



November 2024

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2024 President John Powers

"It is more important to click with people than to click the shutter."
Alfred Eisenstaedt

Greetings, PPLAC Members:

The above quote certainly embodied the essence of Eisenstaedt's work. Just look at his portfolio: His most iconic images include the *Life* magazine cover of the sailor kissing a nurse on VE-Day in Times Square, Alfred Einstein sticking his tongue out, Joseph Goebbels staring sinisterly into the camera, his Marilyn Monroe collection, plus the myriad of celebrity and street photographs that have graced the pages of so many publications. In all of them you can see this connection he had with his subjects. As you work with people in your photography sessions, keep in mind the connection with your subject. It will go a long way in creating powerful, emotional images that you and your subjects will always treasure.

Important Notice:

In January the membership of PPLAC must vote on any By-Law changes. One such by-law change was voted on and approved by the PPLAC Board of Directors during the September board meeting.

In **ARTICLE VII**, under **COMMITTEES: SECTION 1, Committees**, it states:

1. ***The President shall, at the first Board Meeting after taking office, appoint all committees and Committee Chairpersons subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees.***

B. Standing Committees

5. Nomination Committee (five (5) members).

It is recommended to change the process in the By-Laws so that it is in keeping with recent practices and to eliminate the Nomination Committee (B.5.) altogether to keep it in alignment with the Standing Rules. Thus, the By-Law would read as follows and eliminate B.5. completely:

1. The President shall select and appoint all board members subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall, at the first Board Meeting after taking office, appoint all committees and Committee Chairpersons subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

B. Standing Committees

Eliminate **5. Nominating Committee (five (5) members)**

October was a wonderful month for our members. We had Michael Collins guiding us through his comprehensive Photoshop workshop which went over well. Then, Nikki Washburn, educated us on the intricacies of iPhone photography. It was both an entertaining and very informative presentation. Well done, Nikki! And then it was off to the Hollywood Forever Cemetery for the annual Day of the Dead celebrations! A warm day greeted the nine of us in attendance, but we got some great photos! And, finally, a number of us ventured north to the Monterey area for John Grusd's extensive PPLAC Adventure.

For this month, we have our last DPC of the year. You don't want to miss this! Get your images in NOW through printcompetition.com. Our PPLAC Outing for the month will be attending the Peter Fetterman Gallery where an excellent display of significant women photographers of the 20th century will be on showcased. That will be Saturday, Nov 23rd.

Finally, there is no meeting in December, but we shall be sharing some exciting upcoming events you will most definitely not want to miss!

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

John Powers, M.Photog.Cr., M-PPC, CPP
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).

**November 21, 2024 (Zoom)
Digital Image Competition**

**November 23, 2024
Peter Fetterman Gallery**

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

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John Powers

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(Programs, Speakers, Workshops)

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participation and most of all
friendship,
PPLAC wishes you a
Happy Thanksgiving!



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**The 12 Elements
of a Merit Image**
<https://www.ppa.com/ppmag/articles/12-elements-of-a-merit-image>

PPLAC MEMBERS:

We need your valuable input to plan
another AWESOME year of
adventures

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE
2025 Adventure Survey
DEADLINE 11/15/24**

ATTENTION PPLAC MEMBERS!

NEW RULE CHANGES!

The PPLAC Board has made a few changes to the Standing Rules that you might want to know about! Some are purely procedural but others concern our Digital Photographic Competition.

The new DPC rules should make your lives just that much easier!

To view all of the rules, simply go to the PPLAC website at pplac.org. They are located under the "Membership" tab and click on "Standing Rules".

The new rules are in **yellow**.

The rules only for the DPC are repeated under the "Photo Competition" tab. Click on "Competition Rules" The new rules are in **yellow**.



2025 PPLAC BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

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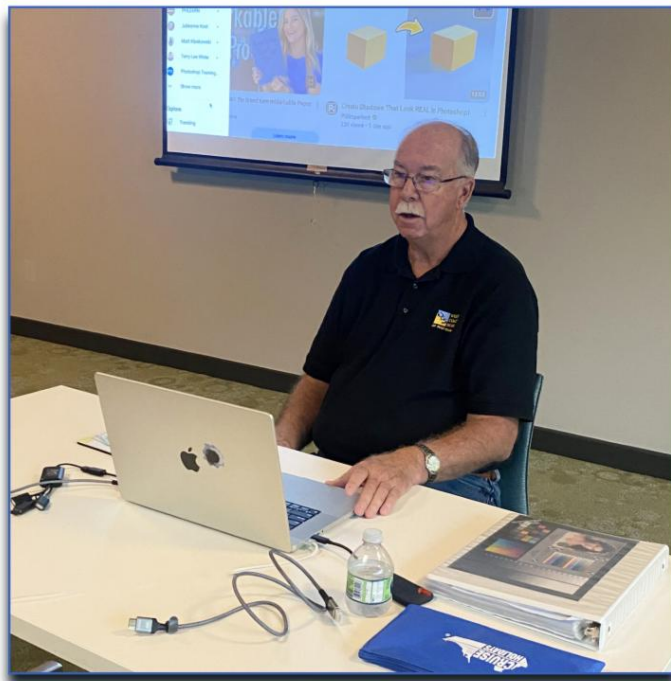
Treasurer
Mel Carll

Secretary
Heather Dinkins

Your vote is important to us. For your vote to be counted, your ballot must be submitted by 7:00pm on 11/18/2024. Please watch for the ballot to arrive in your inbox.

OCTOBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

October 6 PPLAC Workshop



PPLAC HOSTS A PHOTOSHOP WORKSHOP WITH MICHAEL COLLINS

**On October 6th, Michael Collins, presented
"Something Old, Something New",
a Photoshop workshop. During this day-long pro-
gram, Michael provided information on Generative
Fill, Remove Tool vs. Healing Brush, Selections,
efficient methods for retouching
and so much more!**

**Thank you Michael, for sharing your
time & talent with PPLAC!**

Liz Chalmers, VP PPLAC

October 24 General Meeting "iPhone-ography" with Nikki Washburn







How awesome to have 6 PPLAC Past Presidents in attendance at this month's meeting!

L to R are Eleanor Gray, Nikki Washburn, Bob Young, Amy Cantrell, Mel Carll and John Grusd

PPLAC Outing
“Day of the Dead Celebration”
Hollywood Forever Cemetery, Los Angeles, California
October 26th, 2024



Pictured above: Angela Chen, Nikki Washburn, Mel Carll, Ira Mintz, Dave Glazier, Leslie Geffen, John Grusd, Natalie Kahn, Roy, Patience, and John Powers

On Saturday morning, October 26th, nine members and guests from PPLAC gathered at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery to photograph the largest celebration on the West Coast of the *Day of the Dead*. This is an annual trek for our organization as each year for the past five years (save COVID) we have ventured here to capture amazing images throughout the day. Today was no exception!

We will meet via Zoom on Monday evening, November 11th, at 7:00 PM. All our members are invited to watch, choose their favorites, and have a grand evening!

John Powers
President, PPLAC

PPLAC'S OCTOBER MONTEREY COASTAL ADVENTURE

October 28-31, 2024

This incredible scenic exploration was completely sold out! If you were not able to attend this year, we hope you can plan to attend in 2025.

(Images will be shared in next months newsletter)

Coming Events! MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

PPLAC DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION!

Thursday, November 21, 2024

FINAL DPC OF 2024



**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
November 23, 2024
11:00am

The Peter Fetterman Gallery
HER: The Great Women Photographers
Santa Monica, CA

Join PPLAC at the Peter Fetterman exhibit featuring some of the most influential photographers of the 20th century. Julia Margaret Cameron, Mary Ellen Mark, Bernice Abbott, Eve Arnold, Lillian Bassman, just to name a few! Located at Bergamot Station Arts Center, PFG is one of several artist's galleries we will visit! Bring your camera and join us for lunch!



For more information
visit PeterFetterman.com
Parking and Entry is free!

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

Photo Opportunities

Great locations to visit over the holidays:

- Descanso Gardens, www.descansogardens.org**
 - LA Arboretum, www.arboretum.org**
 - LA Zoo, www.lazoo.org**
 - So Coast Botanic Gardens, www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org**
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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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June 8-13, 2025

Hyatt Regency | Valencia, CA

SUZETTE ALLEN Vital Video Skills for Photographers	MICHAEL COLLINS Photoshop - Zero to Sixty in a Week	SCOTT DETWEILER AI & Portrait Photography	MICHAEL E. GORDON Nature & Landscape Photographers Masterclass
JOE GLYDA Commercial Photography Demystified	SANDRA PEARCE Photoshop Painting with a Twist - Embellishing	PETE REZAC All Light Done Right	

Join us in the sun-kissed paradise of Valencia for an unforgettable week of learning from industry leading instructors. Immerse yourself in a vibrant community of photographers and discover new techniques to elevate your photography skills. Our 2025 session promises to be even more exceptional than the last, with a lineup of renowned instructors and exciting new classes. Don't miss the opportunity to grow as a photographer and create lasting memories.

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If you are curious or interested in becoming a Certified Professional Photographer check out the PPA link below:

<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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