



October 2023

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Happy Fall PPLAC!

Get ready for pumpkins, Halloween, harvest festivals, Thanksgiving and all the other good things fall gives us. This is one of my favorite times of the year. Cooler weather (hopefully soon!) and lots of things to do and photograph. I hope you are getting out there and enjoying it all.

Thank you to the PPLAC Board for the wonderful cake for Mel and me to celebrate our engagement at the meeting on Thursday. It was so thoughtful and a wonderful surprise.



I also want to thank George DeLoach for his presentation on Creating Award Winning Portraits. You have an incredible amount of photography knowledge – thank you for sharing it with us.

We have some great outings coming up to finish out the year. On Oct 28th, we're headed to the Dia de Los Muertos at the Forever Hollywood Ceremony. It's a great time with an incredible number of photo opportunities. I hope you'll come and join us. Grab your tickets now before they sell out. Details can be found on PPLAC.org. On November 11th, Angela Chen is going to take us to the Santa Monica pier for some night photography and on December 9th, we'll be going back to the Arboretum for their Lightscape! show. It was hugely popular last year and there were some great pictures people took there.

Our last overnight Safari for the year will take us to Death Valley from November 7th-9th. For additional details, go to PPLAC.org or contact John Powers.

Also on November 16th, we have our last DPC of the year. Please make a note that this is one week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Registration for DPC will be October 30th through November 5th. Get those images ready!!

Have a great October PPLAC!





Coming Events & General Meetings

Come join our monthly meetings held on the **4th Thursday of each month** (unless it falls on a holiday).

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Save The Date

Meetings and
Events

Visit our Meetup Calendar
or website for more details**

October 3 - 5, 2023
Three Day Outing to the Eastern
Sierras

October 26, 2023
General Meeting
John Powers - "On The Streets of
India"

October 26, 2023
PPLAC Annual Swap Meet
(at regular meeting)

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

October 30, 2023
DPC Submissions Open

November 5, 2023
DPC Submissions Close

November 7 - 9, 2023
Three Day Outing to Death Valley

November 11, 2023
Outing - Night Photography at the
Santa Monica Pier

November 16, 2023
DPC #4

December 9, 2023
Outing - "Landscape!" - LA County
Arboretum

December 2023
No General Meeting

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

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

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PPLAC on Safari

Our Annual PPLAC Swap Meet will be held at the October 26, 2023 Meeting

Take a few minutes before the next meeting and check your closets, camera bags, shelves or wherever you keep (or hide!) your gear. You may find a few things you no longer want, need or use. You can pack it up and bring it to the meeting on October 26.

You could make a few \$\$\$, donate a bit to PPLAC to support our programs and maybe find a treasure you've been looking for - or didn't know you needed!

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Election for the 2023 Board will be held in November, 2023. Slate will be announced by Email in mid-October.

September Highlights

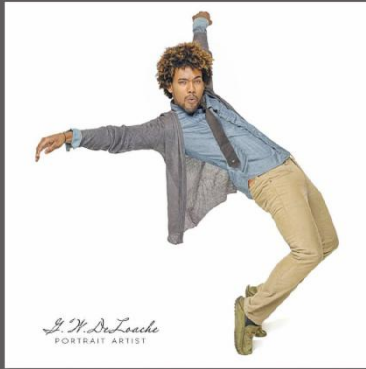
George DeLoache





**PPLAC
General Meeting
Presentation
Sep 28th, 2023
6:30pm**

**"The Secrets of Creating Award-Winning Portraits!"
George DeLoache, M.Photog., CPP**



George is the renowned Narrative Portrait Artist, Master Photographer and Educator who enjoys sharing his knowledge, insights and experiences with audiences around the world. Join us for an exciting evening!

George DeLoache will share his secrets of creating award winning portraiture and the creative process. George specializes in expressing the unique personalities of the subjects he photographs. His clients run the gamut from business and corporate executives, entertainers, musicians to private individuals. In a world where a photographic portrait might very well convey the first impression of the individual, George combines the uniqueness of personality with artful style. That is what George does best.

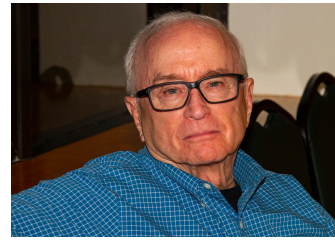
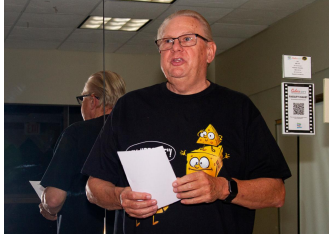


Join us on Thursday evening, September 28th, at 6:30 PM for an exciting evening!

See you in person at the Vet Center,
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City!



We hope you'll join us on Sep 28th at 6:30pm!



September Outings & Photo Reviews

“Civil War Days!”



On Saturday morning, September 2nd , PPLAC was in Huntington Beach for the annual *Civil War Days!* It being Labor Day weekend, so many of our PPLAC members were scattered to the four winds – five in Africa, two traveling up north, etc. Anyway, three of our members, Angela Chen, Denise Comeau, and John Powers were there for a wonderful, cool-weathered day of photography. Joining us as our guest for the day was Bruce Bonnett from IEPPV (Inland Empire Professional Photographers and Videographers), photo above. At noon we gathered in the Refreshment Tent area for lunch and recapped our exploits, among them being able to photograph such reenactor luminaries as Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, and General Lee, not to mention General Pickett, and an assortment of historical personalities.

There will be a PPLAC Photo Review on this event on Tuesday evening, September 12th , 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: "Civil War Day!"
The Winning Photographs!**

On Saturday, September 2nd and 3rd, 2023, four members from PPLAC and a guest from IEPPV (John Powers, Angela Chen, Denise Comeau, Teresa Pepe, and Bruce Bonnett) traveled to Huntington Beach for the annual *Civil War Days!* reenactment. We wandered all through the park taking great photos and then met for lunch in the Refreshment area. We all had a wonderful time and were able to get some amazing photographs!

So, on Tuesday evening, September 12th we came together with other members of PPLAC via Zoom to look at the 29 images we wanted to share. We discussed each image and then everyone voted for their favorites. The first place winner was Bruce Bonnett. Second and third place went to John Powers. Bruce received a \$25 Amazon gift card from PPLAC and John got \$15 and \$10 gift cards from Amazon. Congratulations to Bruce Bonnett and John Powers. And also big thanks to all who participated.



First Place: Bruce Bonnett



Second Place: John Powers



Third Place: John Powers

John Powers
1st Vice President

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

October 27, 2023 Meeting



**PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, October 26, 2023
6:30 PM**

“On the Streets of India!”



Join us as John takes us through the streets of northern India with his camera. Special highlights will include different views of the Taj Mahal, colorful scenes from the Holi Festival, and one of the oldest and most sacred cities in the world, Varanasi.



John Powers, M.Photos., Cr., CPP

John Powers is a travel photographer with an emphasis on Asia. He serves on the boards of the Professional Photographers of Hawaii, the Professional Photographers of Los Angeles County, and the American Society of Photographers. He holds the Master of Photography and the Photographic Craftsman degrees from the Professional Photographers of America and is a Certified Professional Photographer.

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

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November 16, 2023 DPC #4

The fourth DPC of the year will be held via Zoom.
Please note that Submissions open October 30, 2023.

Further information TBA.

PPLAC Members! Do you want advice about your images?

We can help you!

We can all use an second pair of eyes when evaluating our images. At PPLAC, we have PPC Certified judges who can give you one-on-one informal critiques of your potential DPC submissions so your images are the best they can be for competition. We can also meet with you after a competition to discuss in more detail the scores you received or to evaluate your images in general.

Contact any of the board members or through the PPLAC website (pplac.org) under the "Contact Us" tab and we will set up a meeting (Zoom, phone, email) or whatever works best for you. We are happy to review as many as 6 images per member.



Image by John Powers

August DPC Merit presentation





This could be yours next DPC!

Beginning with the August DPC, the Best of Show image maker will receive this fantastic plaque along with a coupon from our sponsor ProLab Digital!

October Outing



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.ladayofthedead.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

Future Outings/Safaris/Workshops

October 3 - 5, 2023 Eastern Sierra
November 7- 9, 2023 Death Valley



Three-Day
Outing!!

October 3-5, 2023

Eastern Sierra and Fall Colors!

Join us on this exploration to some of the most dramatic scenery in the American West!



In this multi-day PPLAC Outing, John Grusd will lead us on a photographic 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!



John will also assist you in learning Basic Landscape Camera Handling Techniques to help you set up your camera properly and understand the tools that will enhance your technical ability to create pro-level photographs!





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 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**



Join us on this inspiring 3-Day PPLAC Outing!

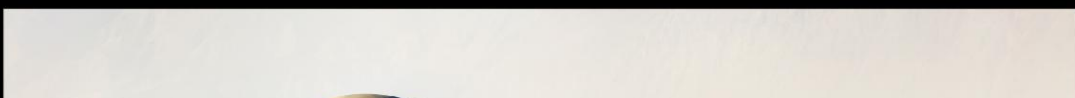


**Three-Day
Outing!!**

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!



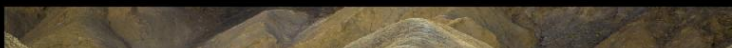
John will also discuss Jump Starting Your Landscape Creativity to help you learn approaches and techniques that train your brain to be creative while adapting to the conditions at hand.



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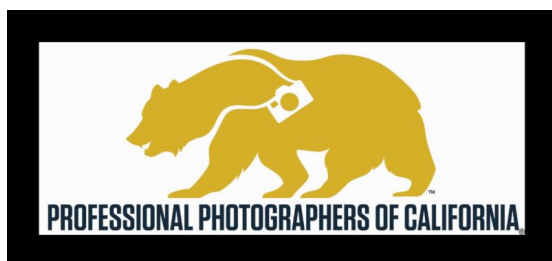
Lodging and transportation are not included. We will be based at the historic Stovepipe Wells Resort inside the National Park.

For questions or to register for this event, please contact [John Powers - johnpowers@hotmail.com](mailto:johnpowers@hotmail.com)





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