



May 2026



Greetings PPLAC Members!

2026 is flying by, and PPLAC is getting busier with each passing month!

In April, PPLAC visited the Huntington Library, where the gardens always offer rich photographic opportunities. We held our Huntington Photo Review on April 29th with 42 entries!

Our **Digital Print Competition Director, Kevin Karzin**, presented an informative program, *DPC Submission 101* on April 22nd.

This well-attended session provided a wealth of helpful information for our members. I hope to see even more members entering our next DPC on May 28 with confidence—there's no better way to improve our craft!

On May 11, **PPLAC Adventure Leader, John Grusd**, is hosting a 5-day, sold-out Adventure to the Grand Canyon and Sedona. You won't want to miss the Photo Review on June 3rd at 7PM!

May continues at a fast pace as we head to Santa Anita Racetrack on May 24 - not for the thoroughbreds, but for the **Corgi Nationals!** Consider joining us as we photograph the fluffiest athletes around. A special thank you to **Roy Patience**, our First Vice President, for continually bringing terrific, and diverse, outings to our group.

Be sure to visit our brand-new YouTube channel. <https://www.YouTube.com/@pplac-education>. We'll be adding creative content for members to enjoy for years to come. You can watch **Kevin Karzin's DPC Submission 101** presentation on our YouTube channel! This terrific idea was spearheaded by **Heather Dinkins**, our PPLAC Secretary, Newsletter and Blast Editor—just to name a few of the many hats she wears! (See below for details!)

Stay tuned for PPLAC's first **Workshop Wednesday**, scheduled for June 17 at 7 PM. These monthly Zoom sessions are open to all members and designed to address your photography questions and dilemmas. Each workshop will be hosted by one of our talented members and is sure to educate and inspire.

Lastly, we invite you to share your PPLAC images for posting on our Facebook page. Send your images to socialmedia.pplac@gmail.com. Help us keep our audience informed and engaged!

I encourage you to step outside, slow down, and see what unfolds!

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!

JUNE 25, 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)

FUN FACT

Did You Know?

Ansel Adams started as a **pianist** and only seriously pursued photography in

May 1-17
DPC #2
Submissions Are Open
([Upload Images Here](#))

May 11-15
ADVENTURE
Sedona & Grand Canyon
-SOLD OUT-

May 24
OUTING
Corgi Race
Santa Anita Racetrack
([RSVP Here](#))

May 28
Membership Meeting
DPC #2
([Zoom](#)) @ 6:00pm

June 17
Workshop Wednesday
(Zoom Link TBD)

June 21
OUTING
Rodeo Drive
Concours d'Elegance
([RSVP Here](#))

July 15
OUTING
Getty Center Study Room
(**SOLD OUT**)

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

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

his teens.

He often said that music and
photography shared a similar sense of
rhythm, composition, and harmony.

STAY CONNECTED



meetup



Community Network
with PPA

GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCING

"WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS"

Join us via Zoom as we explore ways to improve non-merited images and learn how Best of Category images were captured and created.

Learn post-production methods to take *your* images to the next level.

Share your images and questions to receive thoughtful feedback and expert instruction from some of our finest photographers.

Next Session: Wednesday, June 17 @ 7:00pm

~ details & ZOOM link to follow ~

We Have a Private YouTube Channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/@pplac-education>

Click below to watch our first *Wednesday Workshop*

"DPC Submission 101"

Currently, they are not searchable within YouTube, but this allows us to keep our recorded Zooms ready to share within our Website and Newsletters.

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 faces!

We Have A New (Dedicated) Membership Email

membership.pplac@gmail.com

If you have any membership related questions, please reach out to our 2nd VP (**David Glazier**) with this email address!

We Have A Social Media Email

socialmedia.pplac@gmail.com

We want to grow our online presence this year!!

If you have snapshots you want to share from an event, outing or meeting we'd love for you to post them on our [PPLAC Facebook](#) account, BUT we can also post some of them for you!

email us your images or videos at one of our events!!!

WINGS OVER CAMARILLO INFO

If You Have Not Attended WOC previously - keep an eye on these pages

<https://wingsovercamarillo.com/>
<https://tickets.wingsovercamarillo.com>

PPLAC Attendees Purchase the **VIP** tickets and they SELL OUT FAST.

Tickets Went on Sale Last Year May 24

Visit the Site Often

We'll keep an eye out, but MARK THIS DATE if you are planning on attending!

MEMBERS ONLY

Sponsorship News!

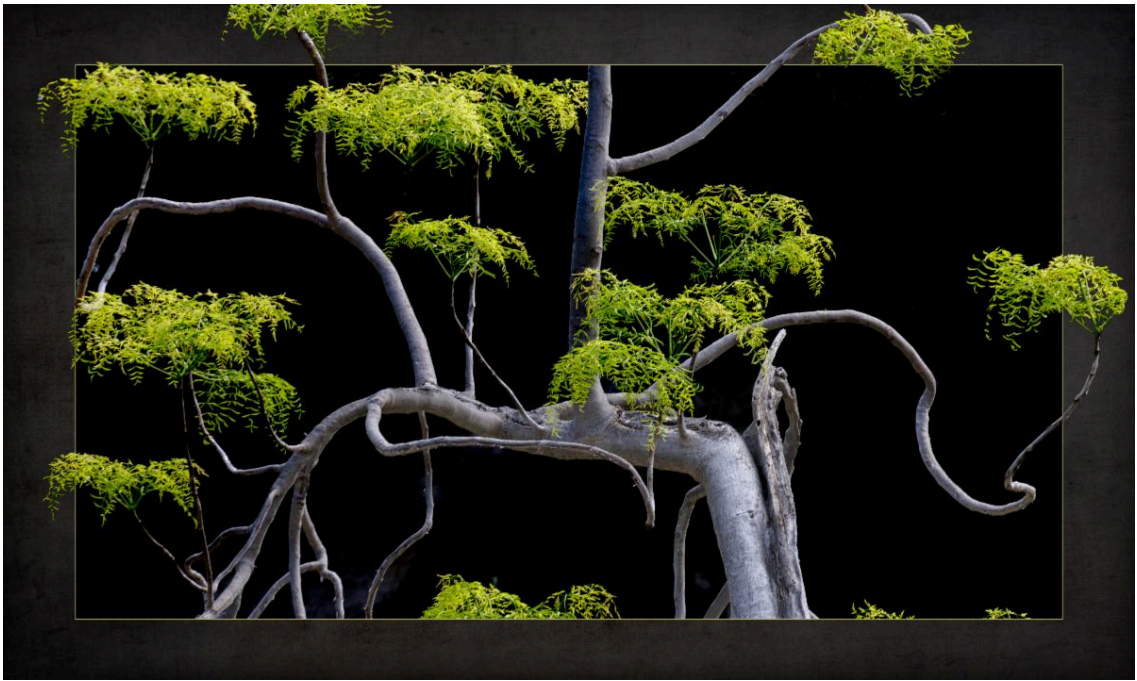
We have received a ONGOING discount with DXO complete with it's own code. A separate mail was sent out earlier this year to Active & Lifetime Members with the information on how to claim your savings.

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

IMAGES OF THE MONTH



credit: Roy Patience



credit: Hutch Hutchinson

LAST MONTH

**PPLAC Adventure
"Yosemite in Winter!"**

March 9-12, 2026



**Pictured L to R: Sharon Martens, Chris Martens, Albert Huen, Jaye Pruett, Cynthia Daniels, Greg Trainor, Ron Kaplan, Tim Hintz, Gary Chamberlain, Roy Patience, Dennis Goldstein, Gary Johnson and John Grusd
Not pictured: Natalie Kahn, Janice Trainor**

What was billed as a "winter" trip to Yosemite, turned out to be more like Spring Break! Anyone who primarily photographs the outdoors knows that Mother Nature has a sense of humor. Believe me, nobody complained! Warmer temperatures turned the waterfalls up to "11"! We had a terrific group for this photographically, target-rich Adventure and everyone got plenty of "keepers"!

We have scheduled our fun and friendly Photo Review for this Adventure on Wednesday evening, April 1st at 7pm. Everyone is invited to see the amazing images created by the group. The Zoom link will be posted on the PPLAC website and will be included in emailed blasts and announcements. Come join us and support our intrepid adventurers!

John Grusd
PPLAC Adventure Leader

**PPLAC Adventure
"Yosemite in Winter!"**

The Winning Photographs!

On Monday, March 9, PPLAC members and friends gathered at Yosemite Falls Lodge to kick off their sold-out "Yosemite in Winter" Adventure, led by John Grusd!

The Photo Review was held on April 2, where 39 images were evaluated.

Members shared their insights and voted for the top three photographs.

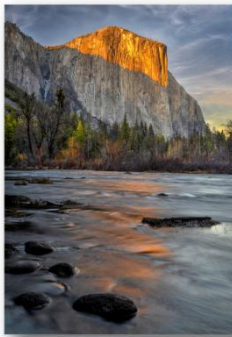
First place was awarded to **Roy Patience**, who received a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Second place went to **Gary Johnson**, earning a \$15 gift card!

Third place was awarded to **Dennis Goldstein**, who received a \$10 gift card!

Congratulations to our winners!

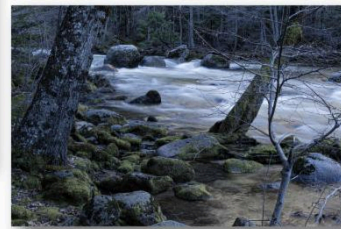
Thank you to everyone who participated,
and special thanks to Roy Patience for leading the Photo Review!



2nd Place - Gary Johnson



1st Place - Roy Patience



3rd Place - Dennis Goldstein

Liz Chalmers
PPLAC President

PPLAC OUTING: The Huntington



Pictured above: Liz Chalmers, Greg Trainor, Mel Carll, Nikki Washburn, John Powers, Natalie Kahn, Roy Patience, Saul Miller, Rich Ramirez, Ira Mintz, Hutch Huchison, Bertha Ramirez

On April 11, 2026, twelve PPLAC members and friends gathered for the Outing of the Month at The Huntington in San Marino. The weather was perfect for a long photographic walk amongst the various themed botanical gardens. Beginning with the Desert Garden, home to one of the world's most extensive collections of cacti and other desert plants, we later roamed the Lily Ponds, Japanese Garden, Rose Garden and more!

We had lunch at 1919 Café, named for the year The Huntington was founded, where we enjoyed sharing our adventures and taking a welcome break from our camera gear.

Liz Chalmers
President, PPLAC

Image Review

Huntington Library and Gardens - Winning Images!

April 29th, 2026

On Saturday, April 11th, PPLAC members and friends visited The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino to explore and capture the beauty of its many distinctive gardens!



1st Place

2nd Place



3rd Place



The Photo Review, held on April 29th, featured 45 images to evaluate and enjoy. Members shared their insights and voted for the top three photographs.

First place was awarded to Hutch Hutchison, who received a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Second place went to John Powers, earning a \$15 gift card!

Third place was awarded to Hutch Hutchison, 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 Photo Review!

UPCOMING EVENTS



PPLAC Outing!

Sunday

May 24th, 2026

10:30am

The Biggest Corgi Racing Festival in the World!

Join us for the Summer Corgi Nationals as the fastest, fluffiest athletes take over the track for a full day of high-speed Corgi racing and unforgettable fun!

From Seasoned speedsters chasing the podium to adorable loafers just giving it their all, every Corgi has their moment on the track!



**Location: Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, CA - Infield Colorado Entrance
Free Parking Gate 6 off Colorado Place**

Races take place from 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Preliminary heats are in the infield
and the semifinals and finals are on the main horse track.**

Get your ticket (which includes the horse racing!) in advance here:
<https://www.santaanita.com/event/entertainment/socalcorginationals/>

**If you're interested in joining us for this PPLAC Outing,
please contact Roy Patience at:**

roypatience@gmail.com



**PPLAC DPC
May 28, 2026
6:00pm**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION!

Join us for our 2nd 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:

**Carolyn Flugstad
Tim Mathiesen
James Adams**

**"Golden Silence"
by
Angela Chen**

**February
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 May 1 - 17.

Join us on May 28th at 6:00pm!



PPLAC Outing!

Sunday

June 21st, 2026

10:00am

Rodeo Drive **Concours d'Elegance!**

Join us at the 31st Annual Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills on Sunday, June 21, 2026. The event continues its long-standing tradition as a Father's Day celebration of automotive excellence in the heart of Beverly Hills!

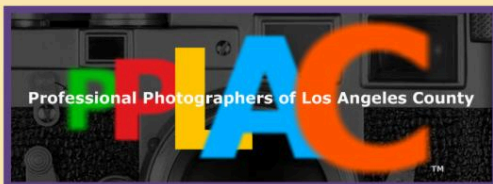
The annual event transforms one of the world's most iconic streets into an open-air exhibition of rare, exotic, and vintage automobiles! From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, we can enjoy an exceptional display of design, craftsmanship, and engineering during a day dedicated to automotive culture and elegance!



Location: This FREE event takes place in Beverly Hills on Rodeo Drive between Wilshire Blvd and Santa Monica Blvd. Arrive early if you want to absorb the sights, sounds, and smells of the cars moving into their places!

If you're interested in joining us for this PPLAC Outing, please contact Roy Patience at:

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PPLAC General Meeting!

Presentation

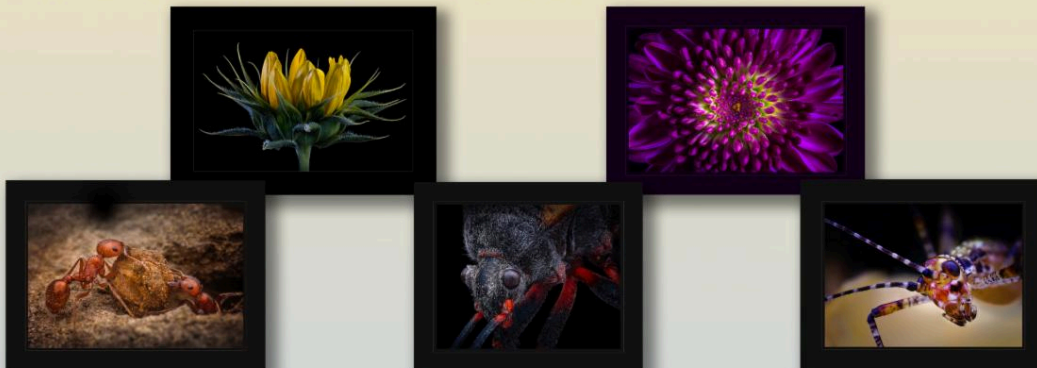
Thursday, June 25th, 2026

6:00pm

"Macro Photography!"

Endre Balogh

Join us at PPLAC on this photographic journey into the unseen world that is all around us! Award winning photographer, Endre Balogh will share this universe of small objects and wildlife as well as the gear and techniques he employs to photograph them! This will be a surprising and fascinating presentation that we know will inspire you!



Endre Balogh is both a professional violinist and photographer! As a musician, he has performed world-wide with the most prestigious ensembles and symphonies as well as some of the world's most eminent conductors!

In 2004, after severely curtailing his touring concert schedule to spend more time with his children, Endre rapidly began to hone his passion for photography. Soon he was winning top awards in contests and his unique aesthetic vision and reputation for consistently beautiful work earned him an enviable reputation among his photographic colleagues. He has had three solo exhibitions of his work at the Karpeles Museum in Santa Barbara. An article he wrote detailing his techniques for photographing flowers in Black and White, was published in "Shutterbug Magazine's" 2010 annual publication "Expert Photo Techniques Guide" with one of his images featured on the cover. In 2016, he was among the "Diamond Photographers" in the International Professional Photographers competition and he has frequently won "Photographer of the Year" for both the All-Valley Professional Photographers Association and the Channel Islands Professional Photographers Association. He has been among the "Top Ten" photographers in Professional Photographers of California every year since 2015.



In-Person Meeting! 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!

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**



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!



Save the Date!

Tickets are not available yet!

We will let you know when they go on sale.

When they do, we will give you the details.

Watch this spot!

Those intending to go 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! (Date TBA)



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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

 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!



Sold Out!

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!

 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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News

**NEW VENUE FOR
WEST COAST SCHOOL 2026**



WEST COAST SCHOOL OF PHOTOGRAPHY

June 7-11, 2026

NEW VENUE



Idyllwild, CA

NEW CLASSES

Portraiture
Landscape
Commercial
Photoshop
Beginners
High School Seniors

LOWER TUITION!

LODGING

Gorgeous new venue with limited options for lodging starting at \$120/night!
(as low as \$85 for shared rooms)

RESERVE EARLY!

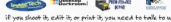
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Did You Know? PPA has a page dedicated to [copyright protection](#)? AND you DO NOT need to be a PPA member to look at their [website](#).....and they are offering a lot of webinars this year!

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