

June 2021

June 6 - D-Day (WW II)

June 7 - National Chocolate Ice Cream Day

June 14 - Flag Day

June 15 - National Nature Photography Day

June 20 - Father's Day

June 29 - Camera Day

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June 2021 – PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JUNE MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

No doubt June has arrived and so has the heat! I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend. PPLAC had their second Digital Image Competition last week (5/27/21) and we had some really incredible images!

Congratulations to John Powers on his amazing portrait titled “The Eyes Still Glean”. He was the proud recipient of a gift certificate from ProLab Digital for an 11x14” HD Aluminum Metal Print! Congratulations! We were honored to have Dan Holmes, Yogi Patel and Rebecca Li as our judges. They did an incredible job sharing their comments, critiques and recommendations on how to improve our images and bring them to the next level! It was great feedback, and we even had a total of four challenges. Thank you! Of the 40 images submitted, 24 received a merit score! Great work everyone!



California is said to "opening up" on June 15 and I am so excited to get back out there and be with everyone again! PPLAC will continue to meet virtually till at least August, and we have an opening date for the Veterans Center so we can resume our face-to-face meetings. We do however have a few exciting activities this month starting with a very special presentation by our own Mel Carll, "A Photographers Testimony on Surviving Cancer", please join us in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day. On 6/14 we will be meeting at the beautiful Huntington Library to wander and photograph their spectacular gardens! Next will be PPLAC's last *Shoot & Share* event on 6/17/21, we will close out the month with our General Membership meeting via Zoom on 6/24/21 with special guest speaker Erica Harvey. Erica is one of South Dakota's most decorated and accomplished young photographers! She will be presenting Wildlife Photography. This will be an exciting and educational event you do not want to miss!

In closing, I wanted to inform you that the PPLAC Board of Directors and Chairs have been hard at work making big improvements to our Association. We have updated our website, Bylaws, Standing Rules and have modified our Membership classifications. Members will now have an option to join or renew as a Premium or General member. Premium membership offers discounts, rebates and much more. We will be posting the new membership application on our website in the near future. We are excited to bring these improvements to our members and want you to know how much we appreciate your continued support and membership with PPLAC!

Best Regards
Eleanor

Upcoming 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

Visit our Meetup
Calendar for more details*

June 7, 2021
Special Presentation:
Mel Carll
**"A Photographer's
Testimony of Surviving
Cancer "**

June 10 - 11, 2021 (WCS)
Sandra Pearce
**"Digital Painting in
Photoshop"**
9 AM - 5 PM

June 14, 2021

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PPLAC Outing
Huntington Library and
Gardens
10 AM

June 24, 2021
Erica Harvey
"Wildlife Photography"

July 22, 2021
General Meeting

August 26, 2021
Third DPC

September 23, 2021
General Meeting

October 28, 2021
General Meeting

November 18, 2021
Fourth DPC
(THIRD THURSDAY)

December 2021
No meeting

January 27, 2022
Open House and Awards

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



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Congratulations

to **Angela Chen** for her
Best of Show and 100
score at the State Image
Competition in April.
Congratulations to all
who received awards and
merits. See the PPC News
column below for details.

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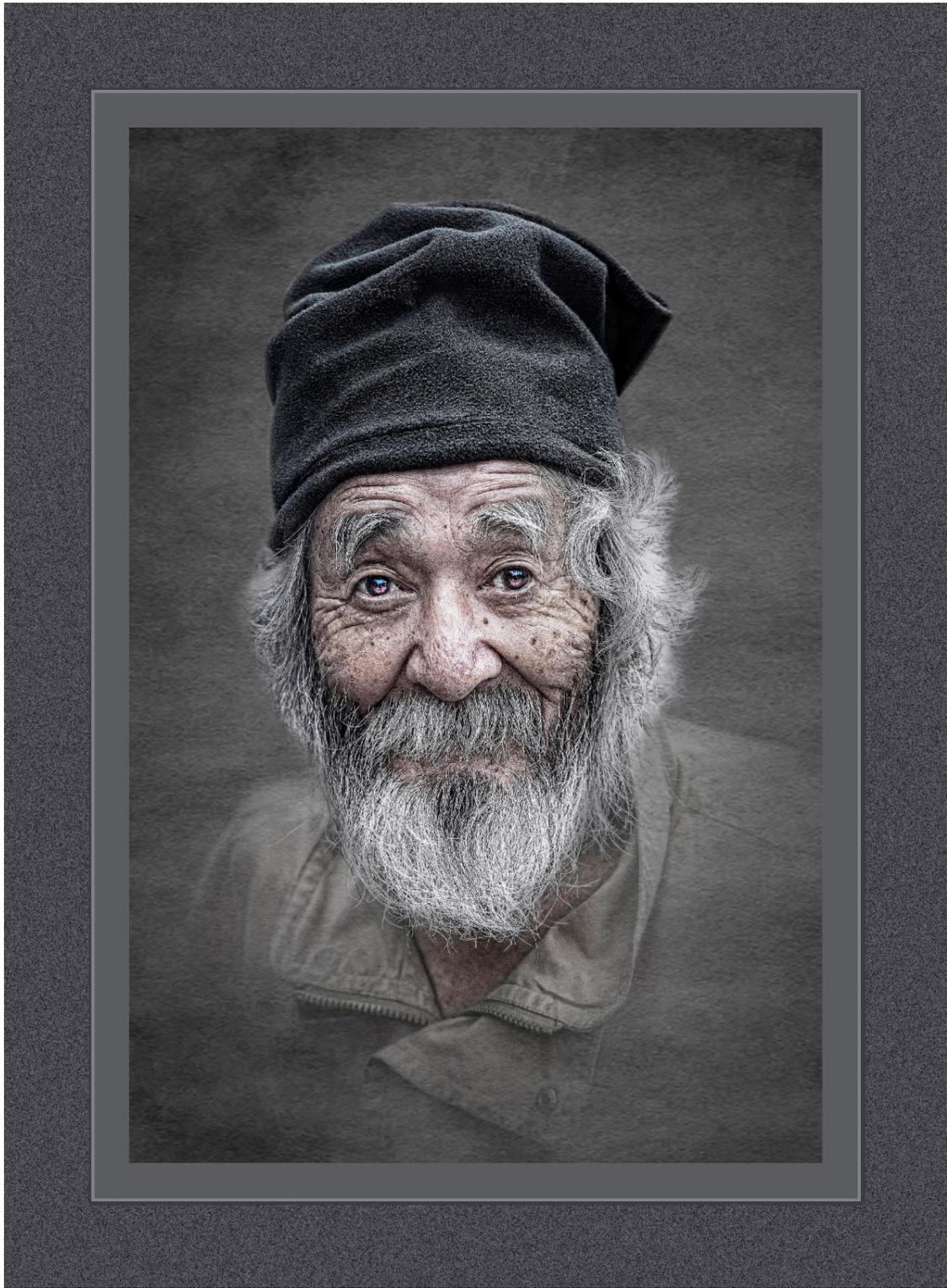
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Address update requested

Please update your email and mailing addresses with our Second Vice-President Roy Patience. We are requesting an update due to the return of a number of communications mailed to members over the past few months. We really do want you to receive our mail!!

May 27, 2021

DPC #2 Highlights



Best of Show
"The Eyes Still Glean"
John Powers



**Best of Class
Landscape
"From Here to Eternity"
John Grusd**



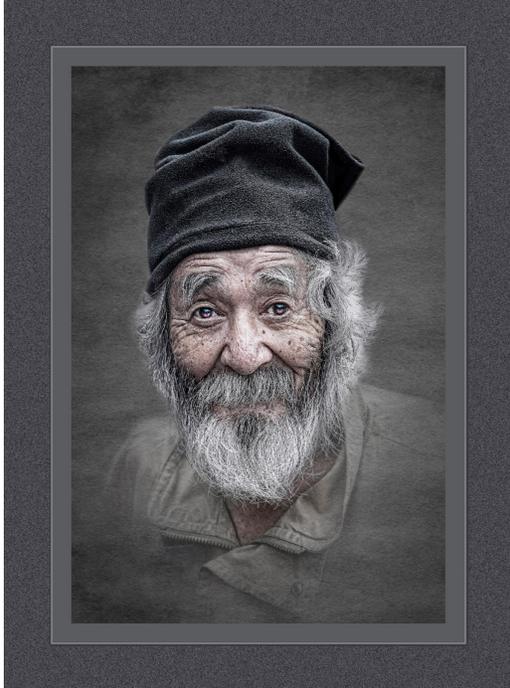
**Best of Class
Nature
"Magenta Rising"
John Powers**



**Best of Class
Open
"When Do I Get a Hug?"
Roy Patience**



**Best of Class
Photojournalism
"Down Boy!"
Bobby Tan**



**Best of Class
Portrait
"The Eyes Still Gleam"
John Powers**



**Best of Class
Wedding
"Flight to Happiness"
Eleanor Gray**

Member Spotlight: Claudia Hoag



I was born and raised in Brazil, went to film school there but went from that to journalism, to a Masters in Software Engineering, and back to photography. I've been in the US for over 20 years now. I'm married with two grown kids and a dog.

What am I passionate about shooting? People! I love shooting people, especially candid photos.

What's in my bag? A Canon EOS R, a Canon 5D backup, a prime 85mm F/1.8, a prime 50mm F/1.8, and a zoom 17-35mm F/2.8-4. Color card, couple of extra batteries, basic cleaning kit. That's what's always there, ready to go :)

How did I come to love photography? When I was about 8 years old, my dad taught me to use his Canon F1 and I loved photography ever since. I also liked drawing and painting, but of course photography was a different thing. There's a lot of immediate gut feeling when photographing!

Accolades earned along the way: I got Best in Show for Portraits at PPLAC early this year, that was nice! And got selected for APA's curated exhibit Off The Clock last year and this year.

<https://www.hoagstudio.com>







June 17th
Zoom at 7:00 PM



Anytime between June 1st and June 15th, on your own, take your best photographs of ... **"Anything Goes!"** That's right. Keeping Cole Porter's classic song in mind, that's our theme for our last *Shoot and Share!* event. Shoot anything you want! The whole purpose of this event was to fill the void and get us out and about, taking photos during this severely confined pandemic. Now that things have loosened up considerably and we are back to doing monthly outings and some workshops and safaris are not too far away, the need for this extracurricular activity no longer is necessary. So, let's go out with a bang! Anything goes! Photograph whatever you want, submit up to three images NLT than June 16th and we will be set for our final *Shoot and Share!* on the evening of Thursday, June 17th.

So, via Zoom on Thursday, June 17th at 7:00 PM, we will meet and share the photos anonymously. We will discuss them, critique them, and together we will select our favorite overall image.

The winner receives a \$25 gift from Starbucks!

You must be a PPLAC member to submit your images. Once your image(s) are submitted (NLT June 16th), then the link to the June 17th meeting will be sent to each participant.



To our PPLAC members in good standing, go to our PPLAC web site, click on the Contact Us tab at the top, fill out the info and in the *Type your message here* box just type SHOOT AND SHARE! You will then be sent an email address to submit your photos to and the link for the June 17th Zoom meeting.

Remember: You must take the photograph(s) between June 1st and June 17th and you must contact us via the PPLAC web site and submit your images NLT June 16th.



More May Highlights

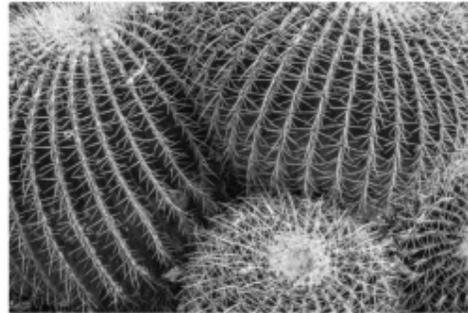
**Congratulations to our
Shoot and Share Winner
May 2021
Ira Mintz**

Shoot & Share!

Congratulations to our latest winners in PPLAC's newest venture, *Shoot & Share!* On May 19th we had our third *Shoot & Share!*. The subject was "*Parks and Gardens*" and we had some very wonderful images incorporating this theme. The overall winner was Ira Mintz with his image, "Best of Roger's Garden." As the winner, Ira received a \$25 gift certificate from Starbucks.

Our second place winner was Susana Luiz with her untitled image of silhouetted tree. Susana receives a \$15 gift card from Starbucks! And our third place winner was John Grusd with his untitled black and white image of cacti. He receives a \$10 gift card from Starbucks!

Maybe you'll be next month's winner. You won't know if you don't enter. Details for next month's *Shoot & Share!* will be posted shortly. Remember, this is open to members only – that could be YOU!



**Our First Outing of the Year
May 4, 2021**



PPLAC Outing: Waterfalls and Peacocks, Oh My!

On Tuesday, May 4th, PPLAC had their first Outing in over a year, since the pandemic changed everything. It was such a relief, if not a delight, to venture out with our cameras and capture the sites of nature once again.

For our first PPLAC Outing the beautiful L.A. County Arboretum was selected. Led by our own Angela Chen, thirteen of us gathered late afternoon, cameras and tripods in hand. For safety precautions, we masked up, split the group and ventured through the grounds, photographing the lakes, flowers, peacocks, and even the Arboretum's cascading waterfall.

After a couple of hours we called it an evening and to the Santa Anita Mall for dinner at its food court. A good time was had by all!

No doubt, in the upcoming *Shoot & Share!* event and possibly over the next couple of Digital Print Competitions, we will see a number of waterfall and peacock entries!

We look forward to more such PPLAC Outings in the coming months. Be on the lookout for announcements; you won't want to miss the next one!

Coming Events

June 7
Special Presentation:
"A Photographer's
Testimony of Surviving Cancer"
by Mel Carll



**PPLAC
SPECIAL EVENT!**

Mel Carll: "Inspiration and Change!"

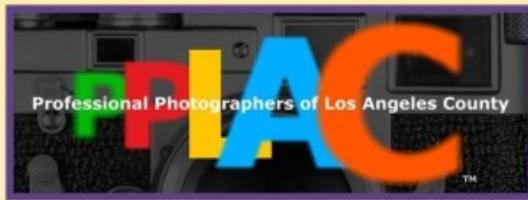
Monday, June 7th, 7:00 PM

Mel will talk about his journey over the last several years battling cancer and how that journey has inspired his life, photography and path. He will talk about real life challenges and how it can spur creativity in your photography and where that inspiration can take you if you are open to challenge and change. Mel is a PPA and PPC Master Photographer, Valencia-based commercial photographer, PPC and ASP Executive Director and a past PPLAC president.



Please visit PPLAC.org for additional details.
Informal opening begins 30 minutes earlier at 6:30 PM.

June 14, 2021
Our Next PPLAC Outing



PPLAC Outing!
Monday, June 14th,
2021

The Huntington Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

Join us **Monday, June 14th** in front of the ticket booth at the **Huntington Library** at **10 AM** for a morning tour through its gardens as we photograph the various flora on display. Afterwards, for those that can make it, we will have lunch together at a local restaurant yet to be determined.



Our own Roy Patience will be our guide. We follow the necessary COVID-19 related precautions, i.e. wearing masks and maintaining a proper distance from each other at all times.

You need to buy your tickets ahead of time on-line at the Huntington site.

Go to: <https://tickets.huntington.org>

General admission: \$25

Seniors (over 65): \$21

If you're interested in attending, contact PPLAC at:

pplac.org/contact-us

June 24, 2021
General Meeting
"Wildlife Photography"
with Erica Harvey

<https://www.ericalanephotography.com>



PPLAC
General Meeting
Presentation
June 24th, 2021
6:30pm

CALL OF THE WILD
with Erica Lane Harvey M.Photog. Cr, CPP

Photographing animals in the wild can be a rollercoaster ride of emotions. Join Erica Lane Harvey as she takes you to her favorite wildlife hotspots in the US through her stunning images of elk, bison, bears, and more. Oh my! Of course, you can't talk about wildlife photography without digging into the gear, so Erica will talk about her current arsenal. Get ready to be inspired!



Erica Lane Harvey is one of South Dakota's most accomplished young photographers. She graduated with honors from the renowned Brooks Institute of Photography in 2003. In 2014 her passion for photography drew her to start her own business, Erica Lane Photography, LLC. Erica has been a Professional Photographers of America (PPA) member since 2015 and has received numerous accolades.

Erica's fabulous book, "What the f?" starts at \$50 and can be purchased at <https://www.ericalanephoto.com/book>



The link to join this Zoom meeting will be found in June on the PPLAC website (PPLAC.org under the Calendar tab, "What's Next!") or in our June Newsletter and Blasts.

We hope you'll join us on June 24th at 6:30pm!

Need DPC Help?

Want Help or Advice About Your Images?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

At PPLAC we have PPC certified judges who can give you one-on-one informal critiques or advice on your potential DPC submissions, or an explanation about why you received the score you did at our DPC.

PPLAC members can bring up to 4 images (in any viewable form) to our General Meetings at 6:30pm (NOT a DPC meeting) or contact John Grusd at johngrusd@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 310 365 6364 and we will make arrangements.



This image: May Portrait Category Winner "Irish Eyes" by John Powers

Sponsor of the Month



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Sponsor News

Silent Auction Item for June

Portrait Pro 21 Studio Max from Anthropics

New, AI-powered PortraitPro 21 portrait-editing software is here! Designed to deliver professional results in minutes, it enables photographers quickly and easily to retouch the skin, resculpt features, reduce noise, modify shadows and brightness, clone and remove objects, replace skies and bring outdoors into the studio, and offers a further array of easy-to-use retouching tools for magazine-quality results. Check it out here: <https://www.anthropics.com/portraitpro/>

DxO company for DXO Lab 4:

DxO PhotoLab 4 is the most advanced photo-editing software on the market. Featuring an artificial intelligence technology capable of simultaneously denoising and demosaicing images, a dynamic workspace that can be personalized, batch renaming, a watermarking tool, and more, DxO PhotoLab 4 will transform the way you edit your photographs.

Jixipix Software:

Jixipix is providing our members the code **PPLACFREE** to download their Black and White program (listed under Hobbyist/Enthusiast Apps)... "Dramatic Black & White"...for free.

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Changes coming!!

The Board of Directors has been hard at work reviewing and revising PPLAC's membership levels, Bylaws and Standing Rules. By law, any change to the Bylaws must be posted and reviewable by the membership for thirty days after which time a ballot will be sent out (via email) to each member for a vote to approve or disapprove the changes.

The Proposed Bylaws are now posted on the PPLAC website. Here is the link: [2021 Proposed Bylaws Changes | PPLAC](#), under the Membership tab on the site. Please take a few minutes to review the changes. A ballot for membership approval will be sent out to all members in good standing in approximately 30 days.

Find a Photographer

If you would like to have your business added to our "Find a Photographer" link, or want to update your information, please go to the website at <https://www.pplac.org>, click on the Membership button under "Contact Us" and send your information.

Help Wanted



Wanted: New Webmaster!

johngrusd@gmail.com

If you are interested in becoming PPLAC's newest webmaster, please contact John at the email address above. John will work with you thoroughly through the transition and will be available any time for support and questions you may have. This will be an exciting and rewarding opportunity to help our organization.



Wanted: New Newsletter Editor!

tip.8713@gmail.com



Looking to get all the news and share it with all of us? Have we got the opportunity for you! We are in need of a new newsletter editor for PPLAC. If you are interested in helping us out in this area, please contact Teresa at the email address above. Teresa will be glad to help you take over this awesome chance to help us all out in this endeavor. She will be available to train you and guide you.

Wanted: New DPC Assistant!

garyparsonshome@gmail.com

PPLAC's Digital Photographic Competition (DPC) is always a major highlight of the organization. Gary Parsons, our DPC guru, is in need of someone to assist him in putting together this crucial event every quarter. Gary will continue to run the operation but it is essential to have someone helping him and learning all the ropes to back him up. If you are interested in helping Gary and our organization, please contact Gary at the above email address.



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Travel Opportunities



Sharon Lobel Photography

The world is waiting!

Are you ready to travel??????

Join me on this exciting *Antarctic Solar Eclipse Cruise*

November 23, 2021 - December 12, 2021

The solar eclipse is just one out of several highlights of this once-in-a-lifetime voyage. We will follow in the path of the courageous explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton, just in the opposite direction: We will begin in Ushuaia to the wildlife paradise of South Georgia. From here to the eclipse path and onward to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. We will then skirt the periphery of the Weddell Sea, the birthplace of the mighty tabular icebergs and cruise close to Shackleton's harsh winter camp on the shore of Elephant Island.

The sub-Antarctic islands and Antarctic Peninsula are a nature photographer's paradise, and we will attempt as many shore landings as possible per day, weather

conditions permitting, bringing you close to Antarctica's beauty. During our days at sea, a variety of on-board edutainment activities, from lectures to workshops, wildlife spotting and eclipse photography will be possible.

The eclipse begins early in the morning east of Falkland Islands. From here the moon shadow speeds south at 10,000 km per hour towards the South Orkney Island and Antarctica. We have selected the best possible observation position east of South Orkney, where the sun is 11 degrees above the horizon. This wondrous phenomenon will last for almost 2 minutes.

Rates starting at \$15,900.00 per person, double occupancy. Availability is becoming extremely tight and I am only bringing 14 people! ***Booking will be first come, first served.*** I was given an extension to **June 5, 2021** and to secure your spot/cabin, a 25% deposit is due at booking.

For more information and details, you can contact me, Sharon Lobel

Email: [***ShutterBugSharon@aol.com***](mailto:ShutterBugSharon@aol.com) or Phone # 818-802-7597.



PPC News

<https://ppconline.com/>

**Professional Photographers of California
2021 State Image Competition Awards
April 25, 2021**

Best of Show

“Standing Together” Angela Chen

PPC Prime Image Collection

“Golden Dunes”: Mel Carll 88

“Curves”: John Grusd 90

“Standing Together”: Angela Chen 100

President’s Choice Award

“Me First!”: Sharon Lobel

Category Awards

Commercial: John Grusd “Curves”

Nature: Angela Chen “Standing Together”

Top Ten Cases

Position

(unbreakable tie) 4 John Grusd

10 John Powers

Judges Choice Awards

Judge Tim Mathiesen “Curves” John Grusd

Judge Dennis Hammon “Standing Together” Angela Chen

Judges Honorable Mentions

“Grand Prismatic” John Grusd

Merits

Mel Carll

Angela Chen

Eleanor Gray

John Grusd

Kevin High

Kevin Karzin

John Powers

Nikki Washburn

As these images will be going on to IPC we will not show them at this time.

Great work everyone who participated and best of luck to those entering the next level of competition.



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WCS News

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

WCS 2021 - Virtual Classes

Even though we can't meet in person, we are still very excited about what West Coast School of Photography has to **offer online this year for all to**

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Questions: 800-439-5839 Ext 3
Michelle Pennings - WCS Director

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2021 Judging Schedule

District Judging Dates: May 9-14

District Early Registration: March 2 to April 14, 5 pm ET

District Late Registration: April 14, 5 pm ET to April 29, 5 pm ET

IPC Judging Dates: September 12-17

IPC Early Registration: July 6 to August 17, 5 pm ET

IPC Late Registration will be August 17, 5 pm ET to August 31, 5 pm ET

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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