



July 2026



Greetings PPLAC Members!

Summer is in full swing, and PPLAC continues to offer outstanding opportunities to learn, grow, and enjoy photography together.

Our June General Meeting featured the incredibly talented macro photographer **Endre Balogh**. His stunning images and engaging presentation gave us a fascinating look into the tiny world of macro photography. Judging by the number of thoughtful questions that followed, it was clear Endre inspired our members. Thank you, Endre, for sharing your artistry and expertise with us.

In July, we'll be trading our usual meeting room for an evening at the **Santa Monica Pier**. We'll begin by gathering for dinner at **Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.**, then we'll head out with our cameras to take photographs. From the solar-powered Ferris wheel, and colorful amusement rides, to the pier, the sunset, and the lights that come alive after dark, there will be no shortage of photographic opportunities. Whether you enjoy street photography, long exposures, landscapes, or simply spending time photographing with friends, we hope you'll join us for this fun summer outing.

We've begun the initial phase of our **Mentorship Program!** Several talented photographers have already volunteered to serve as mentors, generously offering their time, knowledge, and experience to help fellow members develop their skills.

Even if you're highly experienced in one area of photography, there may be another area where you'd appreciate focused guidance. We will soon send an e-blast inviting active members to participate as mentees. If you're interested in strengthening a particular skill or exploring a new genre, I encourage you to complete and return the interest form. Our goal is simple: to help every member continue to grow as a photographer.

Our first "**Workshop Wednesdays**" was a wonderful success. **Hutch Hutchison** and **John Grusd**, both Best of Category winners in our Digital Print Competition, walked us through the creation of their award-winning images, sharing the vision, techniques, and post-processing decisions behind their photographs. The presentations were both educational and inspiring. The question-and-answers that followed gave members the opportunity to ask about their own photographic challenges, allowing everyone to learn from the discussion. If you'd like constructive feedback on one of your images, have questions about a photographic technique, or simply enjoy learning from fellow members, be sure to join us for our next Workshop Wednesdays on **July 22**, featuring Best of Category winners **John Powers** and **Tim Hintz**.

Congratulations to **Leslie Geffen, Mel Carll, Tim Hintz** and **Gary Parsons** on having their photographs accepted into the **Orange County Fair Photography Exhibit**. This annual showcase is featured in the Visual Arts Gallery from July 17 - August 16 in Costa Mesa.

Our **August Digital Print Competition** will be here before you know it. Now is the perfect time to begin selecting and refining your images. If you've been considering participating in the new Mentorship Program, this is an excellent opportunity to receive personalized guidance that could strengthen your entries and improve your competition scores.

Our calendar continues to be full of opportunities to photograph, learn, and connect with fellow members. Read on to learn of these opportunities!

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Until then, keep your camera close and continue looking for those moments that tell a story.

Make it a great day!

Liz Chalmers, CPP
PPLAC President

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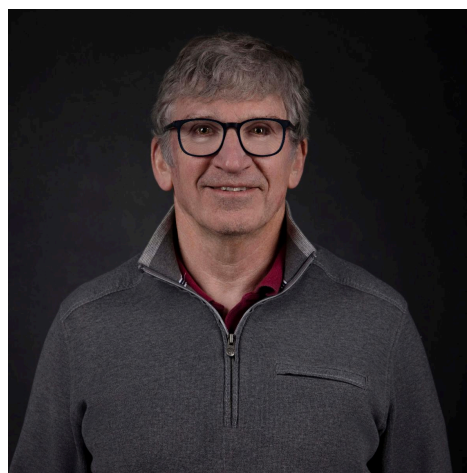


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BECOME A MEMBER!

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!**

**JULY 23, 2026 @ 4:30PM
Santa Monica Pier!**

See Info Below

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)

July 15
OUTING

Getty Center Study Room
(SOLD OUT)

July 22 @ 7:00pm
Workshop Wednesdays
[Zoom Link](#)

John Powers
Tim Hintz

July 23 @ 4:30pm
-in lieu of meeting-
Santa Monica Pier @ Sunset

July 29 @ 7:00pm
Image Review
The Getty
[Zoom Link](#)

August 15
OUTING
Wings Over Camarillo
[\(RSVP Here\)](#)

August 27 @ 6:00pm
DPC #3
Zoom Link TBD

September 2 @ 7:00pm
Image Review
Wings Over Camarillo
[Zoom Link](#)

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

FUN FACT

Did You Know?

[Photography](#) translates to "drawing with light,"
originating from the Greek words photos (light)
and graphein (to write or draw).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

[We Have a Newsletter Sign-up Form Available on the Website](#)

<https://www.pplac.org/welcome-to-pplac>

Please share this link with anyone who may be interested in receiving our Newsletter,
attending our Meetings, joining us on Outings, Adventures, or simply want to meet new

WINGS OVER CAMARILLO

VIP TICKETS ARE ON SALE

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p=246&a=249&src=eventperformances](https://tickets.wingsovercamarillo.com/orderticketsarea.asp?p=246&a=249&src=eventperformances)

VIP Tickets Remain Available

YOU TUBE - NEW "IMAGE REVIEW" VIDEOS

MARCH 26: [Revolutionary War](#)

APRIL 03: [Yosemite Adventure](#)

APRIL 09: [Descanso Garden](#)

APRIL 29: [Huntington Gardens](#)

JUNE 03: [Grand Canyon & Sedona Adventure](#)

As a reminder, these are "unlisted" videos.

They are only accessible by way of these Newsletters.

We respectfully request you to Bookmark them.

MEMBERS ONLY

Sponsorship News!

We have received a ONGOING discount with DXO complete with its own code. A separate mail was sent out earlier this year to Active & Lifetime Members with the information on how to claim your savings.

Please contact [David Glazier](#) if you need the code

IMAGES OF THE MONTH



Grand Canyon: Chris Martens



Corgi Fest: Ira Mintz

LAST MONTH

PPLAC ADVENTURE
GRAND CANYON & SEDONA
"The Winning Photographs"

Our second PPLAC Adventure of 2026 took place May 11–15 in the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Arizona—and GRAND it was! Sixteen attendees, along with a few significant others, enjoyed an outstanding trip led by our Adventure Leader, **John Grusd**. Through his careful planning, leadership, and generous mentoring, John helped create a rewarding experience for everyone.

The Image Review, held on June 3, featured the evaluation of 57 images. Members shared their insights and voted for the top three photographs. First place was awarded to **Chris Martens**, who received a \$25 Amazon gift card. Second place went to **Greg Trainor**, earning a \$15 gift card, and third place was awarded to **Tim Hintz**, who received a \$10 gift card.

Congratulations to our winners! Thank you to everyone who participated, and special thanks to **Roy Patience** for overseeing the Image Review.



Chris Martens
1st Place



Greg Trainor
2nd Place



Tim Hintz
3rd Place

Liz Chalmers
PPLAC President

PPLAC Outing: Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance



Pictured from left to right: Saul Miller, Liz & Scott Chalmers, Larry White, John Grusd



PPLAC members enjoyed a beautiful day at the Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance, where great weather and a lively atmosphere drew crowds to Rodeo Drive. The car show offered an impressive collection of exotic, luxury, and classic automobiles on display along the iconic luxury shopping street.

Besides the unique photographic experience, the Concours d'Elegance offered great energy - Jay Leno engaging with the crowd, fascinating automobiles, music and food trucks.

Liz Chalmers
PPLAC President

UPCOMING EVENTS



**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!

PPA members will receive a workshop service merit for attending.
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**



7:00PM
July 22nd, 2026

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY
featuring
John Powers and Tim Hintz



John Powers



Tim Hintz

John and Tim will walk you through the process and development of their Best of Category-winning images. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from their experience and gain valuable insights!

Workshop Wednesdays are designed to provide members with a comfortable, interactive environment where questions are encouraged. Explore post-processing techniques, discover how images were conceived and captured, and get feedback on YOUR photographs. These sessions are intended to inspire creativity and help all of us grow as image-makers.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87689404332?pwd=nxeEChz55KbDMDCrKWrc6B4C7PWrUy.1>

Please contact **Liz@LizChalmers.com** for more information!



PPLAC General Meeting!
and Fun Photo Shoot!
Thursday, July 23rd, 2026
4:30pm

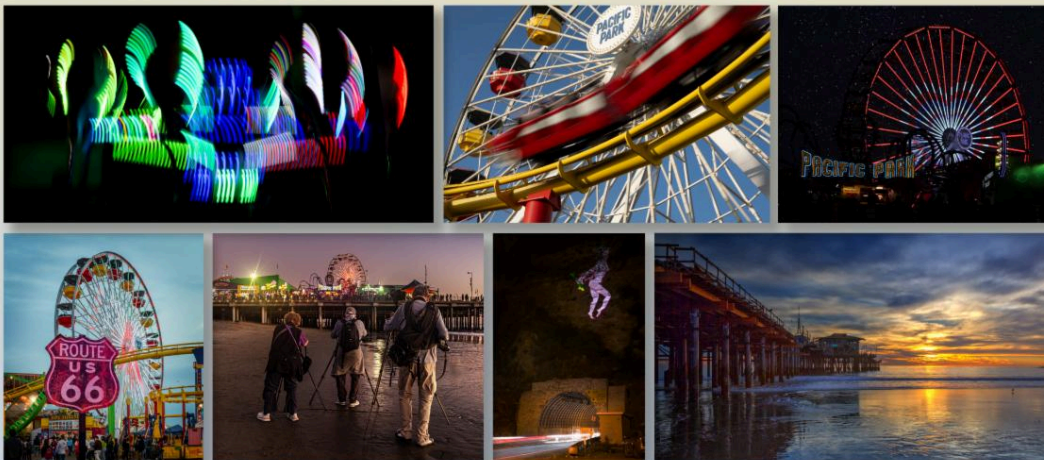
Come Celebrate Summer at The Santa Monica Pier!

Something Different!

This is both our PPLAC General Meeting and a Photo Shoot!

Come celebrate Summer at The Santa Monica Pier!

Join your photographic family at The Santa Monica Pier for an afternoon and evening of fun, food, and photography! We will meet for an early dinner where we will make the usual PPLAC General Meeting announcements and all followed by a Photo Shoot on and around the pier!



Park at Santa Monica Beach Parking Lot 1 North which is the parking lot closest to the pier. We will meet near Bubba Gump's restaurant at 4:30 PM for a 5:00 PM dinner reservation. After dinner we will scout locations on and under the pier before sunset which occurs at 7:30 PM. As the sky darkens the lights of the pier will become more prominent and provide a great contrast.

After dark, the carnival rides on the pier are colorful subjects for long exposures!

Bring a tripod, a remote shutter release and your ND filters for long exposures to smooth the ocean waves. Lenses from wide to medium telephoto are appropriate for the pier.

We hope to see you there on July 23rd at 4:30 PM!
Please RSVP to Roy Patience at roypatience@gmail.com



PPLAC Outing!
Saturday
August 15th, 2026
9:00am

Wings Over Camarillo Air Show!

555 Airport Way, Camarillo, CA

PPLAC is heading off into the wild blue yonder for the fantastic "Wings Over Camarillo Air Show"! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to capture breathtaking images of vintage and modern aircraft in aerial action! There are also static aircraft displays and an extensive car show! It's a great way to spend a day with your fellow photographers!



For more information about the Air Show and to purchase tickets, visit the website: <https://wingsovercamarillo.com/>

We recommend buying the "VIP Chalet Tickets" which include parking, food and shade! These tickets are limited and sell out quickly, so act now if you are interested. Otherwise, the General Admission tickets are much less expensive and offer a similar access to photography but without the perks.

Those intending to go (no matter which tickets you purchase) will receive an informational sheet that discusses gear, settings and the logistics for us all to meet. And as always, we will follow this PPLAC Outing with a fun and casual Image Review!



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

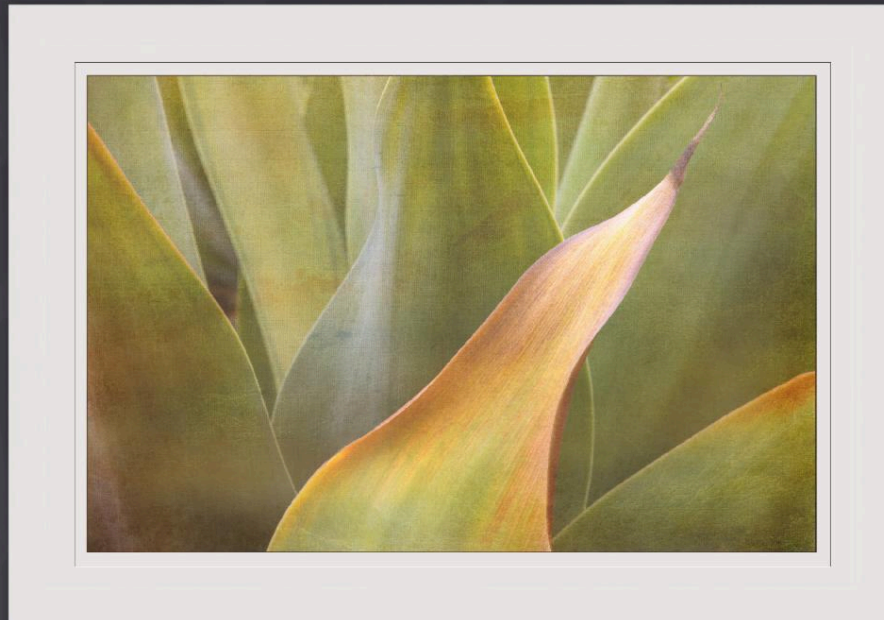


**PPLAC DPC
August 27, 2026
6:00pm**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION!

Join us for our 3rd Digital Photographic Competition of 2026 ! 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 experienced and knowledgeable photographers. A panel of 3 judges evaluates each image submitted into the competition and they do it live!

Judges: TBA



**"Agave" by Hutch Hutchison
May 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 August 1 - 16.

Join us on Aug 27th at 6:00pm!

LAST ADVENTURE FOR 2026

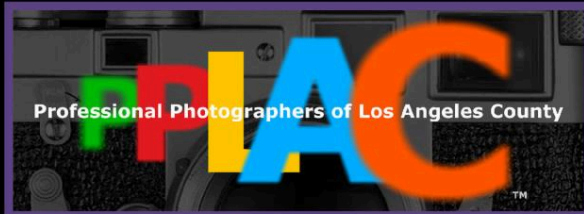
PRICING

\$70 for PPLAC Members

\$100 for Non-Member Photographers

\$50 for Non-Shooting Attendees

members receive priority reservation



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!



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,
Roy Patience - roypatience@gmail.com**

We hope to see you on our next PPLAC Adventure!

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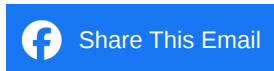
If you are curious or interested in becoming a **Certified Professional Photographer**, learn more [here](#).

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Did You Know? PPA has a page dedicated to [copyright protection](#)? AND 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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