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2025 President John Powers

“Just because you are awake doesn’t mean you stop dreaming.”

Anonymous

Greetings, PPLAC Members:

Okay, I don’t believe we should live life through bumper sticker mentality but every once in a while, a pithy life quote grabs you and makes you pause for a second. The anonymous quote above is one that does that for me. As a photographer, it is easy for me to become complacent: photographing the same subjects and doing it in the same style over and over again. I need to

push myself to get out of my comfort zone and by dreaming of other possibilities, you can expand your creative horizons. Slowly ... but surely ... I like to think I am doing that. Let me encourage you to keep dreaming, keep exploring within your world of photography and dare to create new and bold images!

February saw some of us in Dallas for the Imaging USA 2025 event where PPA recognizes outstanding accomplishments within the field of photography. For us, it was an honor to see our own Eleanor Gray receive her Master of Photography degree officially, sponsored by Mel Carll, and our own Andrew Lewis to receive his Master of Photography degree officially, sponsored by Tim Meyer. There were also a number of other California members being honored, too. What a great time and wonderful way to celebrate!

And locally, we had several exciting events. We had our first PPLAC Photo Review, going over the images taken at our Outing to Manhattan Beach. Hats off to Ira Mintz for his first & third place recognition and John Grusd for his second-place score. Also, we had our second PPLAC Outing of the year, off to Riverside for the annual Dickensfest. Nine of us enjoyed photographing 19th century reenactors and then we capped the time off with a nice time of food and fellowship on the grounds.

And finally, the month of February ended with our first DPC of the year, led by Kevin Karzin and moderated by Mel Carll. Close to 70 images were judged with just over half of them meriting! Way to go, PPLAC!

For March, we are excited as we look forward to a special presentation that will be given to all our members and guests via Zoom from Royce Bair as he shares amazing insights into the world of astrophotography. Look for the details to be posted soon. And our monthly PPLAC Outing for the month will take us to the Descanso Gardens for photographing tulips and other seasonal flowers. Certainly a grand time will be had for one and all. Look for the flyer and sign up!

“Keep on clickin’!”

John Powers
M.Photog.Cr., M-PPC, CPP
PPLAC President

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings and Events

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

March 22nd
Descanso Gardens TULIPS

March 27th
Royce Bair, Astrophotography

Stay Connected

Facebook

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

Meet Up

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

April 6th
Renaissance Faire

April 10th
Sharon Lobel
Presentation at the Adventurers Club
of Los Angeles

April 24th
Mel Carll, Infrared Photography

May 1st
Entries Open-Digital Image
Competition

May 11th
Entries Close - Digital Image
Competition

May 13-16
Waterfalls and Mt Shasta

May 22nd
2nd Digital Image Competition

**Please note that speakers/schedule may
change at any time. Please check our
website for more details*

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FUN FACT

*This first digital camera was
only 0.01 Megapixel and
weighed an incredible 8
pounds (3.6kg).*

*It took the camera over 20
seconds to commit the
image to tape.*

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

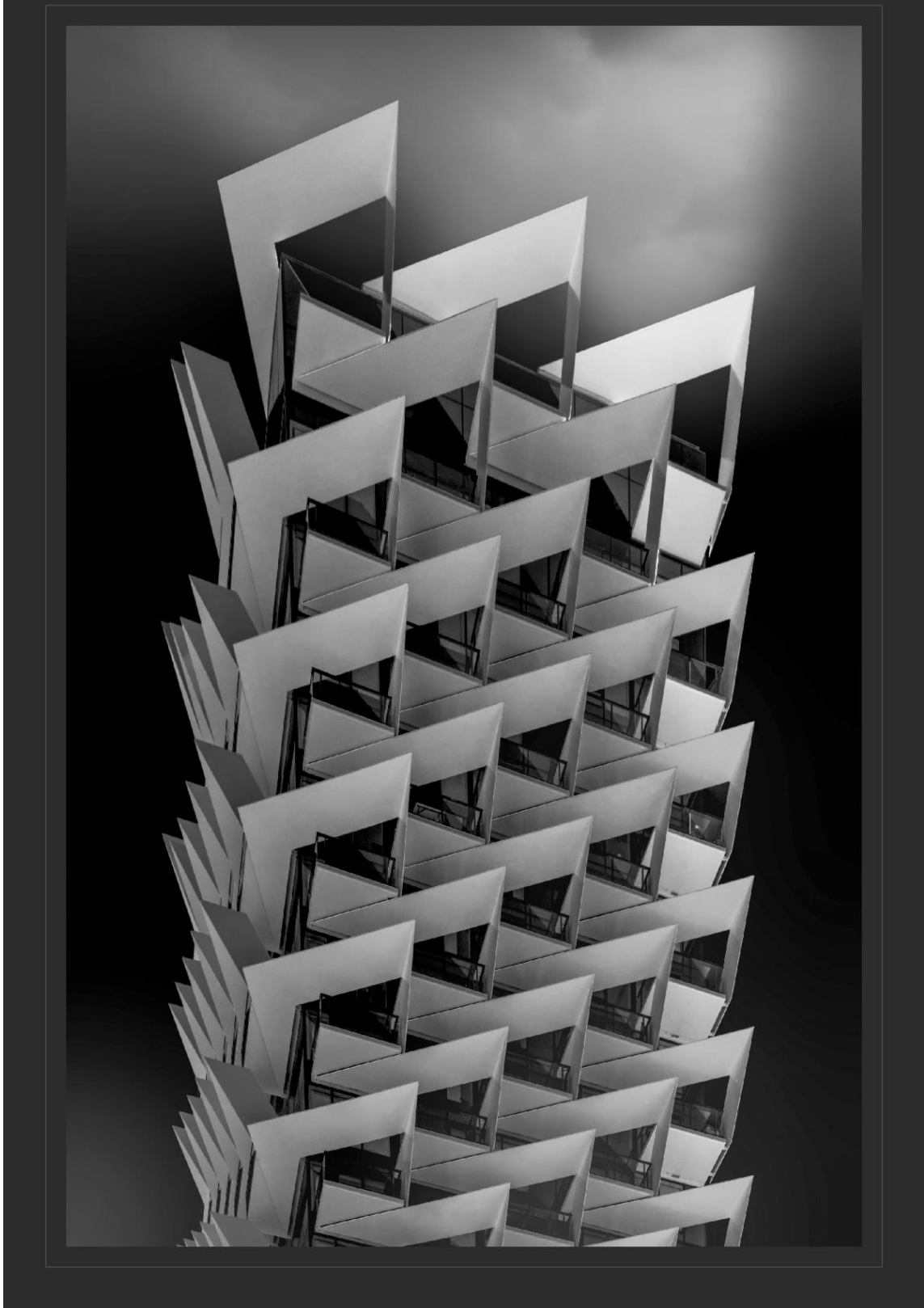
**PPLAC 1st Digital Image Competition
February 27, 2025**

Here are our incredible winners:

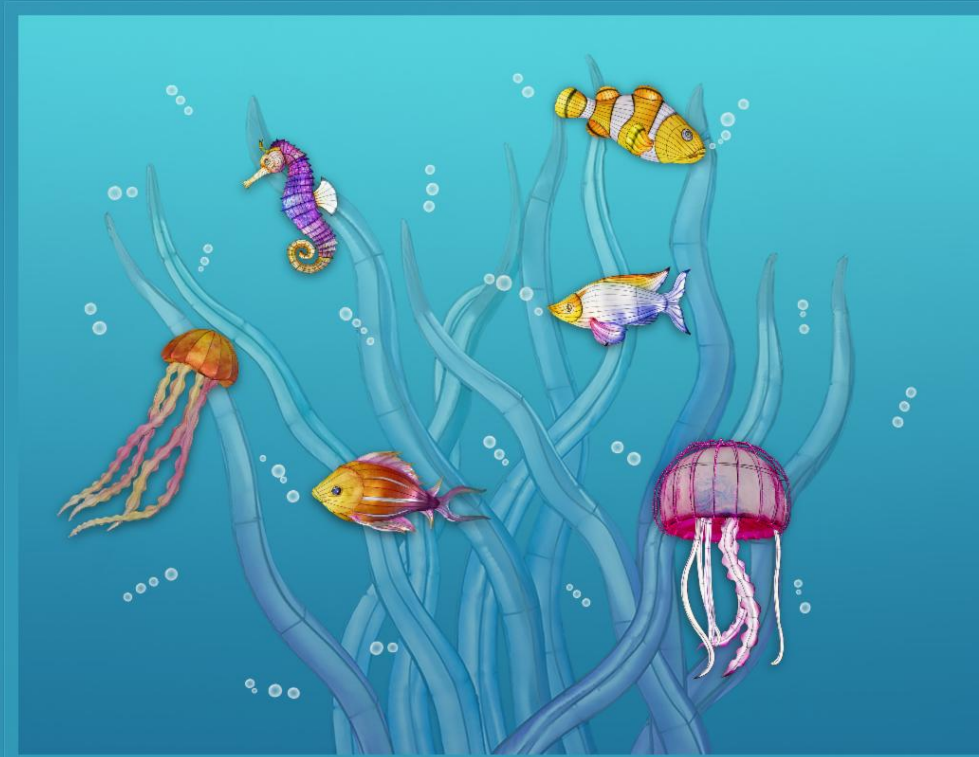
**Best of Show
Best of Category - Landscape
"Moonrise in the Sierras"
by
John Powers**



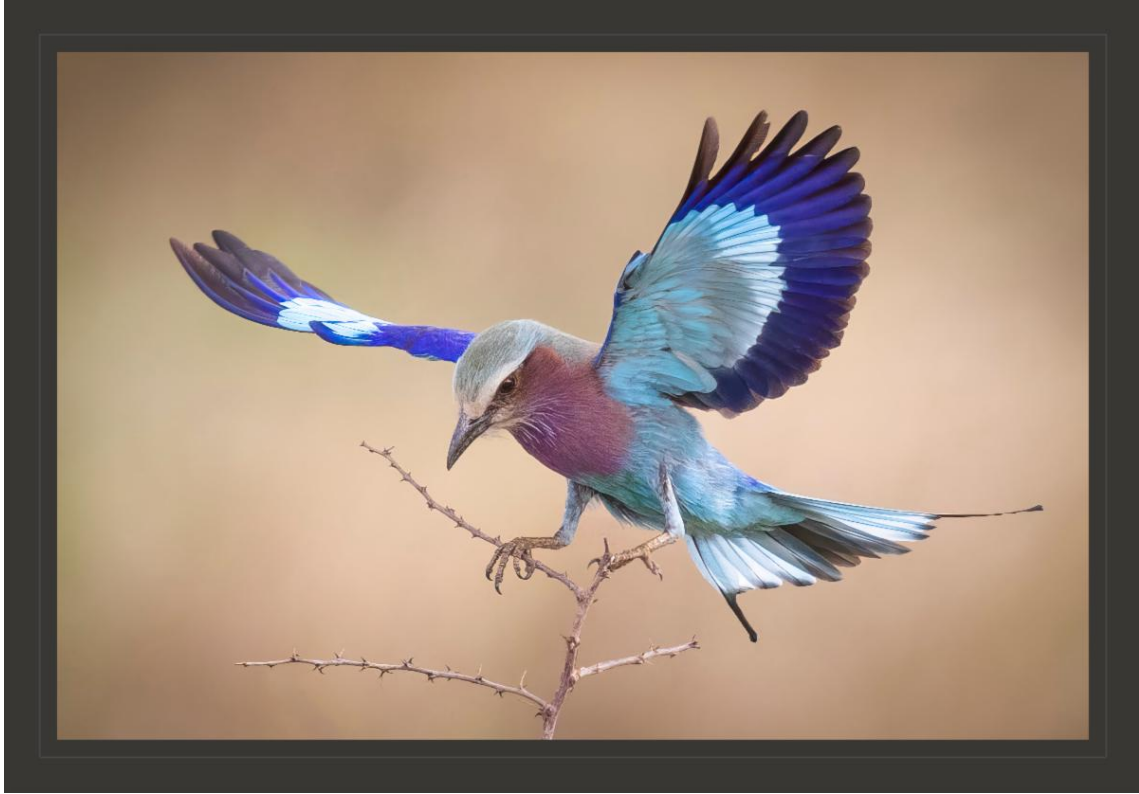
Best of Category - Architecture
"Architectural Origami"
by
John Grusd



Best of Category - Electronic Art
"Electrifying Ocean"
by
Angela Chen



**Best of Category - Nature
"Showoff"
by
John Grusd**



**Best of Category - Open
"Solitary Homestead"
by
Jaye Pruett**



Best of Category - Photojournalism
"Warhawk"
by
Tim Hintz



**Best of Category - Portrait
"Elfin Encounter"
by
John Powers**



February Outing

**PPLAC Outing
"Dickensfest"
Riverside, California
February 22nd, 2025**



Pictured above: Tim Hintz, Gayle Corwin, Rob White, Wendy & Kevin Karzin, Heather Dinkins, Ira Mintz, John Powers, and Angela Chen

On Saturday, February 22nd, nine members and friends from PPLAC gathered in Riverside to photograph the annual Dickensfest..

The weather was ideal and slowly as the day progressed, more and more people showed up at the festival. Everyone was delighted to have their photos taken and a grand time was had by one and all. After several hours of photographing, everyone met for lunch in the "libation" area and we talked over the morning's activities.

We will meet via Zoom on March 11th at 7 PM for the Photo Review. All PPLAC members are invited to watch, choose their favorites, and have fun with us!

John Powers
President, PPLAC

Coming Events!
MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS



PPLAC Outing!

Saturday

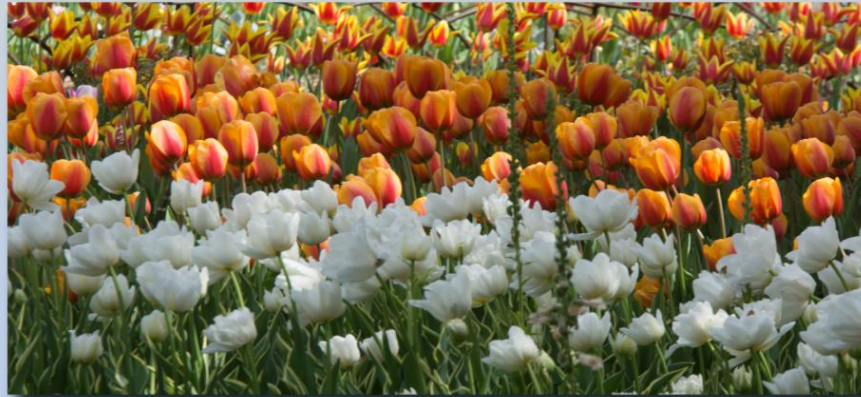
March 22nd, 2025

9:00am

Descanso Gardens ***TULIPS!***

La Canada, CA

Join PPLAC at Descanso Gardens where we will photograph the dazzling display of over 30,000 tulips. Come and explore the colorful variety of blooms, along with peach and cherry blossoms, daffodils and magnolias!



Our March PPLAC General ZOOM Meeting features Royce Bair! Based out of Utah, Royce is a professional photographer and instructor, specializing in night photography, also known as "nightscape photography". His Milky Way photographs have been published around the world; when you see them, you'll understand why!

Mark your calendars for March 27th at 6:30PM! Contact Liz Chalmers at Liz@LizChalmers.com for more information.



PPLAC General Meeting!

Special Zoom Presentation

Thursday, March 27th

6:30pm

Royce Bair

"Going to the Dark Side"

Royce hopes his presentation, "Going to the Dark Side" will get people excited about "nightscape", and help them to find new ways of seeing and enhancing their nighttime compositions. If photographers have tried astro-landscape photography in the past and found it challenging, he will help them break some of the technical barriers and help to make it more fun and fulfilling. If seasoned photographers think they've already figured it out, Royce can assure them there is much more to learn! He'll teach advanced photographers new techniques that are opening up many exciting horizons in the nightscape genre!



Royce Bair has been a professional magazine and illustrative advertising photographer for three decades. An early innovator of nightscape photography, he is often called "the founding father of landscape astro-photography". His unique images have received worldwide newspaper and magazine syndication. Royce believes the foreground is just as important as the starry night sky. He lectures throughout the world teaching techniques that enhance and achieve aesthetic appreciation.

This is a live Zoom presentation!

Contact Liz at Liz@LizChalmers.com for information.



Four-Day Adventure!

May 13-16, 2025

Waterfalls and Mt Shasta!

Join us on this fun exploration to the
northern, wetter part of our state
where waterfalls abound!



Thank you for your interest in this PPLAC Adventure! The response has been overwhelming!

If you are still interested in attending this event, we have started a **Wait List** in case there is a cancellation. Just contact Liz Chalmers and she will add you to the list.

PPLAC 1st VP, Liz Chalmers - liz@lizchalmers.com

We hope to see you on our next PPLAC Adventure!



Four-Day Adventure!

October 6-9, 2025

Eastern Sierra and Fall Colors!

Join us on this exploration to some

**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 PPLAC Adventure fee of \$70 (PPLAC Member) or \$90

(non-member) includes four days of guidance, plenty of handouts and a pre-trip informational Zoom meeting.

Lodging, meals and transportation are not included. We will be based in Lone Pine for 1 night (Dow Villa) and Mammoth Lakes for 2 nights (Quality Inn).

For questions or to register for this event, please contact [Liz Chalmers - liz@lizchalmers.com](mailto:liz@lizchalmers.com)



Join us on this inspiring 4-Day PPLAC Adventure!



April 10, 2025 - As one of the first women adventurers to be inducted into the famous Adventurers' Club of Los Angeles in 100 years, mark your calendar and join Sharon Lobel as she speaks about her 2024 adventures through Australia, East Timor, Bali, Raja Ampat, Papua and Papua New Guinea. Sharon is also the first woman of ACLA to carry the expedition flag on her off the beaten path journey.

If you would like to join us for dinner, reservations are required to purchase tickets in advance by April 9th at www.adventurersclub.org.

The meeting schedule is:

- 6:00pm – Club Opens, Social Hour
- 6:30pm – Dinner Is Served
- 7:30pm – Club Meeting Commences
- 8:00pm – Program Begins
- 9:30pm – Program Concludes

The Club is located at 2433 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA. 90031 on the second floor of the corner building. The entrance on Broadway is unmarked so when you arrive, come in through the double iron-glass doors. A member will be at the top of the stairs to greet you upon arrival and welcome you.

There is metered parking in front of and across the street from the Club. You may also park in the bank parking lot.

The Adventurers' Club is a traditional social club, therefore we request "business casual" attire for everyone attending a program.

We look forward to seeing you there!



The Adventurers' Club of Los Angeles



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Saturday, March 8, 2025

Limited to 10 grillers

Sign Up NOW!



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Youth Sports Workshop

with Kevin Karzin

March 21-22, 2025

Santa Clarita, CA

Friday -7:00pm Zoom presentation

Best location(s) - Camera equipment - Safety - Editing

Saturday is location photography

Baseball & Soccer (practice or game) TBA

Elevate Your Youth
Photography

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\$129 PPC Members
\$159 Non PPC

Football
Baseball
Soccer
Swimming
Basketball



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Death Valley Meet-Up!

with Kevin Roznowski

March 29-April 1, 2025

Beatty, CA



Kevin Roznowski will serve as a guide for this fun meetup in the Death Valley area. The group will visit several famous locations: Mesquite Dunes, Badwater, Zabriskie Point, and work on dark sky and Milky Way photography. It will be an enjoyable and informal gathering of photographers to explore and share experiences in this wonderful area. See sign-up for hotel suggestion and meet up locations.



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Spring Wildflower Excursion!

with Dan Holmes

May 3, 2025

Hungry Valley State
Veicular Recreation Area

Saturday 10am-3pm

Join **Dan Holmes** as he hosts a wonderful photo excursion in one of California's hidden gem locations - Tejon Pass area of the Tehachapi Mountains. Images of wildflowers, wildlife and even off road motor sports are all to be had at this ideal location. Directions and equipment recommendations are available on the PPC website sign-up page.

\$ 20 PPC Members

\$ 30 Non PPC

plus

\$5.50 vehicle fee



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June 8-13, 2025
Hyatt Regency | Valencia, CA

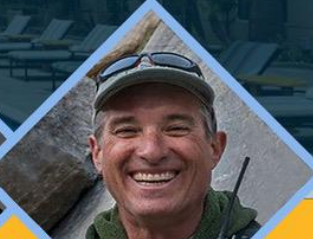
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Done Right

Join us in the sun-kissed paradise of Valencia for an unforgettable week of learning from industry leading instructors. Immerse yourself in a vibrant community of photographers and discover new techniques to elevate your photography skills. Our 2025 session promises to be even more exceptional than the last, with a lineup of renowned instructors and exciting new classes. Don't miss the opportunity to grow as a photographer and create lasting memories.

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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>

Please note that PPA has a page dedicated to what is available. You DO NOT need to be a PPA member to look at their website.....and they are offering a lot of webinars this year!

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