



April 2023

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President's Letter April



Happy Spring!

Spring has sprung and Mother Nature is still throwing us curve balls, but the rewards are proving to be a bounty of beautiful blooms! I hope you are getting out there and enjoying the show in between rainstorms.

Thank you to everyone who came out to see Sharon Lobel's presentation "Horns, Fangs & Hoofs". It was an incredibly informative evening on travel to Africa. Thank you for all the insight, Sharon!

We have some fun outings coming up in the next couple of months including the Renaissance Faire in April, a Metro Red Line excursion in May and Huntington Gardens in June. We are also going on an overnight safari to the Central Coast in May (in partnership with CIPPA). Please check out all the details on our website PPLAC.org.

Join us at our in person meeting in April, as Adriana Lopez takes us through all the new Photoshop features for 2023. Then in May we have our second DPC of the year. It will be here before we know it so start getting those images ready!

If you have any interest in stepping up your PPA game, consider taking the CPP review class and exam via PPC. Class starts May 4th via zoom. Please see the ad in this newsletter or go to PPCOnline.com.

Thank you to all the Board members for their continued dedication and support. I'm very grateful for each one of their contributions.

Happy Photographing and I hope to see you in April at the Veteran's Center.

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

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Visit our Meetup Calendar
or website for more details**

April 4, 2023
Air Show Photo Review

April 22, 2023
Outing
"Renfaire" - Irwindale

April 27, 2023
General Meeting
Adriana Lopez
"New Features in Photoshop 2023"

DPC Submission Dates:
May 8 - 14, 2023

May 13, 2023
Outing
Metro Red Line, Union Station

May 22-24, 2023
PPLAC Safari - California's Central Coast

May 25, 2023
DPC #2

June 10, 2023
Outing
Huntington Library - San Marino

June 22, 2023
General Meeting
Kevin Karzin
"Creating Special Events"

July 1, 2023
Outing
"Colonial Faire" - Yucaipa

July 27, 2023
General Meeting
John Powers
"Photographic Insights of India"

August 12, 2023
Outing
"Wings Over Camarillo" Air Show

August 24, 2023
DPC #3

September 2, 2023
Outing
Civil War Days - Huntington Beach

September 28, 2023
General Meeting
Gary Parsons
**"Topaz Photograph Plugins for Light
Room and Photoshop"**

October 26, 2023

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General Meeting
George DeLoache

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

November 16, 2023
DPC #4

December
No General Meeting

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

****<https://www.pplac.org/calendar>**

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Check out the fantastic 2023 West Coast
School Instructor line up in the WCS section!

**Check out PPLAC Classifieds on the
website....buy or sell photographic
equipment!**

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

March Highlights



PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, March 23rd, 2023
6:30 PM

“Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa!”

Sharon Lobel, M.Photos.Cr.



*Planning &
Preparing for a
Safari into the
Wilds!*



Join us for an evening of excitement, insights, and wonder as Sharon reveals the intricate details of venturing into the wild wildernesses of Africa and photographing some of the most feared and revered animals on the face of the earth!

Sharon Lobel is a professional travel guide and photographer, crisscrossing the globe and sharing her expertise with one and all. She holds the Master of Photography degree and Photographic Craftsman degree, both from the Professional Photographers of America (PPA). Sharon also sits on the Board of Governors for the American Society of Photographers.



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







Andrew Lewis
2022
Photojournalism Photographer of the
Year

**March Outing
Air Show
Point Mugu
March 18, 2023**

CIPPA / PPLAC Image Safari

Pt Mugu Airshow

Blue Angles / Thunderbirds Performances

Coordinators: Hutch Hutchison + Mike Mercadante

Outing Date: March 18th, 2023

About: [Point Mugu Airshow](#)

Some CIPPA and PPLAC members are gathering at the Pt Mugu airshow on March 18th, 2023, to enjoy a day of photography and story telling about the picture that got away.

You may want to arrive early for better parking and to have time to photograph some of the classic cars and aircraft on display.

This year's flight schedule TBD



Photo by Hutch Hutchison

Arrive at the airshow early to find a location near the flightline and find CIPPA and PPLAC members. We are planning at defining meeting locations at the March 9th meeting.

Airshow Logistics

- [Register for Hutch's presentation Tips and Tricks on how to shoot airshows](#) March 9th @ 7:00 PM
- Tell us you are coming to the airshow [by clicking this link to register](#)
- March 18th gates open at 8am
- Parking, Admission and Blanket seating are free
- We will announce a meeting location for the 18th at Hutch's presentation
- We are not recommending VIP Seating, it is available if you want it
- [VIP Tickets](#) will be going on sale on Friday AM Feb 3rd

Please reach out to Mike Mercadante, CIPPA VP programs, for additional information about this event and others!! 408-504-3592 mike@softouchllc.com

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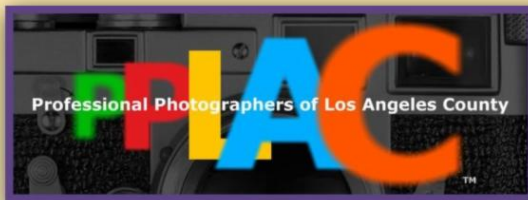
Coming Events!

Meetings/Outings

Safaris/Workshops

April Meeting

April 27, 2023



**PPLAC General Meeting
Presentation
Thursday, Apr 27th, 2023
6:30 PM**

“New Features in Photoshop 2023!”

Adriana Lopez, M.Photog.



Join us for an evening of creative choices, eye-opening techniques, and the latest and greatest developments in the world of Photoshop! Adriana will bring to us her special insights and share them just with us!

Adriana Lopez is one of the Professional Photographers of America's newest recipients of the Master of Photography degree! And she has dominated IEPPV over the last few years, holding the Photographer of the Year in both the Children and Wedding Category simultaneously.



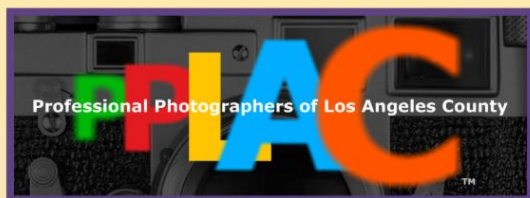
**Veteran's Memorial Center, 4170 Overland Ave,
Culver City, CA 90230**

**May 25, 2023 Meeting
DPC #2
Via Zoom**

Time to start thinking about your next entries!

Details coming soon or check out the website at <https://pplac.org/photo-competition>

April Outing



PPLAC Outing
Saturday
April 22nd, 2023

Renaissance Pleasure Faire!

Irwindale, California

Join us as we photograph the colorful characters and activities of Elizabethan times! It's a lot of fun and a chance to walk around while munching on a turkey leg!



We will meet at 9:45am at the front entrance. Get there early because the parking fills up quickly. Gates open at 10am. We will meet for lunch at noon at the Common Eating Grounds.

For details about Renfaire, you can read more at their link:
<https://renfair.com/socal/>

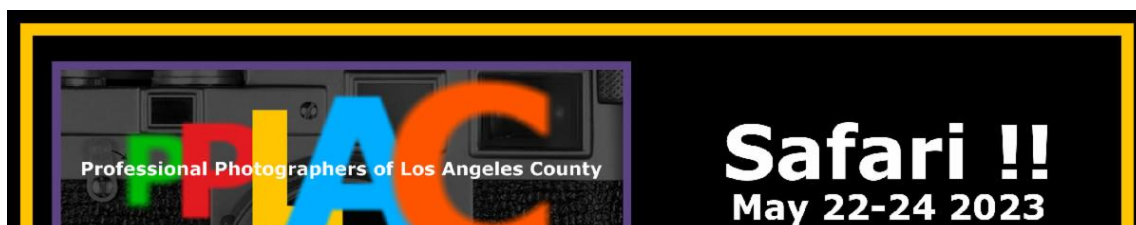
We will follow up with a Photo Review sometime in mid-May.



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

Safari

May 22-24, 2023



California's Central Coast!

Join us on this exploration & photo workshop to one of the most beautiful areas in the Golden State!



This Safari is in partnership with our friends in CIPPA (Channel Islands Professional Photographers Association) and PPA (Professional Photographers of America).



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With John Grusd (PPLAC) and Mike Mercadante (CIPPA) as our guides and instructors, we will photograph the rich variety of locations, weather conditions and even wildlife of this picturesque area of California! Locales will include sand dunes, rugged coastlines, colorful harbors, dramatic piers and a historic California mission.

The workshop will cover the necessary adjustments we, as outdoor photographers, always need to consider in creative photography. The techniques we will cover will include fast and slow shutter methods, bright and low light conditions, long exposures for creative effects, creative compositions and basic wildlife settings. It's all about learning your camera well enough to use it creatively on site, whatever the conditions!





The Safari fee which includes three days of guidance, workshop and a pre trip Zoom meeting is \$70 per person. Lodging and transportation are not included.

More information including lodging and the sign-up for this PPLAC Safari can be accessed on the PPLAC website under the Calendar tab (Events to Plan For) or in the link accompanying this announcement.

If you are a PPA Member, you will receive a PPA merit for participating this workshop!



PPLAC Safari to California's Central Coast!

This will be two nights in the Morro Bay area, May 22-24. We will be photographing the rugged coast, sand dunes and many extras.

Note: There will be an instructive and informational Zoom meeting held before the Safari. Contact John Powers or John Grusd if you are interested or have questions.

This Safari is in partnership with our friends at CIPPA (Channel Islands Professional Photographers Association) and we are signing up through their website.

Click www.cippa.org to view their PDF flyer which includes our intended itinerary and the live links to sign up for both the Zoom meeting and the Safari.

To pay for the Safari, click on the "Add to Cart" PayPal button after selecting the correct price that applies to you. For PPLAC, CIPPA or PPA members, the price is \$70.

To register for the Zoom meeting, scroll down on the same page until you find the correct "Meeting Registration Link".

2023 Calendar of Events

January 26	Open House	Moses Choi
February 23	DPC	
March 23	Sharon Lobel	"Horns, Fangs, & Hoofs of Africa!"
April 27	Adriana Lopez	"New Features in Photoshop 2023"
May 25	DPC	
June 22	Kevin Karzin	"Creating Special Events"
July 27	John Powers	"Photographic Insights of India"
August 24	DPC	
September 28	Gary Parsons	"Topaz Photography Plugins for LR and PS"
October 26	George DeLoache	"Subject to Be Determined"
November 16	DPC	
December	No Meeting	

PPLAC Outings

Jan 13	LA Zoo	Los Angeles
Feb 25	Dickensfest	Riverside
Mar 18	Air Show	Point Mugu
Apr 22	Renfaire	Irwindale
May 13	Metro Red Line	Union Station
June 10	Huntington Library	Pasadena
July 01	Colonial Faire	Yucaipa
Aug 12	Wings Over Camarillo	Camarillo
Sep 02	Civil War Days	Huntington Beach
Oct 28	Day of the Dead!	Hollywood Forever Cemetery
Nov	People's Choice	TBD
Dec 09	Boat Lighting	Channel Island

Special Events

PPLAC Safaris

May 22 - 24	Central California (Joint with CIPPA)
October 3 - 5	Eastern Sierra
November 7 - 9	Death Valley



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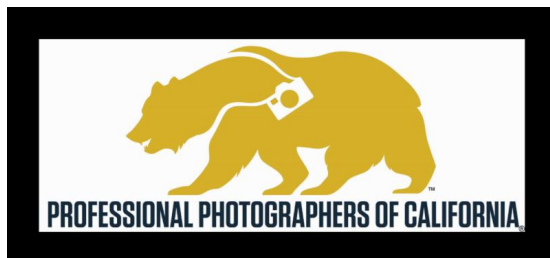
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Special Offer From Studio Magic

StudioMagic is a unique program developed by a professional photographer for photographers...For a limited time, Alan Mayer, the StudioMagic developer, is offering his program for free...You can review the program with a short 2 minute review at <https://youtu.be/aAjWtBgC62g>

Good news!! The exciting, easy to use Photoshop extension StudioMagic 1 and 2 are now available to you for **FREE!** This set of Photoshop extensions has been rated 5/5 by Adobe Photoshop and by several on line reviews. Each can be used with Photoshop Creative Cloud from 2014-2021. StudioMagic 1 can also be used with Photoshop 2022. StudioMagic 2 will be available for Photoshop 2022 in the coming months.

If interested, please email Alan Mayer, CEO of StudioMagic at Mayer11@earthlink.net. Provide Alan with your email address and he will give you the link.



PPC News

<https://ppconline.com/>

2nd Quarterly Photographic Image Competition

**Thursday, April 6, 2023
6:30pm**



Official rules and regulations: www.ppconline.com
(open to all PPC members. Images previously merited at any other
PPC affiliates are not eligible.)

**Entries open: March 25, 2023
Entries close: March 31, 2023**



Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Meet-up

**Friday, April 21, 2023
6:30 am - Noon**

**18000 CA-1
Huntington Beach**

Bolsa Chica State Ecological Reserve is a haven for birdwatchers and nature lovers. Explore this 3 mile loop near Huntington Beach. We will meet in the South Parking Lot which is on PCH across from the entrance to Bolsa Chica State Beach.

**Register at ppconline.com
Information: 800-439-5839 ext. 1**





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Used Photo Equipment Sale

(Sell your used camera equipment)

April 27 -29, 2023

**Thur/Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm**

Paul's Photo
23845 Hawthorne Blvd
Torrance, CA 90505

PPC receives 10% from all sales
Information: 800-439-5839 ext. 1





CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER EXAM

June 4, 2023 at Noon
Proctor - Marcy Dugan

University of San Diego - Maher Hall
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110
(check-in at the WCS office room 202)

Deadline to register for exam: May 23, 2023

You may also register with PPA to have your test proctored on-line for a fee.

Register at:

<https://www.ppa.com/credentials-mem/cpp-mem/register-for-the-cpp-exam-mem>

Information: 800-439-5839 ext. 1



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Learn the basics (and not so basics) of Photoshop in a week-long program. We'll work Hands-On learning the tools, actions, other techniques for speeding up your images snap, crackle and pop. Camera Raw, retouching, cloning, healing brush, keyboard shortcuts and many more ways to help build your skills. We'll show the easiest ways to remove people and objects from your image. How to composite, change colors of various things. We'll learn layers, masks, brushes, type tool along with tips and tricks to make it easy.



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TONY CORBELL

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Join Tim on an adventure through the history and utilization of creative studio lighting. He will demonstrate historical and contemporary styles with an emphasis on unusual techniques, how and when they were/are used, and how to apply them to your own work.

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SANDRA PEARCE

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SHANNON SQUIRES

THE ART OF FINE ART CHILDREN'S PORTRAITS

During this class students can expect to learn the ins and outs of Shannon's award-winning styling for Children's Fine Art Portraits. There is something so captivating about children. Their innocence, natural joy and overall positive outlook on life has always intrigued me. However, you don't have to be a children's photographer to learn new tools from this intermediate to advanced level class.



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2022 IPC Merited Images Gallery:

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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!

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