



March 2026



Greetings PPLAC Members!

2026 has gotten off to a bustling start! Our first Digital Print Competition (DPC) of the year featured 78 image submissions — an impressive turnout.

Our DPC Director, **Kevin Karzin**, did an outstanding job overseeing an efficient and engaging presentation of the images. Thank you to **Bob Young**, Past PPLAC President, for moderating, to **Andrew Lewis** for serving as Official Observer, and to our judges — **Dwight Okumoto**, **Thea Martin**, and **Dan Holmes** — for sharing their expertise and thoughtful insight.

What a spectacular show this competition delivered! From birds and bulls to motorcycles and airplanes, from delicate flowers to sunrises and sunsets, the variety on display showcased the diverse talent within our membership. Congratulations to our Best of Show winner, **Angela Chen**, for her Portrait Category image, *Golden Silence*. Best of Category honors were awarded to **Roy Patience** (Architecture), **John Powers** (Electronic), **John Grusd** (Landscape), **Roy Patience** (Nature), **Sarah DeRemer** (Open) and **Tim Hintz** (Photo Journalism). Congratulations to ALL of our winners - and to everyone who submitted images and helped make this competition such a success!

Looking ahead to our upcoming events!

Step back in time and experience the founding of our nation — bring your camera and join PPLAC on **March 7** for the **Revolutionary War Reenactment** in Huntington Beach.

Then, consider joining us on **March 21** at **Descanso Gardens** to capture the spectacular variety of tulips in bloom. (Can you believe 35,000 tulip bulbs were planted in January?) There's no better way to spend the day than photographing alongside PPLAC's talented and welcoming members. We hope to see you there!

PPLAC offers fantastic opportunities for photographers of all levels — we'd love for you to join us!

Make it a great day,

Liz Chalmers, CPP
PPLAC President

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image credit: Heather Dinkins

BECOME A MEMBER!

We are always looking for new members to join PPLAC. Whether you are a working professional or someone who wants to actively grow their skillsets to just take better photographs, we welcome all engaged & enthusiastic Image Makers!

TO FIND OUT MORE

contact [David Glazier](#)

AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT IN-PERSON MEETING!

MARCH 26, 2026 @ 6:30PM

CenterPointe Clubhouse

[6200 Playa Vista Drive](#)

Playa Vista, 90094

(free parking)

SAVE THE DATES

Meetings and Events

Come join our monthly meetings held on the
4th Thursday of Each Month
(unless it falls on a holiday)

March 4
Image Review
Dickensfest
[\(Zoom\)](#)

March 7
OUTING
Revolutionary War
ReEnactment
[RSVP Here](#)

FUN FACT

Did You Know?

The world's most viewed photograph isn't hanging in a museum — it's the default Windows XP wallpaper, "[Bliss](#)." That iconic rolling green hill and blue sky was photographed in 1996 by Charles O'Rear in Sonoma County, California. It hasn't been digitally altered — those colors were truly that vibrant!

March 9 - 12
Adventure #1
Yosemite

March 21
OUTING
Descanso Gardens
[RSVP Here](#)

March 25
Image Review
Revolutionary War
([Zoom](#))

March 26
In-Person
Membership Meeting

April 1
Image Review
Yosemite
([Zoom](#))

April 11
OUTING
Huntington Gardens

July 15
OUTING
Getty Center Study Room

**Please note our speakers/schedule may
change at any time. Please check our [website](#)
for more details*

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meetup



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Membership Meeting

March 26

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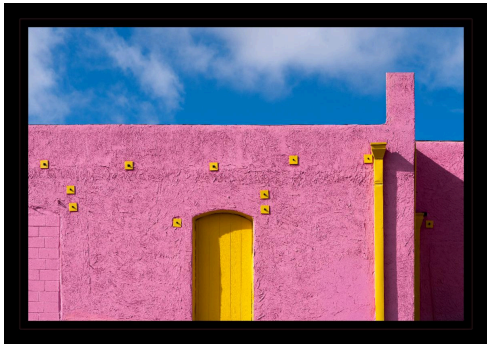
We have received a ONGOING discount with DXO complete with it's own code. A separate mail will be sent out to Active & Lifetime Members with the information on how to claim your savings.

IMAGES OF THE MONTH

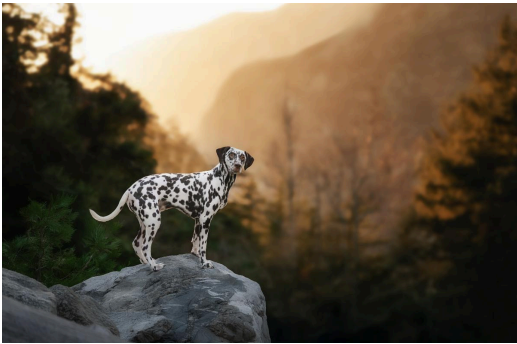
DPC #1



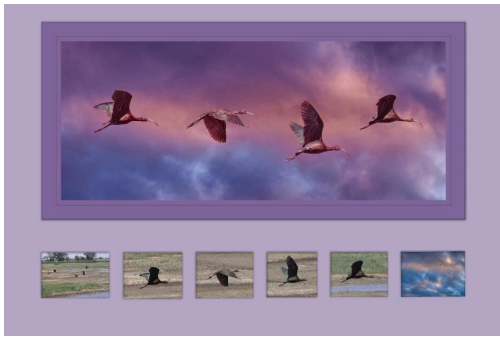
DPC #1 Best of Show
(Angela Chen)



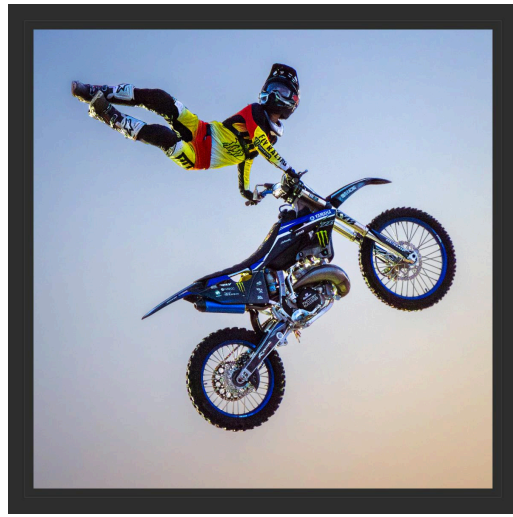
ARCHITECTURE
(Roy Patience)



OPEN
(Sarah DeRemer)



ELECTRONIC ART
(John Powers)



PHOTOJOURNALISM
(Tim Hintz)



LANDSCAPE
(John Grusd)



PORTRAIT
(Angela Chen)



NATURE
(Roy Patience)

LAST MONTH

On February 21st a merry band of PPLACers traveled to the distant land of Riverside to attend the 33rd annual Dickensfest. The weather was mild, the park was shady, there were lots of interesting characters, and we all enjoyed photographing them .

We will conduct an Image Review on March 4th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The link can be found on the PPLAC website.



From the left: John Powers, Angela Chen, Roy Patience, Bill Heath, Andrew Lewis, Ira Mintz, and Saul Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS



PPLAC Outing!

Saturday

March 7, 2026

9:30 AM

Revolutionary War Reenactment!!

Join us on this 250th anniversary of the American Revolution for an incredible historical experience at the Huntington Beach Central Park. Come experience the founding of our nation with some of the country's finest living history presenters who are here to tell stories, share new and unexpected perspectives, and to make history come alive.

Meet at the Huntington Beach Library at 9:30 AM.
7111 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648



For more information, please contact Roy Patience at:
roypatience@gmail.com



PPLAC Outing!

Saturday

March 21st, 2026

8:45am

Photograph the Tulips!

**Join us at Descanso Gardens to photograph
the 30,000 tulips that have been planted
to celebrate the coming of spring!**

The garden is exceptionally beautiful at this time of year!



Location: Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada, CA 91011

Tickets are available at:

<https://www.descansogardens.org/advance-tickets-calendar/>

**Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance for the 9:00am entry
and arrive early as it takes time to park and walk to the entrance.**

We hope to see you there!

**If you're interested in joining us for this PPLAC Outing,
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PPLAC General Meeting!

Presentation

Thursday, March 26th, 2026

6:00pm

"Aviation Photography!"

Andrew Lewis M.Photog. CPP

Join PPLAC on this high-flying presentation by our own Andrew Lewis! If it flies, Andrew will photograph it! Aviation photography can mean many things and can be as complicated or as simple as you want to make it. Civilian, military, fire, vintage, experimental...it's all out there! You can hike miles into the wilderness to chase the perfect shot or lean up against your car as the planes fly by. Andrew will show you the variety of places to photograph aircraft, different types of aviation photography, and what to do with your work!



Andrew Lewis started learning photography in seventh grade. He continued photography and earned an associate's degree in Commercial Photography from Antelope Valley College. He was assistant editor for his junior high school yearbook and chief photographer for his high school yearbook. His first job during college was as a portrait photographer for a national retail chain. After over 20 years in the telecommunications industry, Andrew returned to photography. He is a member of several professional organizations including Professional Photographers of America, Professional Photographers of California and he has garnered many awards and accolades for his photography!. Andrew loves to travel, and enjoys photographing landscapes, motorsports, aviation, and natural events. He also volunteers, collaborates with other photographers, and is always excited to expand his knowledge and experiences. Andrew has earned the Master of Photography Degree and title of Certified Professional Photographer from the Professional Photographers of America.



Meeting Location! We hope to see you there!

Center Point Clubhouse - 6200 Playa Vista Dr, Playa Vista, CA 90094



**PPLAC
Special
Event!**

**Wednesday
July 15th
9:30am**

Getty Center Department of Photographs Study Room!

Join PPLAC at the Getty Center for a private viewing
of selected photographs from the Getty's extensive collection!

After the viewing, we will enjoy lunch together at the Getty's Cafe before visiting a few galleries and exhibitions. And following that, we will explore and photograph the grounds and architecture! So bring your camera! Our workshop topic, "The World of Landscape Photography" will be fun as well as thought provoking! It's always a great day at the Getty!



There is a limit to the number of guests we can bring. Sign-up will be on a first come, first served basis with initial priority given to PPLAC Members.

There is a fee, payable to PPLAC, for each attendee:

\$20 for PPLAC Members, \$25 for Non-members.

Once you have signed up you will receive the final details.

**If you're interested in attending, please contact Roy Patience at:
roypatience@gmail.com**

ADVENTURES FOR 2026

**We're Thrilled With Our
Adventure Opportunities for THIS Year!!
WAITLISTING ONLY**

please contact: Roy.Patience

PRICING

\$70 for PPLAC Members
\$100 for Non-Member Photographers
\$50 for Non-Shooting Attendees

members receive priority reservation

PPLAC Professional Photographers of Los Angeles County
Four-Day Adventure!
March 9-12 2026

Winter in Yosemite!

Join us on an exploration to one of the most extraordinary and certainly most photogenic places in the world!



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 Roy Patience and he will add you to the list.
PPLAC 1st VP,
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PPLAC Professional Photographers of Los Angeles County
Five-Day Adventure!
May 11-15, 2026

Grand Canyon & Sedona!

Join us as we photograph one of the most striking geographic features on the surface of our planet!



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PPLAC Professional Photographers of Los Angeles County
Four-Day Adventure!
November 2-5, 2026

Death Valley Adventure!

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



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June 7-11, 2026

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