



June 2023

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President's Letter June



Happy June PPLAC!

I hope everyone had a nice, long Memorial Day weekend and is ready for the summer! Graduations are in full swing, the BBQs are starting to make an appearance, and all we need now is a little heat. I'm sure it will be here soon enough.

Congratulations to our May DPC winners!

Best of Categories:

Architectural	Kevin Karzin
Portrait	John Powers
Open	Gary Parsons
Wedding/Event	Eleanor Gray
Landscape	Mel Carll
Nature	Mel Carll
Photojournalism	John Powers

And our Best of Show winner is ...
Gary Parsons - Congratulations Gary!

Upcoming events: we have the Getty Museum on June 28th. Get your spot now, there's only a few left. It should be a great experience in the study room with the museum and gardens to enjoy after. On July 8th, we'll head down to Long Beach for the Pirate Invasion. Great costumes and characters at the beautiful Long Beach harbor. Come out and have some fun!

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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Meet Up

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

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Visit our Meetup Calendar
or website for more details**

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

June 28, 2023
Outing
"Photo Archives at the Getty Museum"

July 8, 2023
Outing
"Pirate Invasion" - Long Beach

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 3 - 5, 2023
Safari/Workshop to the Eastern
Sierras

October 26, 2023
General Meeting
George DeLoache

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

November 7 - 9, 2023
Safari/Workshop to Death Valley

November 16, 2023
DPC #4

December
No General Meeting

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

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June Sponsors of the Month

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<https://www.dxo.com/>
(June Silent Auction)



**Check out 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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Help Wanted!

Please consider volunteering to join the Board of Directors! Contact any current member of the Board for information.

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 Father's Day - June 18, 2023

May DPC Highlights

Congratulations to all who received merits for their entries this month:

Mel Carll
Angela Chen
Leslie Geffen
Eleanor Gray
John Grusd

Kevin Karzin
Andrew Lewis
Ira Mintz
Gary Parsons
John Powers

Winning images will be posted after after PPC State Image Competition.

May Outing

May13, 2023

“Huntington Library and Its Botanical Gardens!”



On Saturday morning, May 13th, PPLAC was off to the Huntington Library and its Botanical Gardens. Five of us met up first thing in the morning at the front gate. Pictured are Angela Chen, Ira Mintz, Roy Patience, and John Powers. Victoria Bolotina joined later. We photographed through the Shakespeare Garden and the accompanying Rose Garden. We then wandered off to the Japanese Garden and finished with the Chinese Garden. Capping off the trek was lunch at the Café 1919 near the front entrance. Warm as the weather was, a grand time was had by all!

We invite you to join us Tuesday evening, May 30th, at 7 PM via Zoom for our *Photo Review* to examine the photos everyone took.

All the best,

John Powers
1st VP

April Outing Photo Review

**PPLAC Outing: “The Renaissance Faire!”
The Winning Photographs!**

The month of April, 2023, saw five members from PPLAC (Mel Carll, Nikki Washburn, Roy Patience, John Powers, and Angela Chen) head off to one of the oldest Renaissance Faires in the USA, taking place in Irwindale. The weather was warm but the festive atmosphere inspired some great photographs.

So, on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, we came together with other members of PPLAC via Zoom to look at the 25 images we wanted to share. We discussed each image and then everyone voted for their favorites. The first place winner was Angela Chen. Second place went to John Powers while third place was Mel Carll. Angela received a \$25 Amazon gift card from PPLAC and John got a \$15 Starbucks gift card and the \$10 Amazon gift card went to Mel. Congratulations to Angela, John, and Mel and also big thanks to all who participated.



First Place: Angela Chen



Second Place: John Powers

John Powers
1st Vice President



Third Place: Mel Carll

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

**June Meeting
Kevin Karzin**



**PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, June 22nd, 2023
6:30 PM**

“Creating Stories That Touch The Heart!”

Kevin Karzin, M.Photog., S-PPC



Join us as Kevin Karzin shares with us his insightful photographic presentations through sight and sound entitled, *“Creating Stories That Touch The Heart.”* You don’t want to miss this intriguing evening!

Kevin Karzin is a very active member of the photographic community in California. Through his work and leadership, Kevin has helped create the dynamics of photography as a whole. He is currently the President of Professional Photographers of California (PPC) and President of Santa Clarita Valley Photographers Association. He was the 2018 PPC Photojournalism Photographer of the Year, 2018 & 2019 PPC Top 10 Photographer of the Year, and was a PPA IPC Silver Medalist in 2018, and in 2022 a PPA IPC Gold Medalist.

**Veteran’s Memorial Center, 4117 Overland Ave,
Culver City, CA 90230**

June Outing



PPLAC Outing
Wednesday
June 28th, 2023

The Photo Archives at the Getty Museum: Exploring the History of Photography!

**1200 Getty Center Drive,
Los Angeles, California 90048**

Join us as we venture to the Getty Research Institute, exploring "*The History of Photography*" through original daguerreotypes and tintypes of the 19th century, stored at the world-famous Getty Department of Photography Study Room. We will meet at 10 AM at the museum itself. When you sign up, you will be given specific instructions how to get to the Study Room within the museum. This is a rare opportunity to view original historic prints in a small and intimate setting!



The cost will be \$10 to reserve your spot for this incredible educational experience. We are limited to 15 people maximum, so this is a first-come, first-served event.

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

johnepowers@hotmail.com

August 24, 2023
DPC #3

The third DPC of the year will be held via Zoom.
Time to start thinking about your submissions while out and about this summer!

Future Safaris/Workshops
October 3 - 5, 2023 Eastern Sierra
November 7- 9, 2023 Death Valley



PPA Workshop
Safari !!
October 3-5, 2023

Eastern Sierra and Fall Colors!

Join us on this exploration & photo workshop to some of the most dramatic scenery in the west!



This Safari/Workshop is in partnership with our friends at PPA (Professional Photographers of America). PPA members will receive a merit for participating in this workshop.



John Grud will lead us on a photography 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!

This Basic Landscape Camera Handling Workshop will help you set up your camera and understand the tools that will enhance your technical ability to create pro-level photographs.



The Safari fee which includes three days of guidance, workshop and a pre-trip informational Zoom meeting is \$70 per person.

Lodging and transportation are not included. We will be based in Mammoth Lakes for 2 nights at the Quality Inn.

For questions or to register for this event, please contact:

[John Powers - johnpowers@hotmail.com](mailto:johnpowers@hotmail.com)



Join us on this PPA Workshop/PPLAC Safari!



PPA Workshop

Safari !!

November 7-9, 2023

Death Valley Adventure!

Join us on this exploration & photo workshop to one of the most iconic and storied places in the American west!



This Safari/Workshop is in partnership with our friends at PPA (Professional Photographers of America). PPA members will receive a merit for participating in this workshop.



John Grusd will lead us on a photography adventure through Death Valley's most spectacular landscapes! We will visit the magnificent dunes, salt plays, and tortured geography that made this place famous!

In this Jump Starting Your Landscape Creativity workshop, we will discuss approaches and techniques that train your brain to be creative while adapting to the conditions at hand.



The Safari fee which includes three days of guidance, workshop 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 PPA Workshop/PPLAC Safari!

2023 Calendar of Events

Jan 26	Open House	Moses Choi
Feb 23	DPC	
Mar 23	Sharon Lobel	"Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa!"
Apr 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"
Aug 24	DPC	
Sep 28	Gary Parsons	"Topaz Photography Plugins for LR and PS"
Oct 26	George DeLoache	"Subject to Be Determined"
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	People's Choice	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

Sponsors of the Month Think Tank

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June Silent Auction

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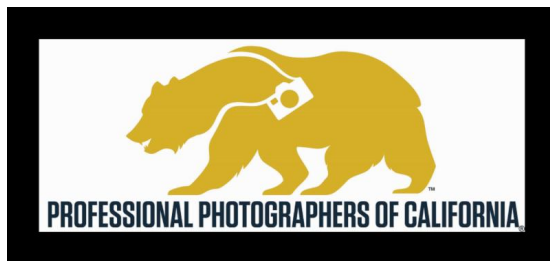
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Descanso Garden Meet-up

**June 17, 2023
9am - 4pm**

**1418 Descanso Drive
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011**

**\$10 PPC Member
\$20 Non-Member
(Admission ticket additional)**

Descanso Gardens is an urban
retreat of year-round natural beauty, internationally
renowned botanical collections and spectacular
seasonal horticultural displays.

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





Master & Fine Tune Your Lightroom Catalog

June 21, 2023

Via Zoom

7pm - 8:30pm

Non Members - \$25

PPC Members - \$10

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

Organizing your work, building a filing system

Importing with presets

File naming

Meta-data, Key wording, Rating

Exporting your photos

Sorting, Finding, and Sharing: The Fun Part

Collections: The good and not so good

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PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF CALIFORNIA

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

Please review rules at: www.ppconline.com



3rd Quarterly Photographic Image Competition



Thursday, July 6, 2023
6:30pm



Official rules and regulations: www.ppconline.com
(open to all PPC members. Images previously merited at any other
PPC affiliates are not eligible.)

Entries open: June 24, 2023
Entries close: June 30, 2023



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.

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



PPC WANTS YOU



for the **2024**
Board of Directors

Where would your art or career be without PPC. Think of all the mentors and friends who have given to you and molded you. So, isn't it your turn to pay that forward for the next generation of photographers?

What are the benefits to YOU as a Board Member?

1. Half off PPC annual dues
2. Five (5) PPC Image Competition entries
3. Two (2) seminar registrations (PPA merits not included)
4. \$150 discount to attend WCS



WEST COAST SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF CALIFORNIA

WCS News

<https://ppconline.com/wcs/2020-west-coast-school/>

See you next year!

Congratulations!

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

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

2022 IPC Merited Images Gallery:

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

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!

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