



September 2024

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2024 President John Powers

"Great photography is about depth of feeling, not depth of field."
Peter Adams

Greetings, PPLAC Members:

This pithy quote is easy to grasp and well worth remembering: depth of feeling in photography is all about connection through emotions. It's the photographer connecting emotionally with his subject, be it a portrait, landscape, cityscape, flora, fauna, or whatever. And when that translates into a connection for the viewer, there is no better feeling; in a word: **Impact!** While there are currently twelve elements that help define good photography, there is a reason why 'Impact' is usually the first thing that hits the viewer. From impact hangs some of the most profound images ever created. And it all goes back to emotional connections.

Important Announcement: Now is the time to start looking at the beginning of next year for our PPLAC elections. If you are interested in running for a position, please let the secretary, Eleanor, or me know. While the Presidency still has one year remaining, all other positions are open for election. Please give serious consideration to becoming more involved in our beloved organization. Thank you!

For September we are going to do something unique: We are going to bring

our monthly PPLAC Outing to you! When you show up for our September 26th monthly meeting in Playa Vista, we will have a mini-workshop on *Macrophotography*. This will be a venture lead by Liz Chalmers, Mel Carll and Roy Patience. Roy will present a brief discussion of macrophotography prior to the hands-on portion of the evening. You do not want to miss this!

And don't forget about our PPLAC Adventures: September finds us at *Joshua Tree* and October up in the *Monterey Peninsula*. While the October trip is sold out, you can always have your name on the waiting list. See the attached flyers for details on all of this. And as if that was not enough, we also have a day-long workshop in October led by Michael Collins on *Photoshop*. Again, the attached flyer will provide details. What I can tell you is, this will certainly be well worth attending. Sign up now!

Finally, last week we held our third quarter Digital Photographic Competition (DPC). There were some incredible images and it was inspiring to see our members' work. Congratulations to all those that received a Merit for their image and hats off to Andrew Lewis whose image *"Through the Smoke"* was awarded Best in Show.

See you at our events and remember, *"Keep on clickin'!"*

John Powers, M.Photo.Cr., CPP
PPLAC President

Coming Events & General Meetings

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

September 3-4, 2024
Overnight Adventure - Joshua Tree

September 26, 2024
General Meeting

October 6, 2024
Mike Collins - Photoshop

October 24, 2024
General Meeting

October 28-31, 2024
PPLAC Adventure - Monterey

November 21, 2024 (Zoom)
Image Competition

**Please note that speakers/schedule may change at any time.*
****<https://www.pplac.org/calendar>**

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(Programs, Speakers, Workshops)
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**September Silent Auction
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<https://www.topazlabs.com/topaz-photo-ai>

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**The 12 Elements
of a Merit Image**

<https://www.ppa.com/ppmag/articles/12-elements-of-a-merit-image>

August 2024 Highlights DPC #3

**Best of Show, Best of Category -
Photojournalism
"Through the Smoke" by Andrew Lewis**



Best of Category - Nature
"Plenty of Attitude" by John Grusd



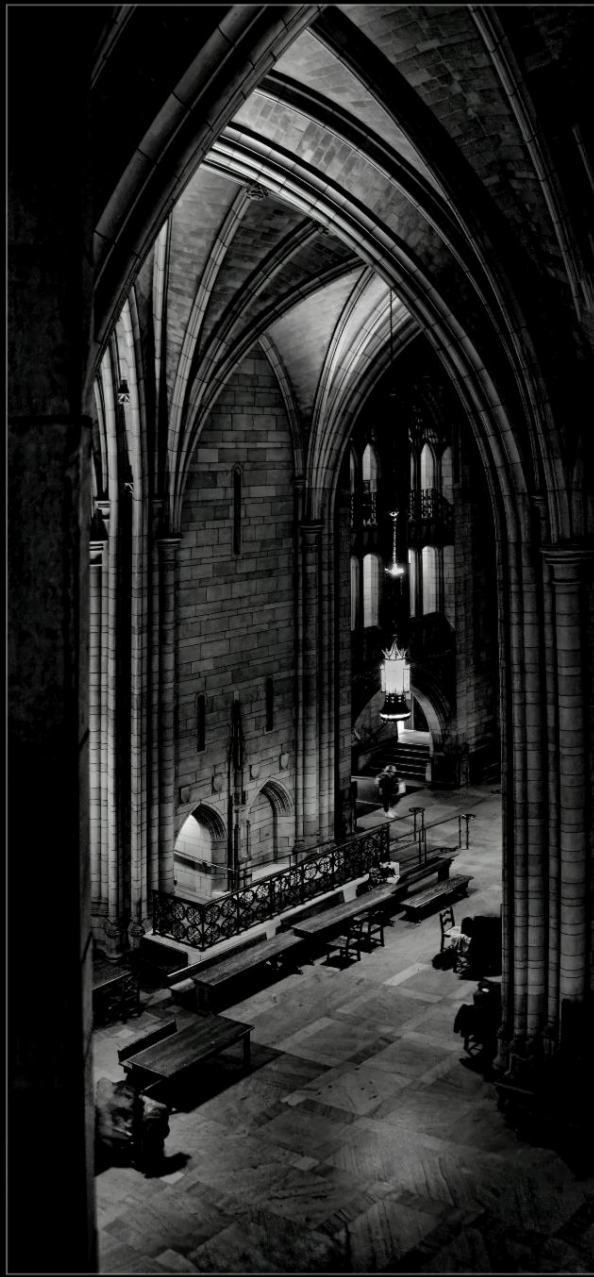
Best of Category - Open
"Come on Bob, Fly Right" by Mel Carll



Best of Category - Electronic Art
"Symmetrical Petal Poetry" by Nikki Washburn



Best of Category - Architectural
"Serenity" by Ira Mintz



Best of Category - Landscape
"Into the Storm" by Sharon Lobel



Best of Category - Portrait
"Beauty of the Renaissance" by John Powers



PPLAC'S ADVENTURE Wings Over Camarillo



Pictured Top Row: John Powers, Jonathan Gray (Eleanor's son), Eleanor Gray, Ira Mintz and Roy Patience. ***Front:*** Denise Comeau and John Grusd.

On August 19, PPLAC members and non-members gathered for the 42nd Annual Wings Over Camarillo Airshow and Carshow. Amazing aerobatic performances, military aircraft, wall of fire pyrotechnics and so much more!

PPLAC Photo Review will take place on September 11th at 7:00pm. Zoom link will sent prior to the review.

Coming Events! Meetings/Outings

September 26 General Meeting "Hands-On Macro Night" with Roy Patience

*****Bring your gear....this is HANDS-ON*****



PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, September 26th
6:30PM

"Hands-On Macro Night!"

Roy Patience - PPLAC 2nd VP



*PPLAC is hosting a Hands-On Macro Night at our September 26th General Meeting!

*This special meeting is FREE to PPLAC members. The non-member fee is \$10, paid at the door.

*Roy Patience will begin the meeting at 6:30pm with a brief discussion on macro photography.

*Attendees should bring the following: camera, macro lens/ 24-70mm or equivalent, a tripod and if you have them, a speedlight and a diffuser.

*There will be different stations to capture macro photography images. Subjects to photograph will be supplied; however, feel free to bring any items of interest!

*Any questions about Hands-On Macro Night? Please contact Liz Chalmers at Liz@LizChalmers.com



Roy Patience
discovered the fascinating world of
photomacrography more than a half-a-century ago
after he purchased a set of extension tubes for his
Asahi Pentax camera. That started his obsession with
photographing the small world.
He often uses focus stacking to create detailed
portraits of local wildflowers.
He also enjoys most anything related to photography.



Meeting Location: Center Point Clubhouse, 6200 Playa Vista Dr, Playa Vista, CA 90094

PLEASE NOTE: There is **FREE PARKING** at our new location, CenterPointe Clubhouse, 6200 Playa Vista, 90094!!! Once in the driveway, you will see underground parking to the **RIGHT**. Take the elevator to the first floor and the meeting room will be in front of you. Additionally, there is parking on the street; be sure to watch signs.

Outings/Safaris/Adventures



Overnight
Adventure!!

September 3-4, 2024

Joshua Tree Night Sky Adventure!

**Join us on this overnight photo shoot in
one of the darkest and most photogenic
locations in Southern California!**



Sold Out!

**We hope you'll join us on our next
PPLAC Adventure!**



PPLAC Workshop
9am-4pm Sunday
October 6, 2024
Workshop Fee - \$99

"Something Old, Something New"

A Photoshop Workshop with Photoshop Guru

Michael Collins!



A daylong journey into what Photoshop can do for you. We will discuss and work with the latest and greatest things Photoshop has come out with as well as revisit older methods that work better than AI.

Participants will learn:

- *Generative Fill
- *Remove Tool Vs. Healing Brush
- *Changing the color in objects (old school)
- *Retouching made easy
- *As this is a live class - we will go off in many directions as the class dictates!

Rule #1 is to Have Fun!

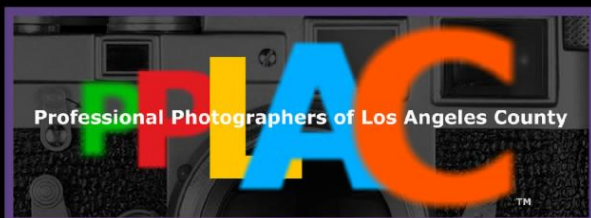


Mike has been a professional photographer for 25+ years. He is a PPA Master Craftsman, Certified Professional Photographer, has earned the PPC Service Award, the CA Master Degree & numerous others. Michael has hosted an online photoshop program for 4 years, creating 200+ episodes!



To sign up or for more details, contact Liz@LizChalmers.com

Location: CenterPoint Clubhouse, 6200 Playa Vista Dr, Playa Vista, CA 90094



Four-Day/Three-Night
Adventure!!

October 28-31, 2024

Monterey Coastal Adventure!

**Join us on this scenic exploration to
what Ansel Adams called,
"The greatest meeting of land and sea!"**



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 Liz Chalmers and she will add you to the list.

PPLAC 1st VP, Liz Chalmers - liz@lizchalmers.com

We hope to see you on our next PPLAC Adventure!

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Photo Opportunities

PPA Credited One-Day Workshops:

September 9th: Hands-On Outdoor Floral Photography with Angela Chen

September 12th: Cityscape Photography with Angela Chen

September 14th: Beginning Lighting with Kevin Karzin

On your own opportunities:

September 28th: Western Days at Calico Ghost Town

2024 PHOTOGRAPHY ADVENTURE TOURS



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September 6-7, 2024

4am - 5pm

1595 N Sierra St, Reno, NV

The Great Reno Balloon Race is the world's largest free hot-air ballooning event.
We will photograph wild horses, Virginia City and/or Lake Tahoe.

Hotel reservations are to be made at:
Courtyard Reno Downtown/Riverfront (meeting place)
1 Ballpark Lane Reno, NV 89501
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(El Segundo Blvd/Illinois St in El Segundo, CA)

September 29, 2024

Noon - 4pm

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2024 STATE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



SAVE THE DATE

COMPETITION DATE: NOVEMBER 2-3, 2024

(Competition will be on November 2 and critiques will be on November 3rd via zoom)

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCTOBER 1, 2024
REGISTRATION CLOSES: OCTOBER 25, 2024 (noon)

For official Rules and Registration: www.ppconline.com

Questions and Information: 310-408-3953 or duganmarcy@gmail.com



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<https://www.ppa.com/credentials-mem/cpp-mem>

Please note that PPA has a page dedicated to what is available. 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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