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October 2026



Greetings PPLAC Members!

October is here, and PPLAC continues to be full of activity and opportunities to get together with fellow photographers. There is a lot happening in the coming months, and I'm excited to share what's ahead!

Please mark your calendars for our **Annual Open House** on **Thursday, January 21**, as we celebrate a very special milestone—**PPLAC's 75th Anniversary!** We will install our new Board Members and recognize our outstanding photographers with year-end awards. It promises to be a festive evening filled with delicious food, auction items, great photographs and fun!

Our **September Outing** to the **Hayden Tract** was an enjoyable architectural experience, giving us plenty to photograph and explore. Our first October outing is this Saturday, when the group heads to Simi Valley to experience **Steampunk** at Strathearn Park. Be sure to look for our resident Reenactment King, **John Powers,** if you have questions or need a little help that day!

Our second **October Outing** will take us to **Día de los Muertos** on **October 24**. Be sure to purchase your tickets, and check the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

Our next **Workshop Wednesday** on **October 14** will feature **Roy Patience**, who will discuss the making of his Best of Nature image. He'll cover focus stacking to achieve optimum focus and all things macro photography. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

The **PPLAC 2027 Adventures** have been published, and sign-ups for the **Monterey Adventure** begin today! Thank you, **John Grusd**, for designing and leading these trips for the benefit and enjoyment of our members. ***Be sure to review the new PPLAC Adventure Policies on our website before signing up.***

Our first-ever **PPLAC Mentorship Program** was recently launched! Mentors and mentees have now been paired, and we hope this will be the beginning of enhanced relationships, shared knowledge, and plenty of creative inspiration.

Our **October 22nd General Meeting** will feature **Christopher Broughton** presenting "**Seeing in Color, but Thinking in Black and White."** This is a **Zoom** presentation that you will not want to miss! Christopher brings a unique perspective to the way we see and create our images, and I hope you'll make plans to join us.

And finally, I'm delighted to announce two changes to our PPLAC Board. **Diana MacDougall** has joined the Board as our new **Secretary**, while **Heather Dinkins**, who served as our Newsletter Editor and Secretary this past year, is stepping into her new role as **Communications Director**. Heather publishes our Newsletter, sends all eBlasts and is in charge of our calendar. Our thanks to Heather and Diana for their willingness to take on these roles and to contribute their time and talents to our group.

I'm excited about what lies ahead for PPLAC! There are many opportunities to connect, learn, and enjoy photography together! I hope to see YOU soon.

Make it a great day!

Liz Chalmers, CPP
PPLAC President

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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 75TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE!

January 21, 2027 @ 6:30PM

SAVE THE DATES

FUN FACT

Meetings and Events

Come join our monthly meetings held on the
4th Thursday of Each Month
(unless it falls on a holiday)

October 3
Steampunk Outing
Buy Your Tickets
(Optional)

October 7
Image Review
Hayden District
Zoom Link

October 13 @ 7:00pm
Image Review
Steampunk
Zoom Link

October 14 @ 7:00pm
Workshop Wednesdays
Zoom Link

October 22
Membership Monthly
Speaker: Christopher Broughton
Zoom Link

October 24
Dia de los Muertos Outing
Buy Your Tickets

November 1 - 15
DPC #4 Open

November 14
Red Line and
Riding the Rails Outing
Get Your TAP Card
(Last Outing of 2026!!)

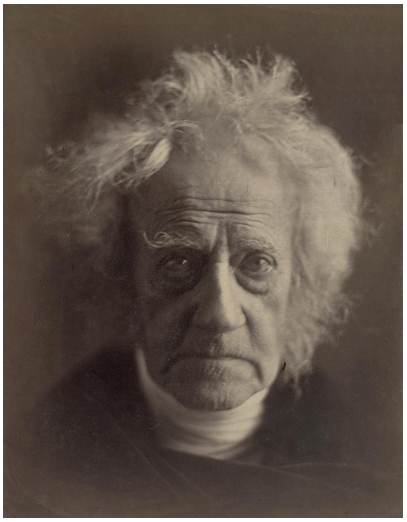
November 19
DPC #4
Zoom Link

Please note our speakers/schedule may change at any time. Please check our website for more details

Did You Know?

Most people know that the word "photography" comes from the Greek meaning "drawing with light." But ... who coined the term?

Sir John Herschel in 1839 is generally credited with coming up with the word.



...and here is a lovely photograph of him taken by Julia Margaret Cameron in 1867.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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!

YOU TUBE "IMAGE REVIEW" VIDEOS

NO NEW VIDEOS THIS MONTH

BUT

WE ARE BUILDING A PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR YOU TO VISIT!

UNTIL THEN...

*the links sent out in previous issues are "**unlisted**" videos.*

They are only accessible by way of these Monthly Newsletters.

We respectfully request you to Bookmark them.

MEMBERS ONLY:

Sponsorship News!

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

"Concert of Wills: Making the Getty Center" DVD

Saul Miller wants to share his copy of *Concert of Wills: Making the Getty Center DVD with the PPLAC members.* The documentary chronicles the creation of one of Los Angeles's great architectural landmarks. The film features firsthand interviews with architect Richard Meier, artist Robert Irwin, Getty President Harold Williams, along with Getty staff, trustees, and the construction workers who brought the vision to life.

It's a fascinating look at the ideas, disagreements, and collaboration behind the Getty Center's design and construction.

PPLAC members interested in borrowing it can sign up at the meeting. Saul Miller will track the loan queue, so please return it promptly so the next person on the list can enjoy it.

IMAGE OF THE MONTH



Wings Over Camarillo: Greg Trainor

LAST MONTH

PPLAC IMAGE REVIEW

Wings Over Camarillo Air Show

On August 15th, PPLAC members gathered in Camarillo to photograph the thrilling Wings Over Camarillo Air Show! The day was filled with loops, dives and incredible manuevers!

The Image Review featured 45 amazing images. Members shared their insights and voted for their three favorite photographs. **Greg Trainor** captured First Place, earning a $25 Amazon gift card. **Roy Patience** was awarded Second Place and received a $15 Amazon gift card. **Hutch Hutchison** was awarded Third Place and reeived a $10 Amazon gift card. Congratulations to our winners!



Greg Trainor
First Place



Roy Patience
Second Place



Hutch Hutchison
Third Place

Liz Chalmers
PPLAC President

UPCOMING EVENTS

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PPLAC Outing!

Saturday
October 3rd, 2024
11:00am

Steampunk at Strathearn Park!

Get ready to photograph the fantastical world of Steampunk at Strathearn Park in Simi Valley on October 3rd!
Explore the marvels of Victorian-era industrialism. Whether you're a seasoned steampunk enthusiast or just curious about the steam-powered wonders of yesteryear, this event is tailor-made for you!
Grab your camera, lace up your corsets, and join us for an unforgettable day filled with excitement and exploration!
We will meet inside the gate at 11:00 AM and start looking for interesting Steampunk enthusiasts and the outdoor museum displays!





Save $10.00 if you purchase your ticket before Sept. 17th!
See the accompanying link for tickets.
Venue address: 137 Strathern Pl, Simi Valley, CA

If you're planning on attending, please RSVP to 1st VP Roy Patience at his email below!

roypatience@gmail.com

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7:00PM
October 14, 2026

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY

featuring

Roy Patience





Join Roy Patience as he takes us behind the scenes of his Best of Nature image and shares the story of how the final photograph was created.
From focus stacking to image clean-up, Roy will share both the techniques he employed and the story behind the photograph, giving us a glimpse into the creative and technical decisions that shaped the final image.

ZOOM LINK:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87689404332?pwd=nxeECHz55KbDMDCrKWrc6B4C7PWrUy.1

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

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PPLAC General Meeting!

This is a Zoom Presentation!
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026
6:30pm

"Seeing in Color but Thinking in Black and White!"

Christopher Broughton





Christopher Broughton is a photographer based in Los Angeles, CA. He received a BA and MA in photography from the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA and returned to Brooks to serve as a full-time faculty member in both the graduate and undergraduate photography programs for over two decades teaching numerous, different subjects.
One of the true highlights of his career was spending recent summers taking students abroad to study in the "City of Lght", Paris, for 10 weeks. As an educator, he has continued that tradition with his students at Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles, California.
Christopher counts Walker Evans, Robert Frank, and Elliott Erwitt among his greatest artistic influences.





This is a Zoom meeting! We hope you can join us!

The link to join will be found on:
the PPLAC Website, Calendar, Newsletter, Blasts and Social Media.

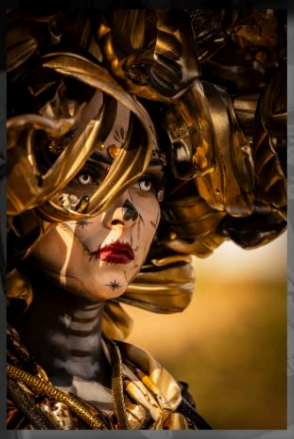
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PPLAC Outing!
Saturday
October 24th, 2026
11:45am

Day of the Dead Celebration!

Dia de los Muertos!

On October 24th, PPLAC will be heading to the Annual Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) Celebration at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery! This all-day festival honors the souls of the dead ancestors returning to Earth. Vibrant colors abound! Come photograph traditional costumes and faces painted like skeletons or sugar skulls! Great for people photography! While there, be sure to enjoy Mexican staples like tamales, maize dumplings, and Pan de Muertos, a sweet bread resembling bones.
Go to www.ladayofthedead.com and get your tickets now! Be sure to get the 12pm DIA DE LOS MUERTOS tickets. You can stay as long as you want. The tickets link will take you to a page where you can purchase tickets along with more info about the event.





We will meet at 11:45am at the front gate of
The Hollywood Forever Cemetery
6000 Santa Monica Blvd, LA, CA 90038

If you're interested in attending, please contact 1st VP Roy Patience at:
roypatience@gmail.com

This is our Last Single-Day Outing for 2026!

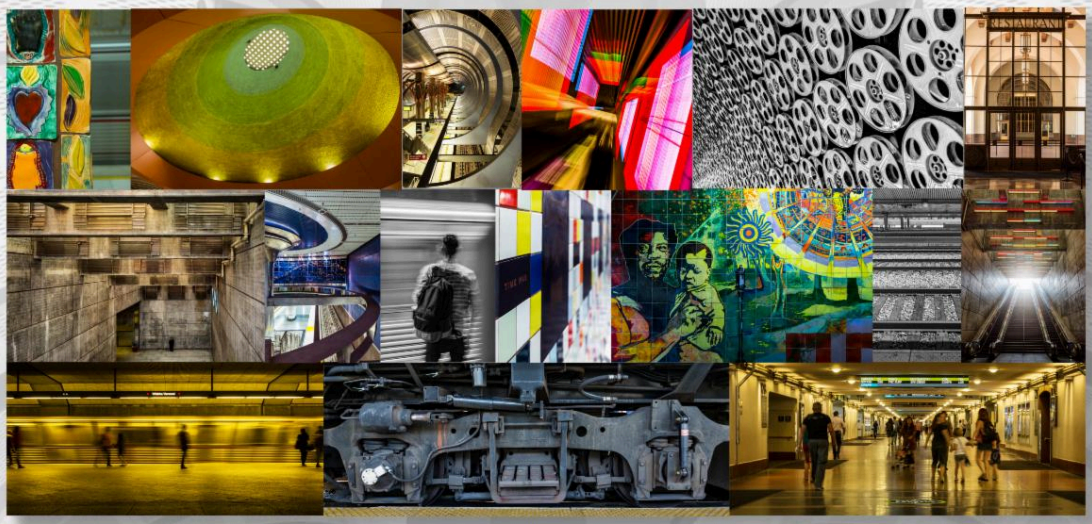
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PPLAC Outing!

Saturday
November 14th, 2026
8:45am

Ridin' the Red Line Rails!

This is a very fun Outing with a huge number of photographic opportunities!
We will be riding LA Metro's Red Line which runs between North Hollywood and downtown's Union Station.
All of the uniquely themed stations along the way are great subjects!
The trains themselves are bright, shiny and present chances to introduce motion blur.
There will be fascinating characters if you like street photography and the stations access interesting areas like Hollywood Blvd and Downtown LA.
We will be hopping on and off the train, leaving and entering stations and will stop for lunch along the way. It'll be a busy day!
Get ready! What you see below is not half of what you will experience!



If you're interested in attending, it is important to contact 1st VP Roy Patience at his email below!
He will send you many important details about this Outing as well as rules and restrictions regarding photographing on the Metro.

roypatience@gmail.com

LAST ADVENTURE FOR 2026

please contact: Roy Patience

PRICING

$70 for PPLAC Members
$100 for Non-Member Photographers
$50 for Non-Shooting Attendees

members receive priority reservation

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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!

ADVENTURES FOR 2027

please contact: Roy Patience

New Registration Policies and Fees Available HERE

Event Dates

Monterey, California: March 30-April 2, 2027
Joshua Tree, Nightscape: June 30, 2027
Portland, Oregon

Four-Day/Three-Night

Adventure!!

March 30-April 2, 2027

Classic Monterey Adventure!

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



On this PPLAC Adventure, John Grusd will lead us on a beautiful photographic journey to the home surf and turf of Ansel Adams and Edward Weston! It's a land of rugged coastlines, photo opportunities and inspiration!





Note new registration policy for 2027 PPLAC Adventures:
We are giving PPLAC Member Photographers 1st priority. Guests of those members will be our 2nd priority group. After that, registration is open to all.

Priority Registration Schedule for this Adventure:
PPLAC Member Photographers - Starting October 1,2026.
PPLAC Member Guests - Starting October 22, 2026.
All Others - Starting November 1, 2026.

PPLAC Adventure Fees for 2027:
PPLAC Member Photographers - $100
PPLAC Member's Non-Photographer Guest - $70
All Others - $150



Maximum group size is 12 Adventurers.

The PPLAC Adventure fee includes four days of guidance, a pre-trip informational Zoom meeting and a post-trip review of our favorite images! Still the best deal ever!

Lodging and transportation are not included. The lodging will be at the Lighthouse Lodge in Pacific Grove.

For questions or to register for this event, please contact PPLAC 1st VP, Roy Patience - roypatience@gmail.com



Join us on this inspiring 4-Day PPLAC Adventure!

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Overnight Adventure and Workshop! June 30, 2027

Joshua Tree NightScape Adventure!

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



On this PPLAC Adventure, John Grusd will lead us as we hone our night photography skills on the Milky Way! We will also have the opportunity to learn blue hour blends, low level lighting and how to create star trails!

This Adventure is in the form of a hands-on instructional workshop which will provide you with the basic skills and knowledge to plan your own night sky adventures!







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Group size is 6-8 Adventurers. If there is additional interest, we will add a second evening on July 1st.

The PPLAC Adventure fee includes:
1. Informational hand-outs!
2. A pre-trip comprehensive instructional Zoom meeting!
3. Workshop - An afternoon and full evening of guidance!
4. A fun, casual post-trip review of our favorite images!

Lodging, meals and transportation are not included.
Overnight lodging is not required but we recommend it.
Our lodging is the Holiday Inn Express in 29 Palms, CA.

For questions or to register for this event, please contact
PPLAC 1st VP, Roy Patience - roypatience@gmail.com

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