



December 2023

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

Happy Holidays, PPLAC!

It's hard to believe that December is here, and we'll be celebrating the end of the year soon. I hope you're taking advantage of another great season with many photo opportunities. We still have one more outing on December 9th to the LA Arboretum for their annual "Lightscape" event with a photo review to follow on December 19th. We also have the photo review for the Death Valley excursion on December 6th, and the Santa Monica Pier photo review on December 12th.

With the end of the year coming quickly, now is a great time to start making those goals for 2024. Looking to up your photo game? Going to enter DPC in 2024? Whatever your goals may be, it's a great time to plan on how to make them successful in 2024. I know for myself, one of my goals is to be better at planning ahead for DPC. I've already started mapping out how to make myself successful. We'll see how I do. 😊

Don't forget to save the date of January 18th for our annual Open House and Awards Dinner. This year we have an exciting new location. We will be celebrating at Paul's Photo in Torrance. Should be a great night with awards, dinner, the new Board installation, prizes and Mark Comon from Paul's Photo will be our speaker for the night. Check out the details on our website [pplac.org](https://www.pplac.org). You'll also get an email with all of the details.

I wish everyone the happiest of holidays with your family and friends!

Cheers!

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**

December 9, 2023
Outing - "*Lightscape!*" - LA County
Arboretum

December 2023
No General Meeting

January 2024
Open House and Awards Ceremony
January 18, 2024
(Third Thursday of the month)

February 5, 2024
DPC Submissions Open

February 11, 2024
DPC Submissions Close

February 22, 2024
First DPC of the year

March 28, 2023
General Meeting

***Please note that speakers/schedule may*

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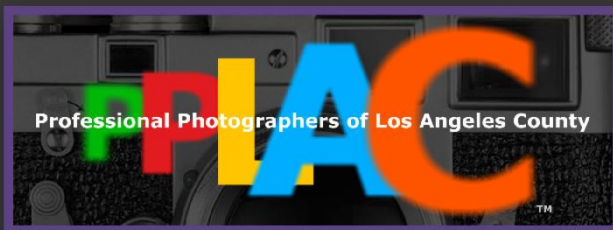
Eleanor Gray

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Angela Chen

November Highlights

DPC #4 Results



**PPLAC DPC
November 16, 2023
6:00pm**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Join us for our 4th 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!

**"Elegant Encounter"
by John Powers
August 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 Oct 30 - Nov 5.

Join us on November 16th at 6:00pm!

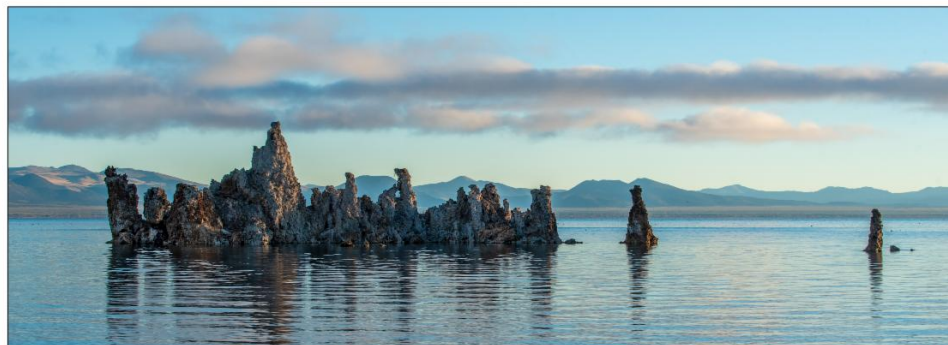
Best of Show



"Profiles in the Sand"
John Powers



Best in Class - Architecture
"Looking In, Looking Out"
John Grusd



Best in Class - Landscape

"Tufa Pano at Mono Lake"
Rob White



Best of Class - Nature
"Profiles in the Sand"
John Powers



Best in Class - Open
3-2-1
Mel Carll



Best in Class - Photojournalism

**"Wow! That Was Close!"
Roy Patience**



**Best in Class - Portrait
"Dia de los Muertos Queen"
Angela Chen**



Best in Class - Wedding/Event
"Windswept Love"
Eleanor Gray

October/November
Outings & Photo Reviews



PPLAC Event November 2023

Cityscape Day & Night Photography Workshop at the Santa Monica Pier

Join Us

November 11, 2023 4:00-7:00

PPLAC Host Cityscape Photography

Presented by Angela Chen at Santa Monica Pier

Located at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Cityscape Photography Workshop

This is a hands-on workshop. It will cover photographing technique such as using natural light and manual & bulb mode for longer exposure with low ISO to photograph in a different time period

You need to bring

- Camera
- 24mm-70mm, 70mm - 200mm
- Tripod and Timer Remote Controller a must
- Jacket for the night
- Memory cards
- Batteries
- Water



PPLAC Outing: "Santa Monica Pier!"



On Saturday, November 11th, 2023 five members of PPLAC made their way to the Santa Monica Pier for a late afternoon/early evening photo shoot. Although the beach and pier were crowded with Veteran Day celebrants, there were plenty of opportunities for remarkable photos. Everyone had a grand time. Afterwards, we gathered at *Bubba Gumps* on the pier for a refreshing dinner and a recap of the day's event.

We will meet on Tuesday evening, December 12th, 2023 for our PPLAC Photo Review so that we can see all the great images that everyone took. Mark your calendar to join us for a fun evening!

John Powers
1st VP, PPLAC



Pictured: Rob White, Leslie Geffen, Angela Chen, Roy Patience and John Powers



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!

“Death Valley Adventure”

November 7th – 9th, 2023



Pictured: Roy Patience, Rob White, Darrin Howells, Greg Trainor and John Grusd

The first full week of November found our PPLAC members and guests in fabulously photogenic Death Valley for a three-day-plus photographic adventure. Of course, we visited the iconic Death Valley locations but were also fortunate to experience some rare conditions like a wind/rainstorm and a lake where there is normally a dry salt pan. Everyone got incredible images and had a wonderful time both taking photographs and seeing the historical sights!

There will be a *PPLAC Photo Review* on this event on Wednesday evening, **December 6th** at **7 PM**. Details and Zoom link to follow as we get closer to the date.

All the best,

John Powers
1st VP



PPLAC Outing!
Saturday, Oct 28th,
2023

Day of the Dead Celebration!

Dia de los Muertos

**Hollywood Forever Cemetery
6000 Santa Monica Boulevard**

Get your tickets now for this exciting event! Hundreds will be gathering to celebrate this amazing and solemn occasion. Go to <https://www.ladayofthedeath.com> and get your tickets now. Be sure to get the DIA DE LOS MUERTOS tickets which are from 9 AM to 3 PM, Saturday, October 28th.



Photos from last year's event!

We will meet at **9 AM** at the front gate of the **Hollywood Forever Cemetery** (6000 Santa Monica Blvd).

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

johnpowers@hotmail.com

PPLAC Outing: "Day of the Dead!"

On Saturday, October 28th, 2023 ten members and friends of PPLAC made their way to the annual *Day of the Dead* celebration at the world famous Hollywood Forever Cemetery. The weather was pleasant and the altars and participants were amazing. The opportunities for photographic images abounded everywhere. After three hours of taking photos throughout the cemetery, all ten gathered for lunch near the mausoleum. We recapped the day and when it was all over, everyone realized what a grand time was had by all.

We will meet on Tuesday evening, November 21st, 2023 for our PPLAC Photo Review so that we can see all the great images that everyone took. Mark your calendar to join us for a fun evening!

John Powers
1st VP, PPLAC



At the beginning of the day's event!

Natalie, Roy Patience, Rob White, Mel Carll, Nikki Washburn, Ira Mintz, Leslie Geffen, John Powers, Angela Chen, and above, Gary Parsons

Hmmmm ... one person was late and we had to have their photo added in later. I wonder who that would be?!



At lunch when we recapped the day!

Front row: John Powers, Natalie, Leslie Geffen, and Rob White.

Back row: Gary Parsons, Roy Patience, Mel Carll, Nikki Washburn, Ira Mintz, and Angela Chen.

**PPLAC Outing: "Day of the Dead!"
The Winning Photographs!**

On Saturday, October 28th, 2023, nine members from PPLAC and a guest met at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery to photograph the amazing *Day of the Dead* celebration, one of the largest gatherings in the United States. Everyone had a fabulous time and wonderful photos were captured throughout the morning. At lunchtime, everyone gathered for Mexican lunches on the cemetery grounds.

So, on Tuesday evening, November 12th we came together with other members of PPLAC via Zoom to look at the 47 images we wanted to share. We discussed each image and then everyone voted for their favorites. The first place winner was John Powers. Second place went to Mel Carll. And Gary Parsons took third place. John received a \$25 Amazon gift card from PPLAC and Mel got \$15 from Amazon and a \$10 gift card went to Gary. Congratulations to John Powers, Mel Carll, and Gary Parsons. And also big thanks to all who participated.



First Place: John Powers



Second Place: Mel Carll



Third Place: Gary Parsons

John Powers
1st Vice President

**Coming Events!
Meetings/Outings
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December PPLAC Outing



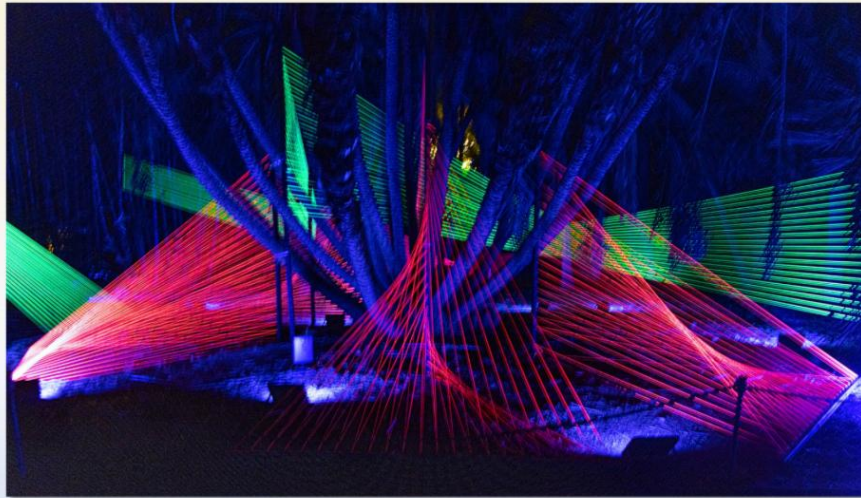
PPLAC Outing!
Saturday, Dec 9th ,
2023

Lightscape!

at The Arboretum

**301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, California 91007**

Get your tickets NOW for this exciting event! Hundreds will be gathering to celebrate this amazing display of lights. Go to <https://www.arboretum.org/lightscape-2023/> to get your tickets. Sign up for the 7:30 PM time slot for December 9th. Tickets are \$32. If you plan to park at the Arboretum itself, it's another \$20. Like last year, we can carpool from the Santa Anita Mall after dinner to save parking money.



We will meet at 5:30 PM for dinner at the Santa Anita Mall Food Court and then proceed to The Arboretum.

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

johnepowers@hotmail.com

2024 Open House and Awards Ceremony
January 18, 2024

PPLAC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday January 18, 2024
6pm

New Location
Paul's Photo
23845 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505

*Dinner, Board Installation,
2023 Photographer awards, raffles,
swap meet, print competition,
and more!*

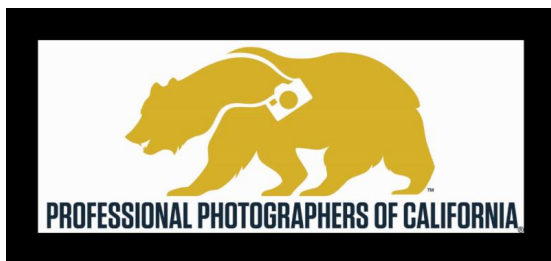
*Tickets are \$20-
please RSVP by
January 10, 2024
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*Print Competition-
anything goes but it
must be a print*

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday,
December 4, 2023

7-8:30pm
Via Zoom

Open to all PPC members



Information: 800-439-5839 ext. 1

Topics of Discussion

Affiliate Meeting Suspension
Upcoming Workshops
2024 Board of Directors



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Karen will teach you how to incorporate your images and turn them into pieces of art through editing or compositing. Take your floral images to the next level by designing a beautiful art piece with unique backgrounds using Photoshop techniques. You will also learn how to photograph flowers in the studio to match the light of your subjects.

Some of our little insect friends and waterdrops will be photographed in a studio setting. And, if nature is nice to us, we will be photographing butterflies hatching out of their chrysalis. We have a lot more in store so have your cameras, tripods and computers ready!



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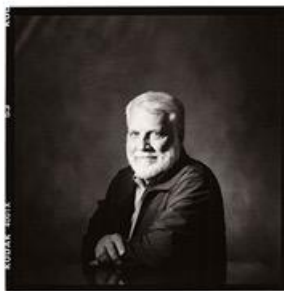


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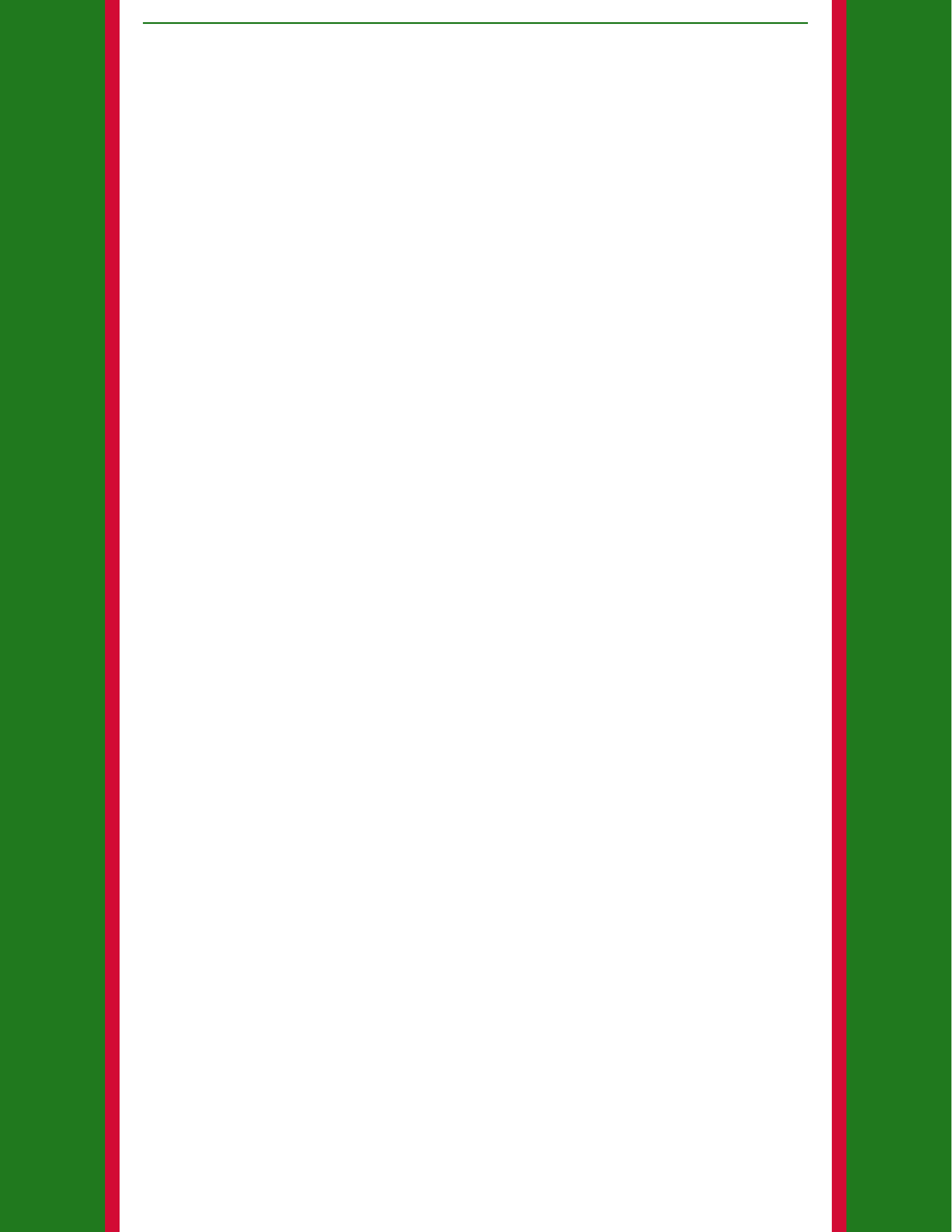


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The 12 Elements of a Merit Image

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

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<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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