



June 2026



Greetings PPLAC Members!

Our second Digital Print Competition (DPC) of 2026 was held on May 28 featuring 84 images.

Congratulations to our Best of Nature and Best of Show winner, **Hutch Hutchinson**, our Best of Architecture winner, **John Grusd**, our Best of Electronic Art winner, **Mel Carll**, our Best of Landscape winner, **Gary Johnson**, our Best of Open Category winner, **Sharon Lobel-Oberto**, our Best of Photojournalism winner, **Kevin Karzin**, and our Best of Portrait winner, **Tim Hintz**.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to **Kevin Karzin**, our DPC Director, for overseeing and organizing the competition - while on vacation! Congratulations to all of our winners and participants for making this another successful competition.

As we move into summer, the PPLAC calendar is filled with exciting opportunities to learn, create, connect, and explore together. From Image Reviews and "Workshop Wednesdays" to outings like the Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance (June), the Santa Monica Pier at sunset (July) and Wings Over Camarillo (August), there is something for every type of photographer.

One of the things I appreciate most about PPLAC is the willingness of our members to share their knowledge, experiences and creative vision with one another. Our community continues to grow stronger because of the participation, enthusiasm, and generosity of our members.

I'm especially excited about our new "**Workshop Wednesdays**" Zoom sessions. These meetings are designed to give members a comfortable place to ask questions, receive image feedback, explore post-processing techniques, and learn how award-winning images were captured and developed from start to finish. Whether you are new to photography or have years of experience, these sessions are intended to inspire creativity and help all of us continue improving our craft. Be sure to watch for more information about our first Workshop Wednesday session on **June 17 at 7:00 PM**.

We are pleased to welcome **Endre Balogh** as the featured speaker for our June 25th General Meeting. Endre is an award-winning photographer known for his striking macro and close-up photography. This is the perfect opportunity to welcome new members and guests to PPLAC. If you know someone interested in photography, please encourage them to attend our meeting!

Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talent, and energy to make this group such a positive and inspiring organization.

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?

The first color photograph was taken in 1861 by physicist [James Clerk Maxwell](#) — using three separate black-and-white

June 3
Image Review
Grand Canyon & Sedona
(Zoom @ 7:00pm)
new Zoom link

June 17
Workshop Wednesday
DPC Image Breakdown
(Zoom @ 7:00pm)

June 18
Image Review
Corgi's @ Santa Anita
(Zoom @ 7:00pm)
new Zoom link

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

June 25
In-Person
Membership Meeting
Speaker: Endre Balogh

July 15
OUTING
Getty Center Study Room
(SOLD OUT)

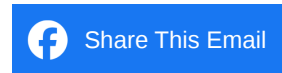
July 23
-in lieu of meeting-
Santa Monica Pier & Venice Beach
@ Sunset
(Flyer TBD)

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*

photos filtered through red, green, and
blue. RGB has been around a lot longer
than Photoshop!

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meetup

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with PPA

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[Anthropics](#)
Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 25

Bid On This Product

Opening Bid \$80

Product Value \$860

A perpetual license, This program includes 4 different components...plus **free** online support!

1. PortraitPro Studio Max 24...

This includes facial mouth changes such as fixing chapped lips and discoloration and whitens and straightens teeth. It can reduce the reflections in glasses and has an excellent gender and age detector with an excellent sharpening tool.

2. Landscape Pro Studio Max...

This component includes sky replacement, weather components such as snow, rain, and fog and has lighting controls.

3. Portrait Pro Body Studio 3...

This component includes body contouring, and can adjust build and height.

4. Smart Photo Editor Studio 1...

You can composite images, get double exposures, black and white effects, and have access to thousands of different effects.

GENERAL INFORMATION

[MEETUP](#)

We will be formally retiring our MeetUp profile on July 31, 2026

We will post a message on our account encouraging everyone to sign up for this Newsletter and follow us on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

"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

[Zoom Link](#)

7:00 - 8:30pm

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!

WINGS OVER CAMARILLO

VIP TICKETS ARE ON SALE

<https://wingsovercamarillo.com/>
<https://tickets.wingsovercamarillo.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=566>

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

YOU TUBE NEWS

We are starting to upload past Image Reviews and will have many more in the July Newsletter.

DICKENSFEST

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfPyBbA9BaA>

As a reminder, these are "unlisted" videos.

They are only accessible by way of these Newsletters.

We respectfully request you to Bookmark them.

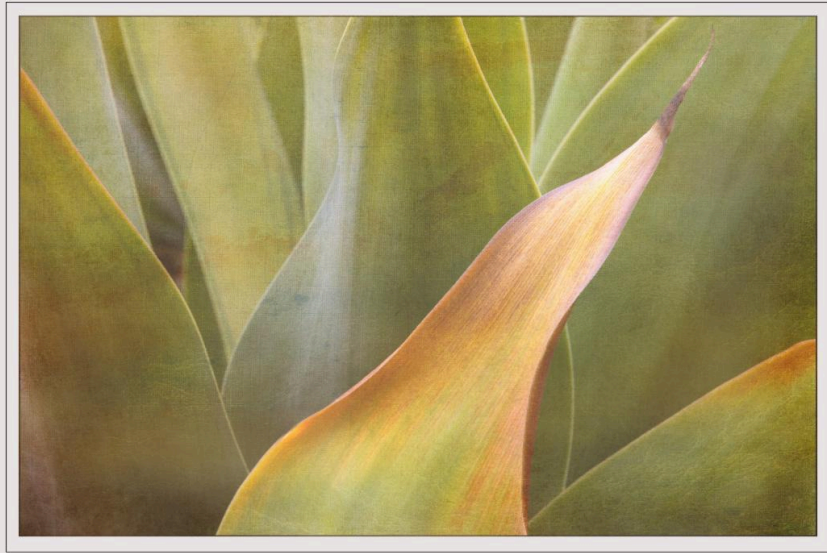
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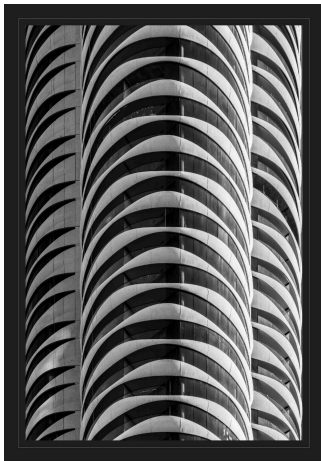
We have received a ONGOING discount with DXO complete with its own code. A separate mail was sent out earlier this year to Active & Lifetime Members with the information on how to claim your savings.

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

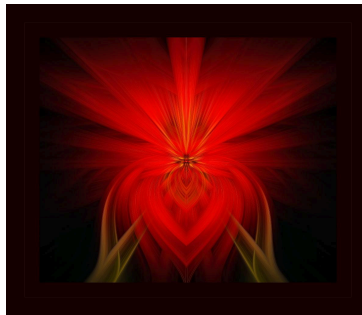
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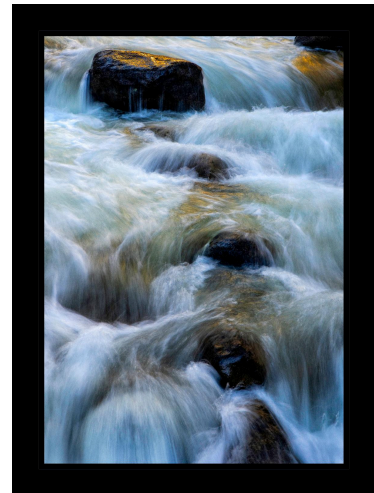
Best in Show & Nature Categories
Hutch Hutchinson



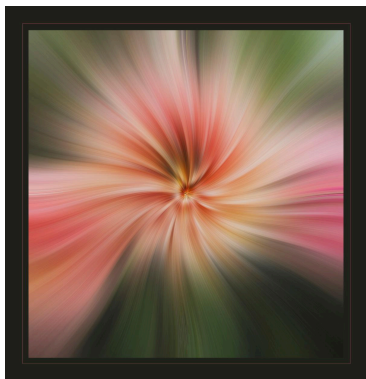
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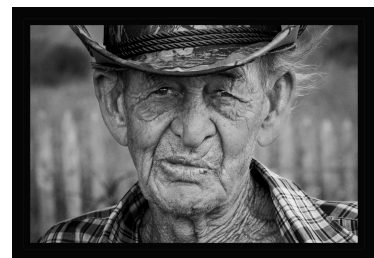
Landscape
Gary Johnson



Open
Sharon Lobel-Oberto



Photojournalism
Kevin Karzin



Portrait
Tim Hintz

LAST MONTH

PPLAC Adventure "Grand Canyon and Sedona!"

May 11-15, 2026



Pictured Standing L to R: Natalie Kahn, Roy Patience, Gary Chamberlain, Greg Trainor, Dennis Goldstein, Lyn Johnson, Gary Johnson, Tim Hintz, Rich Ramirez and Bertha Ramirez.

Kneeling L to R: Ron Kaplan, Ken Alexander, Chris Alexander, Sharon Martens, Chris Martens and Cynthia Daniels.

Front and laying down on the job: John Grusd.

(Not Pictured: Marion Golstein, Jenny Patience and Janice Trainor)

We had a fantastic group for our PPLAC Adventure! This part of the Southwest offered plenty of iconic locations to photograph and we took advantage of the the great weather (not too cold or hot!) to capture many sunsets and sunrises! From colorful buttes to lava fields to native american ruins to the grandest canyon of them all, it was another fabulous adventure!

If you want to see images from this PPLAC Adventure, join us on June 3rd at 7pm for our Zoom Image Review. All are welcome!

John Grusd
PPLAC Adventure Leader

**PPLAC Outing
Corgi Nationals
Arcadia, CA**



*Pictured above: Ira Mintz, Dave Glazier, Liz Chalmers,
Heather Dinkins, Hutch Hutchison*

The PPLAC May Outing to Santa Anita Race Track for the Corgi Nationals was unlike any race we've ever witnessed! We did our best to photograph a field of fearless corgis sprinting to the 40-yard finish line... if they felt like it. These short-legged speedsters provided plenty of canine chaos, with barks all around. Stay tuned for our Photo Review featuring fun and furry photos of the Corgi racing circuit's finest.

Liz Chalmers
President, PPLAC

UPCOMING EVENTS



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:

roypatience@gmail.com



7:00PM
June 17, 2026

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS!

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ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87689404332?pwd=nxeEChz55KbDMDCrKWrc6B4C7PWrUy.1>

Please contact **Liz@LizChalmers.com** for more information!



PPLAC General Meeting!

Presentation

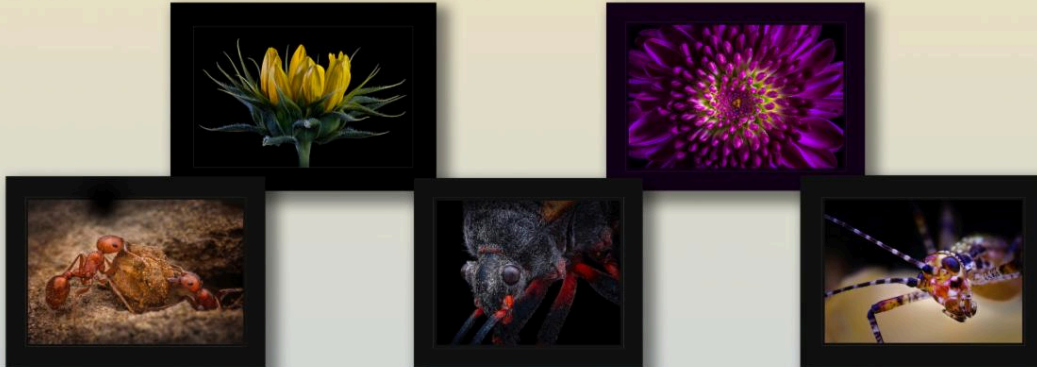
Thursday, June 25th, 2026

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!



For more information about the Air Show and to purchase tickets, visit the website: <https://wingsovercamarillo.com/>

We recommend buying the "VIP Chalet Tickets" which include parking, food and shade! These tickets are limited and sell out quickly, so act now if you are interested. Otherwise, the General Admission tickets are much less expensive and offer a similar access to photography but without the perks.

Those intending to go (no matter which tickets you purchase) 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!



If you're interested in attending, please contact Roy Patience at:
roypatience@gmail.com

LAST ADVENTURE FOR 2026

please contact: [Roy Patience](mailto:roypatience@gmail.com)

PRICING

\$70 for PPLAC Members

\$100 for Non-Member Photographers

\$50 for Non-Shooting Attendees

****members receive priority reservation****



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!



**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!

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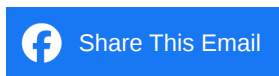
If you are curious or interested in becoming a **Certified Professional Photographer**, learn more [here](#).

Community Network
with PPA

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!

LET'S CONNECT!!

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