC Safari can be accessed on the PPLAC.org website under the Calendar tab ("Whats Next!") or in the link accompanying this announcement.

If you are a PPA Member, you will receive a PPA merit for participating this workshop!



PPLAC Safari to California's Central Coast!

Click www.cippa.org to view their PDF flyer which includes our intended itinerary and the live links to sign up for both the Zoom meeting and the Safari.

To pay for the Safari, click on the "Add to Cart" PayPal button after selecting the correct price that applies to you. For PPLAC, CIPPA or PPA members, the price is \$70.

To register for the Zoom meeting, scroll down on the same page until you find the correct "Meeting Registration Link".

2023 Calendar of Events

Jan 26	Open House	Moses Choi
Feb 23	DPC	
Mar 23	Sharon Lobel	<i>"Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa!"</i>
Apr 27	Adriana Lopez	<i>"New Features in Photoshop 2023"</i>
May 25	DPC	
June 22	Kevin Karzin	<i>"Creating Special Events"</i>
July 27	John Powers	<i>"Photographic Insights of India"</i>
Aug 24	DPC	
Sep 28	Gary Parsons	<i>"Topaz Photography Plugins for LR and PS"</i>
Oct 26	George DeLoache	<i>"Subject to Be Determined"</i>
Nov 16	DPC	
Dec	No Meeting	

PPLAC Outings

Jan 13	LA Zoo	Los Angeles
Feb 25	Dickensfest	Riverside (Cancelled due to rain)
Mar 18	Air Show	Point Mugu
Apr 22	Renfaire	Irwindale
May 13	Huntington Library	Pasadena
June 10	TBD	
July 01	Colonial Faire	Yucaipa
Aug 12	Wings Over Camarillo	Camarillo
Sep 02	Civil War Days	Huntington Beach
Oct 28	Day of the Dead!	Hollywood Forever Cemetery
Nov	<i>People's Choice</i>	TBD
Dec 09	Boat Lighting	Channel Islands

Special Events

Jan 31	Review of LA Zoo	Winner: Kevin Karzan
Mar 28	Review of Pt Mugu Air Show	Winner: Janine Bognuda
May 02	Review of Renaissance Faire	

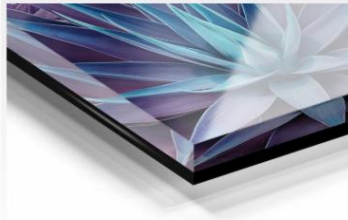
PPLAC Safaris

May 22 - 24	Central California (Joint with CIPPA)
October 3 - 5	Eastern Sierra
November 7 - 9	Death Valley

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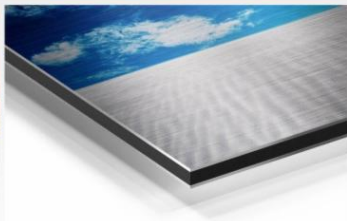
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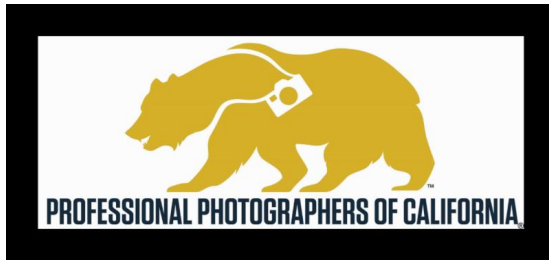
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PPC MEET-UP

THE GETTY WITH TIM MEYER

1200 Getty Center Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90047

May 23, 2023
9:30am - 4pm

\$15 per person

(PPA Members Will receive an education merit)

Limited to 12 students.
Parking is free when carpooling.

Register at ppconline.com

Information: 800-439-5839





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2023 STATE IMAGE COMPETITION

Sunday, June 25, 2023

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Early Registration Starts May 1st

Late Registration Starts - June 4th

Registration Closes - June 19th

**Awards and Recognition via Zoom
July 23rd after PPC Quarterly Board Meeting**

Questions: trappjim@hotmail.com

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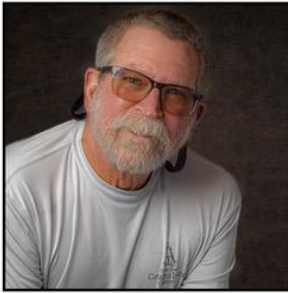


Small Studio Product Photography

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 muslin 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.

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This class will help you set yourself apart from the crowd. Understanding and learning the correct way to make commercial images look better and more professional will give you the edge over your competition. This class will give you the knowledge to work with different types of products, light them to enhance their quality, and make your images more professional looking, as well as print production ready.



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