



February 2023

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February President's Letter



Happy February!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Open House on January 26th. It was a great celebration and I hope everyone had a fantastic time! A huge thank you to Marcy Dugan for installing the 2023 PPLAC Board.

President- Nikki Washburn
1st Vice President- John Powers
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Secretary- Teresa Pepe
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Also, congratulations to our 2022 photography award winners.

Architectural - John Grusd
Landscape - Sharon Lobel
Nature - John Grusd
Open - Sharon Lobel
Photojournalism - Andrew Lewis
Portrait - John Powers

And a big congratulations to our 2022 Photographer of the Year - John Grusd!

Thank you to Moses Choi with ProLab Digital for coming out and giving us the scope of what ProLab Digital does as well as different ways and materials we can use to showcase our images.

Our secret judge for the Judges Choice Award was Moses Choi and the winner was Ira Mintz. Congratulations!

Looking ahead to 2023, we have an exciting year planned. This month kicks off our 1st DPC of the year. Get those images ready! I can't wait to see what you all have been photographing. Just a reminder that you have a whole week to enter your images now.

On February 25th, we'll be headed to Dickensfest in Riverside, where they celebrate the life & works of author Charles Dickens. Costumes, entertainers, and Dickens era eats make for some fantastic photo opportunities.

On March 18th, we will be joining forces with CIPPA and going to the Point Mugu Airshow featuring the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds.

Our March meeting will welcome guest speaker, Sharon Lobel. Her presentation "Horns, Fangs & Hoofs of Africa! Come Adventure With Me!" will tell you all about planning, preparing & what you will see in Africa.

As always, details for all of PPLAC's events can be found at www.PPLAC.org as soon as they are available.

Happy Photographing- see you at DPC!

Nikki Washburn
2023 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).

Save The Date
Meetings and
Events

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Meet Up

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

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Visit our Meetup Calendar
or website for more details**

February 6, 2023
DPC Submissions Open

February 12, 2023
DPC Submission Close

February 23, 2023
DPC #1

February 25, 2023
PPLAC Outing - Dickensfest

March 18, 2023
Point Mugu Air Show Outing

March 23, 2023
Speaker Sharon Lobel
“Horns, Fangs & Hoofs of Africa! Come
Adventure With Me!”

April 27, 2023
General Meeting

May 25, 2023
DPC #2

June 22, 2023
General Meeting

July 27, 2023
General Meeting

August 24, 2023
DPC #3

September 28, 2023
General Meeting

October 26, 2023
General Meeting

November 16, 2023
DPC #4

December
No General Meeting

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

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Nikki Washburn

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John Powers



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Welcome to our newest sponsor,
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Mel Carll

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Teresa Pepe

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January 26, 2023 Open House Awards & Officer Installation



Dismissal of 2022 Board of Directors
Installation of 2023 Board of Directors



Marcy Dugan, PPC Past President



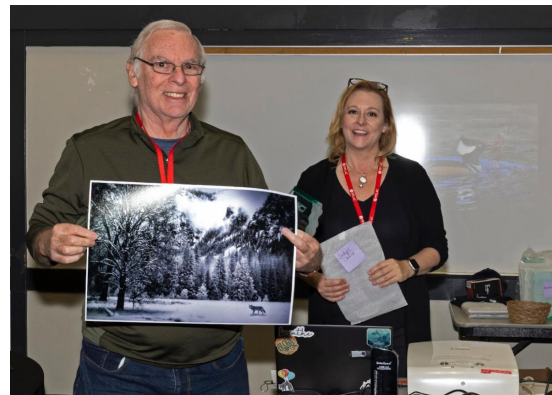
John Powers - President's Award



Teresa Pepe - President's Award

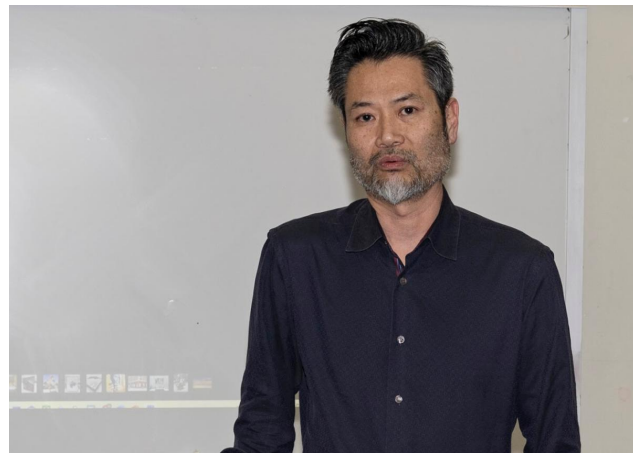
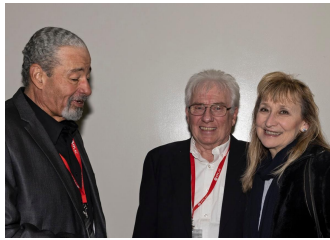


Mel Carll
Award Plaque

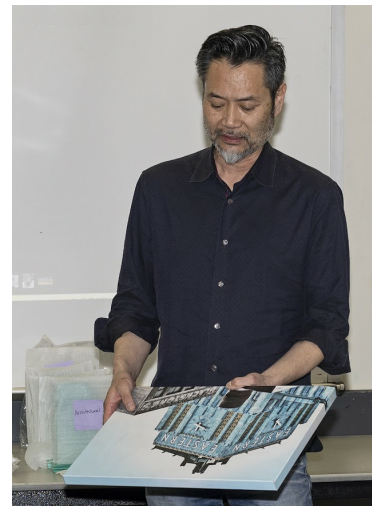


Ira Mintz - Judge's Choice Award





Speaker Moses Choi
ProLab Digital





2022 DPC Winners



**Congratulations
to our overall
2022 DPC Winners!**

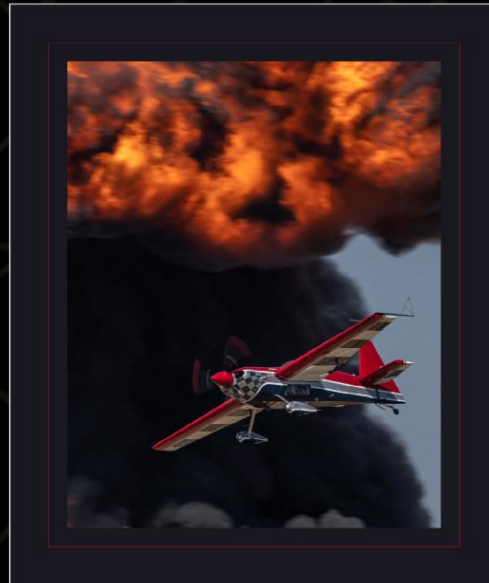
**Photographer of the Year
John Grusd**



**Landscape Photographer of the Year
Sharon Lobel**



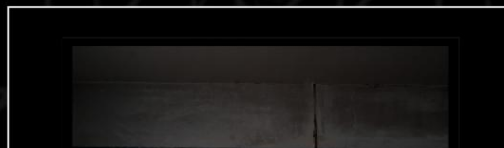
Photojournalism Photographer of the Year
Andrew Lewis

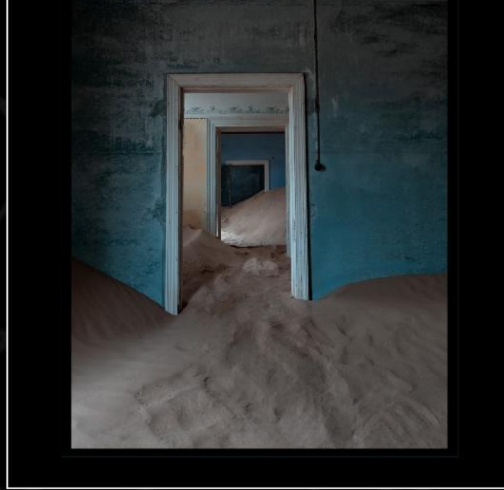


Nature Photographer of the Year
John Grusd



Open Photographer of the Year
Sharon Lobel





Portrait Photographer of the Year
John Powers



Architectural Photographer of the Year
John Grusd





John Grud
2022 Photographer of the Year
Architectural Photographer of the Year
Nature Photographer of the Year



Sharon Lobel
Landscape Photographer of the Year
Open Photographer of the Year



John Powers
Portrait Photographer of the year



Andrew Lewis
Photojournalism Photographer of the Year

Many thanks to Angela Chen for the great event photos!

January Outings Highlights

“Lions, and Tigers and Bears ... Oh, My!”



On Friday morning, January 13th (yes, Friday the 13th!), twelve of us from PPLAC and Meet-Up met at the *LA Zoo*. Seated in front we have Troy Linton, John Gusd, and Angela Chen. In the back row is Eric Potts, Andrew Lewis, Kevin Karzin, Tim Hintz, Roy Patience, Ira Mintz, Greg Seltzer, Scott Buchanan, and John Powers. After spending two hours wandering through the grounds, photographing what animals we could find, we met just after noon for lunch at the *Zoo Grill*.

We invite you to join us Tuesday evening, January 31st at 7 PM via Zoom for our *Photo Review* to examine the photos everyone took.

Finally, our next PPLAC Outing will be February 25th as we venture to Riverside for the annual *Dickensfest!* Details to follow soon.

All the best,

John Powers
1st VP

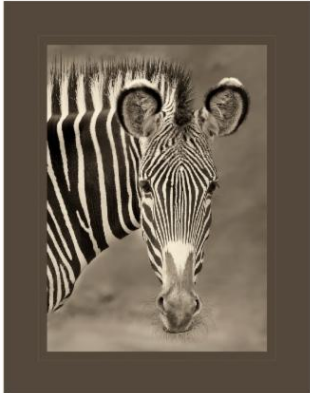
**PPLAC Outing: "LA Zoo!"
The Winning Photographs!**

On Friday the Thirteenth (January 13th, 2023) PPLAC went to the Los Angeles Zoo. Twelve photographers came together and made our way through the zoo, photographing the animals from a variety of perspectives..

Then, on Tuesday evening, January 31st, we came together with other members of PPLAC via Zoom to look at the 46 images we wanted to share. We discussed each image and then everyone voted for their favorites. The first place winner was Kevin Karzin. Second place went to Angela Chen while third place was a tie belonging to John Grusd and Ira Mintz. Kevin received a \$25 Amazon gift card from PPLAC and Angela got a \$15 Starbucks gift card and the \$10 Amazon gift cards went to John and Ira. Congratulations to Kevin, Angela, John, and Ira and also big thanks to all who participated.



First Place: Kevin Karzin



Second Place: Angela Chen



Third Place: John Grusd



Third Place: Ira Mintz

John Powers
1st Vice President

Coming Events!

Meetings

Outings

Safaris

Workshops

February Outing



PPLAC
Saturday
February 25th, 2023

Dickensfest!

Riverside, California

Join us as we venture to Riverside to photograph one of the more unique reenactments: mid-nineteenth century Victorian characters!



We will meet at 9:30 AM on Main Street, between Mission Inn Avenue and 11th Street before the opening parade begins at 10:00 AM.

For details about the *Dickensfest*,
you can read more at their link:
<https://dickensfest.com/>

We will follow up with a Photo
Review sometime in mid-March.



Photos by John Powers

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

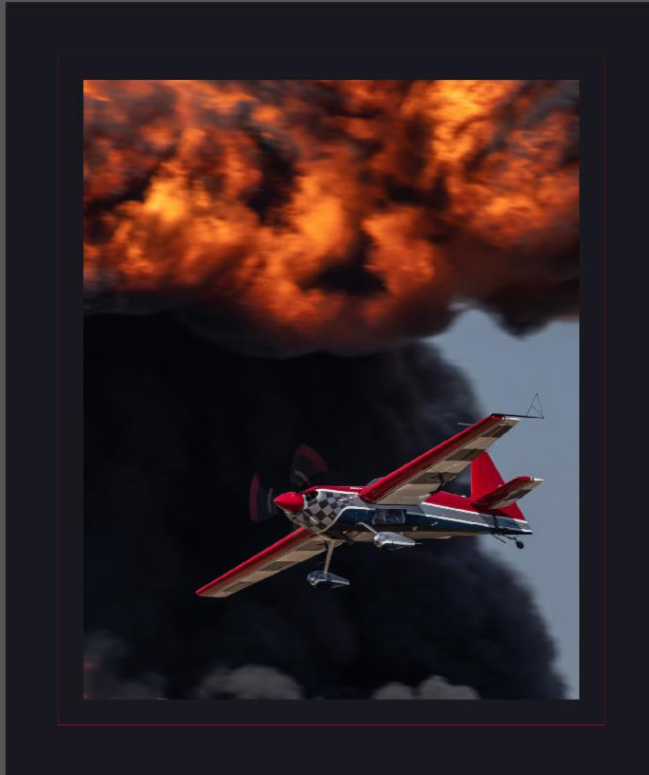
February Meeting
First DPC of 2023



PPLAC DPC
February 23, 2023
6:00pm

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Join us for our 1st Digital Photographic Competition of 2023 ! 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 knowledgeable photographers. A panel of 3 judges evaluates each image submitted into the competition and they do it live!



"Through the Fire"
by Andrew Lewis
November
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 February 6-12.

Join us on February 23rd at 6:00pm!

The 12 Elements of a Merit Image

The 12 Elements represent the gold standard for judging the International Photographic

Competition hosted annually by Professional Photographers of America:

1. Impact
2. Technical Excellence
3. Creativity
4. Style
5. Composition
6. Presentation
7. Color Balance
8. Center of Interest
9. Lighting
10. Subject Matter
11. Technique
12. Story Telling

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

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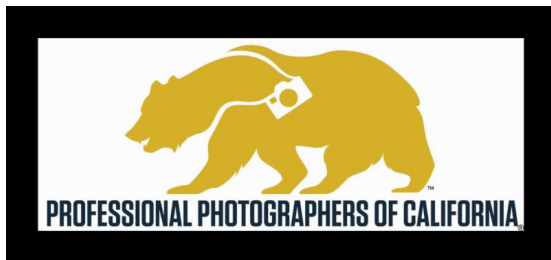
March Silent Auction Topaz AI Retail \$199

This combination plugin will increase resolution, remove noise and sharpen an image.

AI Noise...this component actually understands your image content and can accurately determine the difference between real image detail and noise...

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Congratulations!

To Our New PPA Degree Recipients

Craftsman Degree
Mel Carll, Roberto Gonzalez, Rosalind Guder,
Rebecca Li, Duane Murphy and John Powers

Master Photography
Paul Anderson, John Gayler, Kevin Karzin,
Adriana Lopez, Kimberly Olker and Rafael Rojas

Master Artist
Pete Rezac



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Join in on the fun by volunteering to instruct a
PPC Workshop while earning your CA Masters Degree or
your PPA Craftsman Degree. PPC workshops can be
in-person or via zoom.
PPA continuing education workshop must be in person.

Contact Eleanor Gray to set up your workshop at:
emgray1121@gmail.com



1st Quarterly Photographic Image Competition

Saturday, February 4, 2023



Official rules and regulations: www.ppconline.com

(Open to all PPC members. Images previously merited at any other PPC affiliate are not eligible.)

Entries open: January 20, 2023

Entries close: January 22, 2023



Join PPC for a day of photography in Santa Barbara via the Amtrak Surfliner Saturday, February 11, 2023

Northbound Train #765 Pacific Surfliner to Santa Barbara

Departs Santa Ana 8:01 am
Departs Van Nuys 9:44 am
Departs Camarillo 10:36 am
Departs Oxnard 10:54 am
Departs Ventura 11:08 am
Arrives Santa Barbara 11:50 am

Return Southbound Train #794 Pacific Surfliner

Arrives Ventura 7:41 pm
Arrives Oxnard 8:01 pm
Arrives Camarillo 8:12 pm
Arrives Van Nuys 9:08 pm
Arrives Santa Ana 11:00 pm



We recommend \$35 Business Class fare round trip to assure more leg room
and a guaranteed seat. We will depart Santa Barbara at 6:50 pm.

For information and to R.S.V.P. 800-439-5839 ext. 1 or email exec_adm@ppconline.com

Purchase your tickets at: www.amtrak.com





Light with Character & Personality and Solving the Posing Puzzle



March 18, 2023



726 W Maple Ave
El Segundo, CA 90245

10am – 5pm

Non Members – \$149
PPC Members – \$129
PPC Premium Members – \$99

Pete Rezac will go over how to reveal the character and personality in your portraits using different lighting scenarios while Marcy Dugan will show you the ins and outs of posing without it looking posed. All PPA members will receive an education merit.

PPA Professional Photographers of California
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CAMP CERTIFICATION

This workshop will cover all information needed to pass the CPP written exam.

Instructor – Tim Meyer
May 4, 2023 – June 1, 2023
(every Thursday night)

5–8pm PST (via Zoom)

Non-Members: \$295
PPC Members: \$250
PPC Premium Members: \$220

PPC will proctor a test at West Coast School (included in registration) in San Diego June 4, 2023 at noon.
You may also register with PPA to have your test proctored online for a fee.

Deadline to register: April 24, 2023
www.ppconline.com or 800-439-5839 ext. 1



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PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF CALIFORNIA

WCS News

<https://ppconline.com/wcs/2020-west-coast-school/>



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Questions, contact Marcy at 310-322-2954 or duganmarcy@gmail.com

**Submission Deadline is
February 1, 2023**





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PPA News

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Congratulations!

Imaging USA Degree Recipients (PPLAC)

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!

Craftsman Degree
Mel Carll
John Powers

Master Photographer
Kevin Karzin

2022 IPC Merited Images Gallery:
<https://www.ppa.com/events/photo-competitions/ipc-gallery>

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