



July 2022

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Hello and happy July!

I would like to wish each of you a happy fourth of July! I hope you're planning on photographing some of the wonderful events that surround this momentous holiday. We have quite a bit going on in July. On July 2 we are going to the Colonial Faire in Yucaipa. Step back in time and get some great photos. We also have an overnight workshop in Joshua Tree photographing the Milky Way.

We hope that you join us on July 28 in person at the Vet Center in Culver City for a presentation by John Grusd about photographing lightning. You definitely should not miss it.



August is approaching fast and our 3rd DPC will be via zoom on August 25. Registration for image entry is August 12, 13 & 14. I can't wait to see what everyone has been photographing! Also in August, we will be going to the Wings Over Camarillo Airshow. Make sure you book your tickets early!

Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July!

Nikki Washburn
2022 PPLAC President

**Coming Events
&**

Stay Connected

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 for more details*

July 3, 2022

Outing: Colonial Faire, Yucaipa, CA

July 26-27, 2022

Safari: Milky Way Photography, Joshua
Tree

July 28, 2022

General Meeting - In Person
John Grusd - "Lightning"

August 12, 2022

DPC Submission Opens

August 14, 2022

DPC Submission Closes

August 21, 2022

Outing: Wings Over Camarillo
Order Tickets Now!

August 25, 2022 - ZOOM

Third DPC of the Year

September 5, 2022

Outing: Civil War, Huntington Beach

September 22, 2022

General Meeting

October 15, 2022

Steampunk Festival
Oxnard

October 27, 2022

General Meeting
George DeLoache

November 2-4, 2022

Safari: Death Valley

November TBD

"Day of the Dead"
Hollywood Forever Cemetery

November 4, 2022

DPC Submission Opens

November 6, 2022

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

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DPC Submission Closes

November 17, 2022 - ZOOM
Fourth DPC of the Year

December TBD
"Boat Lighting"
Channel Islands

December 2022
No General Meeting

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

July 2022

07/04/22 - Independence Day
07/14/22 - Bastille Day
National Grilling Month
National Ice Cream Month

"With freedom, books, flowers, and the
moon, who could not be happy?" -
Oscar Wilde

"I think of a hero as someone who
understands the degree of responsibility
that comes with his freedom." - Bob
Dylan

"We must be free not because we claim
freedom, but because we practice it." -
William Faulkner

"If you're not barefoot, then you're
overdressed." – Unknown

PPLAC Classifieds!

**Sell your unwanted/unused
equipment now!**

See details here:

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

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June Meeting Highlights and

May DPC Awards



**PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, June 23rd, 6:30 PM**

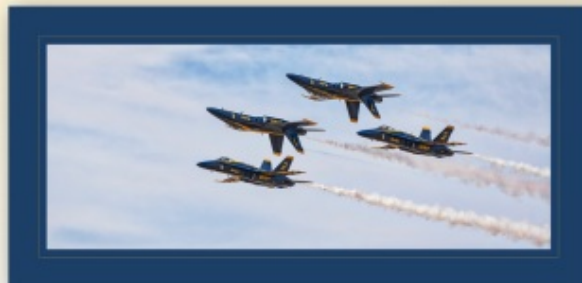
"Inspiration & Change: My Path, My Story!"

Mel Carll, M. Photog.

Join us as Mel shares his journey overcoming cancer and how photography played a key role in his journey through life-changing experiences!



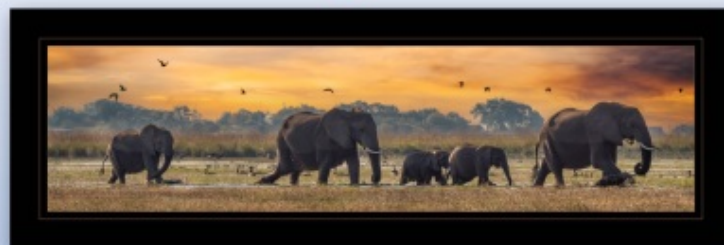
"Radiation"



"Which Way Is Up?"

You won't want to miss this extraordinary testimony and photographic experience!

**Veteran's Memorial Center, 4170 Overland Ave,
Culver City, CA 90230**



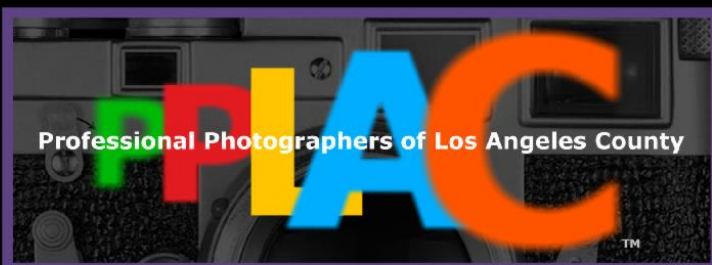
"Evening Walk"

Many thanks to Mel Carll for an interesting and inspiring presentation.





July Meeting Live! In Person!



**General Meeting
Thursday July 28
6:30pm**

John Grusd

Chasing Lightning!
Tales from the Road

It's Electric!

It's Flashy!

It has Negative Ions!



Award winning photographer, John Grusd, introduces us to one of the most fun and fascinating things you can do with a camera! Part photography, part adventure coupled with the thrill of the chase, John will lead us through his lightning adventures, sharing insights, images and tales from the road!



This is an in-person meeting at the Veteran's Memorial Center, 4170 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230.

For More information, visit our website at PPLAC.org and look for "What's Next!" under the Calendar tab.

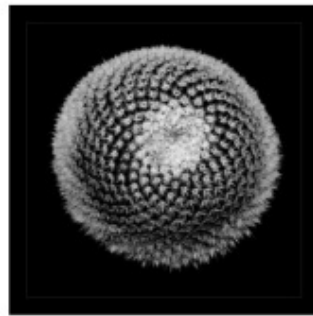
We hope you can join us on July 28 at 6:30pm!

**Outings
Workshops
Photo Reviews**

PPLAC Outing: "Huntington Gardens!" The Winning Photographs!

On Saturday, May 21st, PPLAC joined up with CIPPA to explore the wonderful gardens of Huntington Library. We had a wonderful time that morning photographing a variety of plants and flowers. We concluded the venture with lunch there on the grounds of the gardens. Eighteen of us made the trip a great success!

Then, on Tuesday evening, June 14th 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 Troy Linton ... again! Second place went to Roy Patience and third place was a two-way tied by Ira Mintz and Angela Chen. Troy received a \$25 Amazon gift card from PPLAC and Roy got the \$15 Amazon gift card and the \$10 Amazon gift card went to both Ira and Angela. Congratulations to Troy, Roy, and John & Angela and heart-felt thanks to all who participated.



1st Place: Troy Linton



2nd Place: Roy Patience



3rd Place: Ira Mintz



& Angela Chen

John Powers
1st VP



PPLAC Outing!
Saturday,
11 AM, July 2nd, 2022

Colonial Faire at Riley's Farm!

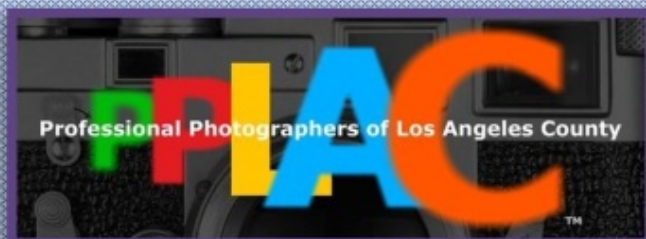
12261 S. Oak Glen Road, Oak Glen, California

Once again, just like last year, we are off to Yucaipa for their annual *Colonial Faire* event. This is a great photographic opportunity for us to get up close to photograph these amazing re-enactors as they show what life was like in the 18th century. The focus centers around the Revolutionary War events so there will be some exciting moments to capture! The cost is \$20 to enter but they are giving us PPLAC members special entry for free! You don't want to miss this event!



This photo was taken by Nikki Washburn last year!

If you're interested in attending, contact John Powers at:
johnepowers@hotmail.com



PPLAC Safari!
Tuesday/Wednesday
July 26th/27th, 2022

The Milky Way at Joshua Tree!

PPLAC is teaming up with CIPPA for our first safari in almost

three years! We are off to Joshua Tree to photograph the Milky Way, led by our intrepid photographer, John Grusd!



It will be an overnight venture. We have already booked eleven hotel rooms in 29 Palms at the Holiday Inn. These are double-occupancy rooms at a special rate of \$160 each. With two sharing a room, that's just \$80 per person. Plus, for the actual workshop, the cost is an additional **\$60**. That is a terrific deal. You don't want to miss this! **Prior to the trip, John Grusd will conduct an insightful Zoom meeting to help you prepare!**



If you are interested in going, please contact John Powers (email below). We will sign you up and provide details how to book your room and provide a worksheet.

PPA members will receive a Service Merit for their participation in this incredible event!

The deadline to sign up is July 12th!



**CONTINUING
EDUCATION
SYSTEM**

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

johnepowers@hotmail.com

2022 Speakers*

January 27	Open House	<i>Christopher Broughton</i>
February 24	DPC #1	
March 24	Bryan Welsh	<i>12 Business Practices</i>
April 28	John Powers	<i>Photography Thru Iceland</i>

May 26	DPC #2	
June 23	Mel Carll	<i>Inspiration & Change; My Path, My Story</i>
July 28	John Grusd	<i>Lightning!</i>
August 25	DPC #3	
September 22	TBD	
October 27	George DeLoach	<i>Portraiture</i>
November 17	DPC #4	

Future PPLAC Outings*

June 19 Car Rally Beverly Hills
 July 3 Colonial Faire Yucaipa
 August 21 Wings Over Camarillo Camarillo
 September 5 Civil War Days Huntington Beach
 October 15 Steampunk Festival Oxnard
 November TBD Day of the Dead Hollywood Forever Cemetery
 December TBD Boat Lighting Channel Island

Workshops / Safaris*

July 26-27 Milky Way Photography, Joshua Tree
 November 2-4 Death Valley

**Please note that speakers/schedules may
 change at any time. Notice of changes will be sent
 out ASAP and posted on the website.*

Coming Events!

August 20 Outing "Wings Over Camarillo Air Show" "Best Air Show in California "

Wings Over Camarillo is presented by Camarillo Wings Association (CWA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (EIN #27-1789245). CWA promotes aviation and its heritage, while inspiring youth with aviation related programs, education and leadership opportunities.

wingsovercamarillo.com

Doing things a little backwards this time! Usually we send out a flyer telling you about an upcoming PPLAC Outing and then tell you to get tickets. Well, this time we are telling you to get your tickets NOW and then we will send out the flyer later!

For our PPLAC Outing in August (**Saturday, August 20th**), we are doing a joint-venture again with CIPPA as we photograph at the **Camarillo Air Show**. But tickets sell out fast, especially for the VIP section. Yes, the VIP section is very expensive (\$150) but many found it worthwhile. Regular tickets are \$30. Either way, go on line NOW to purchase your ticket(s).

The web site is: <https://wingsovercamarillo.com>



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Special Offer for PPLAC Hand Tint Pro

Photo tinting or hand tinting **adds soft, otherworldly colors to a photo, and can lend an antique feel to even the most modern subjects.** Brush on color to add a life-like blush to the cheeks of a child, or draw attention to a single element, like a flower or sunset.

For PPLAC members in good standing, Jixipix is offering a free download of **Hand Tint Pro** for the month of July. Click on the link below for more information:

<https://sites.fastspring.com/jixipix/product/handtintpro?coupon=PPLACHT>

July Silent Auction Luminar Neo from Skylum

We often get photos that don't express what we saw and felt at the time we shot them. Sometimes, the problem lies in flash misses, dull weather, or dust spots on the lens that require extra work in post-processing.

Luminar Neo is easy-to-use photo editing software for photography lovers that empowers them to express the beauty they imagined thanks to innovative AI-driven tools. Its powerful functionality helps artists fix things in post-processing as fast as possible — and save every moment at its best. AI tools in **Luminar Neo** also allow you to automatically remove unwanted phone or power lines in travel and landscape photos, create AI-powered object masks in a click, and relight the scene with realistic virtual flash. Special portrait and landscape tools help you retouch photos in less than five minutes instead of the hours it takes in traditional editors.

Professional results will make you fall in love with every photo you edit. Now everyone can see your photos as you imagined them. Skylum continues to improve **Luminar Neo** and add functionality with every update. **Luminar Neo** is available as a one-time purchase or as a subscription.

The latest version can create great bokeh effect. In addition, AI technology automatically detects and selects subjects. You can remove the whole background behind a person, use it as a layer or

export it as a PNG file.

In addition, the relight feature can enhance backlit photos or darkened images. ***Luminar Neo*** calculates the depth of a photo and creates a precise depth map to spread the light spatially across a 2D image.

<https://skylum.com/luminar>



**Coming
Soon!**

PPLAC Classifieds

Do you have used photography gear you would like to sell? PPLAC will provide classified listings as a service to PPLAC members in good standing. Anyone can purchase but you need to be a member to sell.

This your chance to make a little cash for yourself and give a little back to PPLAC as well!

When this service is ready, the details will be published on the PPLAC website (pplac.org) and you will be notified in the newsletter and blasts. The ads will be published on the website. If you want to see the work in progress, go to the site and look under the Membership tab.

Here is an example ad:

Item - Ruggard Journey 44 DSLR Shoulder Bag



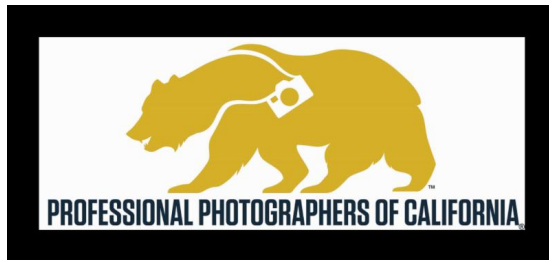
Description – This is a medium sized, padded shoulder bag that can hold lenses, a body or a body with a lens attached. It is also great for holding filters, batteries, memory cards, etc. For a complete description, visit the B&H Photo site and search for the item. New, this item at B&H retails for \$54.95. This bag has never been used and is complete.

Condition Rating – 1 (Like New – No signs of wear, functions like new.)

Sale Price - \$25.00

Seller's Name and Contact Information: Seller's Name – Phone Number and/or email address.

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2022 IPC

Judging Schedule

You must be a member to enter PPA

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!

Competitions.

IPC Early Registration:

July 5–August 11 at 5pm ET

IPC Late Registration:

August 11–August 30 at 5pm ET

IPC Judging: September 11–15, 2022

Get Your Results

You can find your competition results on your My-PPA page.

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