



March 2023

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President's Letter March



Hello PPLAC!

I hope you're ready for an amazing spring! With all the rain we've been having, it's sure to be a colorful few months. For those of you who were unable to make it, we had our first DPC of the year in February on zoom. Congratulations to our winners:

Best of Category- Architecture	John Grusd
Best of Category- Open	Kevin Karzin
Best of Category- Nature	Mel Carll
Best of Category- Photojournalism	Mel Carll
Best of Category- Portrait	John Powers
Best of Category- Wedding/Event	Eleanor Gray
Best of Category- Landscape	John Powers

Best of Show – John Powers with “A Farmer’s Isolation” in the Landscape Category

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Coming up don't miss our March events. We will be going to the Point Magu Airshow on March 18th and we'll have Sharon Lobel's presentation “Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa”. She'll let you know everything about planning the trip and going to Africa. Should be a great night!

Spring is on it's way, so I hope you're planning on getting out there. Happy shooting!

Nikki Washburn

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

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

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Visit our Meetup Calendar
or website for more details**

March, 18, 2023 Outing
Air Show - Point Mugu

March 23, 2023
General Meeting
Speaker - Sharon Lobel-Donaldson
"Horns, Fangs & Hoofs of Africa!"

April 22, 2023
Outing
"Renfaire", Irwindale

April 27, 2023
General Meeting
Adriana Lopez
"New Features in Photoshop 2023"

May 13, 2023
Outing
Metro Red Line, Union Station

May 25, 2023
DPC #2

June 10, 2023
Outing
Hunting Library, San Marino

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

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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.*

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

Sponsor of the Month

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Special Offer From

Studio Magic

See below!

Check out the fantastic 2023 West Coast
School Instructor line up in the WCS section!

Happy St Patrick's Day

Happy Spring!!

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March Speaker
Sharon Lobel-Donaldson



February DPC

Best of Show



Best of Category - Landscape
"A Farmer's Isolation"
John Powers



Best of Category - Architecture
"Cutting Edge"
John Grusd



Best of Category - Open
"Black Label Red"
Kevin Karzin



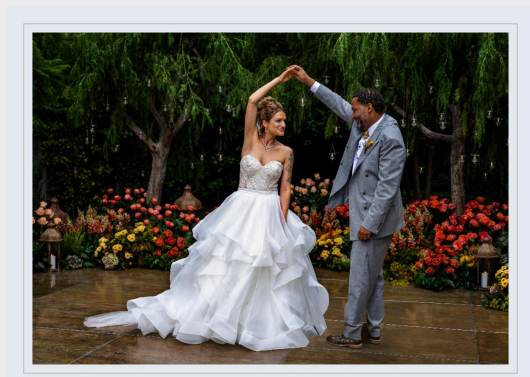
Best of Category - Nature
"You're Coming With Me"
Mel Carll



Best of Category
Photojournalism
"Diamond Formation"
Mel Carll

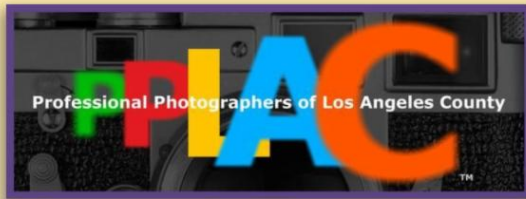


Best in Category - Portrait
"Holy Sage of India"
John Powers



Best in Category - Wedding
"First Dance"
Eleanor Gray

February Outing
Dickensfest - February 26, 2023
Cancelled due to weather



PPLAC
Saturday
February 25th, 2023

Dickensfest!

Riverside, California

Join us as we venture to Riverside to photograph one of the more unique reenactments: mid-nineteenth century Victorian characters!



We will meet at 9:30 AM on Main Street, between Mission Inn Avenue and 11th Street before the opening parade begins at 10:00 AM.

For details about the *Dickensfest*,
you can read more at their link:
<https://dickensfest.com/>

We will follow up with a Photo
Review sometime in mid-March.



Photos by John Powers

If you're interested in attending, contact John Powers at:
johnpowers@hotmail.com

Unfortunately our Outing to the 2023 Dickensfest was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The festival was cancelled, all are invited to attend next year!

Coming Events!

Meetings/Outings
Safaris/Workshops

March Meeting



**PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, March 23rd, 2023
6:30 PM**

“Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa!”

Sharon Lobel, M.Photog.Cr.



***Planning &
Preparing for a
Safari into the
Wilds!***



Join us for an evening of excitement, insights, and wonder as Sharon reveals the intricate details of venturing into the wild wildernesses of Africa and photographing some of the most feared and revered animals on the face of the earth!

Sharon Lobel is a professional travel guide and photographer, crisscrossing the globe and sharing her expertise with one and all. She holds the Master of Photography degree and Photographic Craftsman degree, both from the Professional Photographers of America (PPA). Sharon also sits on the Board of Governors for the American Society of Photographers.



**Veteran’s Memorial Center, 4170 Overland Ave,
Culver City, CA 90230**



Horns, Fangs & Hoofs of Africa! *Come Adventure with Me!*

Africa remains one of the greatest continents on Earth. I have chosen to journey thru Kenya with you for this presentation. Kenya is one of the best locations for wildlife photography. It’s remote, limitless wilderness is vast and untouched by the hand of man. We are very lucky to witness Lions, Leopards, Cheetahs, Zebras, Giraffes, and vast herds of African



Elephants that roam the land.

I hope you will join me as I take you thru the planning and preparing for an African Safari into the Wild!

March Outing



CIPPA / PPLAC Image Safari

Pt Mugu Airshow

Blue Angles / Thunderbirds Performances

Coordinators: Hutch Hutchison + Mike Mercadante

Outing Date: March 18th, 2023

About: [Point Mugu Airshow](#)

Some CIPPA and PPLAC members are gathering at the Pt Mugu airshow on March 18th, 2023, to enjoy a day of photography and story telling about the picture that got away.

You may want to arrive early for better parking and to have time to photograph some of the classic cars and aircraft on display.

This year's flight schedule TBD



Photo by Hutch Hutchison

Arrive at the airshow early to find a location near the flightline and find CIPPA and PPLAC members. We are planning at defining meeting locations at the March 9th meeting.

Airshow Logistics

- [Register for Hutch's presentation Tips and Tricks on how to shoot airshows](#) March 9th @ 7:00 PM
- Tell us you are coming to the airshow [by clicking this link to register](#)
- March 18th gates open at 8am
- Parking, Admission and Blanket seating are free
- We will announce a meeting location for the 18th at Hutch's presentation
- We are not recommending VIP Seating, it is available if you want it
- [VIP Tickets](#) will be going on sale on Friday AM Feb 3rd

Please reach out to Mike Mercadante, CIPPA VP programs, for additional information about this event and others!! 408-504-3592 mike@softouchllc.com

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/channelislandspipa/> @ChannelIslandsPPA

If you plan to go, contact John Grusd and let him know you are attending!
To register, please go to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsde-hrzMsHNBxWdgk_DTA5GqGaKL4h2kd

2023 Calendar of Events

January 26	Open House	Moses Choi
February 23	DPC	
March 23	Sharon Lobel	"Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa!"
April 27	Adriana Lopez	"New Features in Photoshop 2023"
May 25	DPC	
June 22	Kevin Karzin	"Creating Special Events"
July 27	John Powers	"Photographic Insights of India"
August 24	DPC	
September 28	Gary Parsons	"Topaz Photography Plugins for LR and PS"
October 26	George DeLoache	"Subject to Be Determined"
November 16	DPC	
December	No Meeting	

PPLAC Outings

Jan 13	LA Zoo	Los Angeles
Feb 25	Dickensfest	Riverside
Mar 18	Air Show	Point Mugu
Apr 22	Renfaire	Irwindale
May 13	Metro Red Line	Union Station
June 10	Huntington Library	Pasadena
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 Island

Special Events

PPLAC Safaris

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

Sponsor of the Month & March Silent Auction Topaz AI Retail \$199

This combination plugin will increase resolution, remove noise and sharpen an image.

AI Noise...this component actually understands your image content and can accurately determine the difference between real image detail and noise...

AI Sharpen...this component corrects from camera shake, motion blur or misfocus, not by increasing edge contrast...

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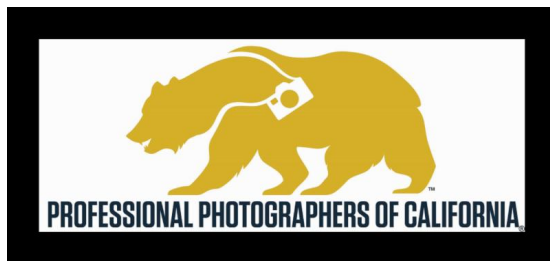
<https://www.topazlabs.com/denoise-a>

Special Offer From **Studio Magic**

StudioMagic is a unique program developed by a professional photographer for photographers...For a limited time, Alan Mayer, the StudioMagic developer, is offering his program for free...You can review the program with a short 2 minute review at <https://youtu.be/aAjWtBgC62g>

Good news!! The exciting, easy to use Photoshop extension StudioMagic 1 and 2 are now available to you for **FREE!** This set of Photoshop extensions has been rated 5/5 by Adobe Photoshop and by several on line reviews. Each can be used with Photoshop Creative Cloud from 2014-2021. StudioMagic 1 can also be used with Photoshop 2022. StudioMagic 2 will be available for Photoshop 2022 in the coming months.

If interested, please email Alan Mayer, CEO of StudioMagic at Mayer11@earthlink.net. Provide Alan with your email address and he will give you the link.



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Wind Wolves Preserve Meet-up

**March 4, 2023
10am - 4pm**

**16019 Maricopa Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311**

**\$25 PPC Member
\$30 Non-Member
Includes lunch and water
(Bring your own preferred beverage)**

Wildflower Loop Trail is creating a buzz of excitement at The Wildlands Conservancy. Keep an eye out for blue dicks, fiddlenecks, birds' eye gilia, owl's clover, tiny tips, lupine, monolopia, and more!
windwolvespreserve@wildlandsconservancy.org

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





Light with Character & Personality and Solving the Posing Puzzle



March 18, 2023

726 W Maple Ave
El Segundo, CA 90245



10am - 5pm

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

FIRST 5 TO REGISTER
Bring a (non-member) free

Pete Rezac will go over how to reveal the character and personality in your portraits using different lighting scenarios while Marcy Dugan will show you the ins and outs of posing without it looking posed. All PPA members will receive an education merit.

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Used Photo Equipment Sale

(Sell your used camera equipment)

April 27 -29, 2023

**Thur/Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm**

Paul's Photo
23845 Hawthorne Blvd
Torrance, CA 90505

PPC receives 10% from all sales
Information: 800-439-5839 ext. 1





CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP

CAMP CERTIFICATION

This workshop will cover all information needed to pass the CPP written exam.

Instructor – Tim Meyer
May 4, 2023 – June 1, 2023
(every Thursday night)

5–8pm PST (via Zoom)

Non-Members: \$295
PPC Members: \$250
PPC Premium Members: \$220

PPC will proctor a test at West Coast School (included in registration) in San Diego June 4, 2023 at noon.
You may also register with PPA to have your test proctored online for a fee.

Deadline to register: April 24, 2023
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MICHAEL COLLINS



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Learn the basics (and not so basics) of Photoshop in a week-long program. We'll work Hands-On learning the tools, actions, other techniques for speeding up your images snap, crackle and pop. Camera Raw, retouching, cloning, healing brush, keyboard shortcuts and many more ways to help build your skills. We'll show the easiest ways to remove people and objects from your image. How to composite, change colors of various things. We'll learn layers, masks, brushes, type tool along with tips and tricks to make it easy.



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TONY CORBELL

BETWEEN LIGHT AND SHADOW

Understanding and controlling light quality is at the core of all of Tony's workshops and presentations. Attendees will learn how to see a unique perspective and not be afraid to push the limits of their experience and talents. Corbell will discuss and illustrate all types of lighting and its tools in depth. Lighting tools include portable flash, studio strobes, sunlight and ambient light.



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TIM MEYER

CRAZY CREATIVE STUDIO LIGHTING

Join Tim on an adventure through the history and utilization of creative studio lighting. He will demonstrate historical and contemporary styles with an emphasis on unusual techniques, how and when they were/are used, and how to apply them to your own work.

This is a hands-on class to nurture your creative learning and conceptual understanding of advanced studio lighting.



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SANDRA PEARCE

THE ART OF PAINTING IN PHOTOSHOP

In this class Sandra will teach you the tools and techniques to become a digital artist. You will learn to master the mixer brush and the other tools needed for photoshop painting. You will learn how to market your art work. Sandra invites you into a world of digital art. You will be painting animals and people. Come join us for a fun filled week and leave the stress behind.



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SHANNON SQUIRES

THE ART OF FINE ART CHILDREN'S PORTRAITS



During this class students can expect to learn the ins and outs of Shannon's award-winning styling for Children's Fine Art Portraits. There is something so captivating about children. Their innocence, natural joy and overall positive outlook on life has always intrigued me. However, you don't have to be a children's photographer to learn new tools from this intermediate to advanced level class.



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Congratulations!

IPC Award winners can be viewed on the PPA website at:

<https://www.ppa.com/results/competition-results>

Please note that PPA has a page 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!

2022 IPC Merited Images Gallery:

<https://www.ppa.com/events/photo-competitions/ipc-gallery>

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