



October 2024

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2024 President John Powers

“Which of my photographs is my favorite? The one I’m going to take tomorrow.”

Imogen Cunningham

Greetings, PPLAC Members:

The beauty of this quote is that there is always “hope” when it comes to our photography. Regardless of how well or how poorly you feel your photography

is developing, you know in your heart you can do better and tomorrow is a very real possibility. Never give up, never quit, never stop! Keep photographing and you WILL improve!

One of the advantages of being a member of PPLAC is the opportunity to participate in some extraordinary workshops. And our September monthly meeting provided such an occasion. We had over 20 people in attendance as Roy Patience, Liz Chalmers, and Mel Carll took us through a wonderful hands-on class in macrophotography. Roy provided the upfront guidance and then Liz and Mel put together wonderful workstations for everyone to participate in. Flowers were in abundance and great photos were created. We will have a PPLAC Photo Review on October 15th to see what everyone produced. Details to follow. Oh, one more thing: Not only did we have a great hands-on experience, we also had wonderful refreshments provided by Teresa Pepe and Heather Dinkens. You can't go wrong with that! And let's not forget the surprise birthday cake provided by Mel Carll and Nikki Washburn we had in honor of Liz Chalmers. Oh, what a night!

October! What a wild month it will be! We have four exciting events occurring in October.

The first takes place October 6th when Michael Collins conducts a day-long workshop for us on *Photoshop*. You don't want to miss this event. You can still sign up!

Next up is our monthly in-person meeting (October 24th) in Playa Vista where our own Nikki Washburn (is it still Washburn?) will be teaching her class on *cell phone photography*. This is a practical course every member should take advantage of. Be sure to plan to be at our meeting that Thursday!

Then, on Saturday, October 26th, it's our annual trek to Hollywood Forever Cemetery for its *Day of the Dead* celebrations. Every year we get some incredible images and always have a grand time. Plan to join us. Details are forthcoming.

The final event is our *PPLAC Adventure to Monterey*. This four-day journey is October 28th through October 31st. Being led by our intrepid John Grud, some exciting sites have been lined up. No doubt some great submissions to our next DPC will come out of these events.

Speaking of DPC, next month is our fourth and final DPC of the year. Start getting your images ready now! And remember, since Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of the month, we will hold our DPC a week earlier, on November 21st. Entries will be a week earlier, too.

See you at our events and remember, "Keep on clickin'!"

John Powers, M.Photog.Cr., M-PPC, CPP
PPLAC President

& General Meetings

Come join our monthly meetings held on the 4th Thursday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday).

October 6, 2024
Mike Collins - Photoshop

October 24, 2024
General Meeting - iPhone-ography

October 26, 2024
Dia de los Muertos
(Day of the Dead)

October 28-31, 2024
PPLAC Adventure - Monterey

November 21, 2024 (Zoom)
Image Competition

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

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

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September 2024 Highlights

**September 26 General Meeting
"Hands-On Macro Night" with
Roy Patience**







PPLAC'S SEPTEMBER ADVENTURE

Joshua Tree



PPLAC ADVENTURE: JOSHUA TREE

On September 3rd, PPLAC hosted its second PPLAC Adventure to Joshua Tree National Park for some night sky photography. The workshop was led by our very-own, extremely talented, John Grusd. In attendance was Liz Chalmers, Cheryl Provencio, Ron Kaplan, Tom Spanos, Alex Andrews and Annie Slagboom.

John gave a comprehensive Night Sky Photography presentation via Zoom days before departure, helping everyone prepare for this outing amongst the stars.

A GREAT time was had by ALL!

**Liz Chalmers
PPLAC 1st VP**

Coming Events! MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

PPLAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 24, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: There is *FREE PARKING* at our new location, CenterPointe Clubhouse, 6200 Playa Vista, 90094!!! Once in the driveway, you will see underground parking to the *RIGHT*. Take the

elevator to the first floor and the meeting room will be in front of you. Additionally, there is parking on the street; be sure to watch signs.



PPLAC General Meeting!

Presentation

Thursday, October 24th

6:30pm

"iPhone-ography!"

Nikki Washburn

"The Best Camera is the One You Have With You!"

Did you ever find yourself with the opportunity for what could be a great photo but you left your "real" camera at home? There's no reason to miss out on those photos! If you have an iPhone (and we know many of you do!), there's no excuse for missing those opportunities. After all, the best camera is the one you have with you, so learn how to use it! Join Nikki and she'll teach you how to use your iPhone to capture photos that are good enough for competition!



Nikki has been photographing for over 20 years, starting out as a freelance photographer, shooting events all over the country.

Nowadays, she has scaled back on the events and enjoys shooting surfing, dog surfing, nature and wildlife.

She was the PPLAC President in 2022 & 2023 and the PPLAC Photojournalism Photographer of the Year in 2019 & 2020.

Our Meeting Location! (Free parking underneath the building!)

CenterPointe Clubhouse - 6200 Playa Vista Dr, Playa Vista, CA 90094



PPLAC Workshop
9am-4pm Sunday
October 6, 2024
Workshop Fee - \$99

“Something Old, Something New”

A Photoshop Workshop with Photoshop Guru Michael Collins!



A daylong journey into what Photoshop can do for you. We will discuss and work with the latest and greatest things Photoshop has come out with as well as revisit older methods that work better than AI.

Participants will learn:

- *Generative Fill
- *Remove Tool Vs. Healing Brush
- *Changing the color in objects (old school)
- *Retouching made easy
- *As this is a live class - we will go off in many directions as the class dictates!

Rule #1 is to Have Fun!



Mike has been a professional photographer for 25+ years. He is a PPA Master Craftsman, Certified Professional Photographer, has earned the PPC Service Award, the CA Master Degree & numerous others. Michael has hosted an online photoshop program for 4 years, creating 200+ episodes!



To sign up or for more details, contact Liz@LizChalmers.com

Location: CenterPoint Clubhouse, 6200 Playa Vista Dr, Playa Vista, CA 90094



**PPLAC DPC
November 21, 2024
6:00pm**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION!

Join us for our 4th Digital Photographic Competition of 2024 ! 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 Smoke"**
by **Andrew Lewis**
**August 2024
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 November 4-10.

Join us on November 21st at 6:00pm!

Outings/Safaris/Adventures



PPLAC Outing!
Saturday
October 26th, 2024
10:00am

Day of the Dead Celebration! ***Dia de los Muertos!***

On October 26th, PPLAC is heading to the 25th Annual Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) Celebration at the Hollywood Forever Cemetary! Beginning at 10am, 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! 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 DIA DE LOS MUERTOS tickets that are for 10am to 2pm, Saturday, October 26th.



We will meet at 10am at the front gate of
The Hollywood Forever Cemetary
6000 Santa Monica Blvd, LA, CA 90038

For more information, please visit:

<https://hollywoodforever.com/event/dia-de-los-muertos-3/>

If you're interested in attending, please contact Liz Chalmers at:
liz@lizchalmers.com



Four-Day/Three-Night
Adventure!!

October 28-31, 2024

Monterey Coastal Adventure!

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



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 Liz Chalmers and she will add you to the list.

PPLAC 1st VP, Liz Chalmers - liz@lizchalmers.com

We hope to see you on our next PPLAC Adventure!

October of the Month

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2024 PHOTOGRAPHY ADVENTURE TOURS



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2024 STATE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



SAVE THE DATE

COMPETITION DATE: NOVEMBER 2-3, 2024

(Competition will be on November 2 and critiques will be on November 3rd via zoom)

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCTOBER 1, 2024
REGISTRATION CLOSES: OCTOBER 25, 2024 (noon)

For official Rules and Registration: www.ppconline.com

Questions and Information: 310-408-3953 or duganmarcy@gmail.com



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<https://www.ppa.com/credentials-mem/cpp-mem>

Please note that PPA has a page dedicated to what is available. You DO NOT need to be a PPA member to look at their website.....and they are offering a lot of webinars this year!

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