



6TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION & BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA

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**SIXTH ANNUAL
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Our Work...

America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles has been in operation for seven years, and we are proud to say that we have grown stronger each year, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. We established our sister society in Canada named Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Canada. Alongside our annual photographic exhibition, we have organized a series of webinars that have reached audiences worldwide. These webinars covered various topics related to photography, environment, ecology, climate change, wildlife habitats, and marine resources, featuring internationally recognized personalities and youth participants from several countries, including Australia, Canada, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

One of our main priorities at ASPAS is to inspire children to take an interest in the environment around them. To that end, we organize an annual Bird Walk in partnership with the National Audubon Society, Los Angeles Chapter, to guide children through the Sepulveda Wildlife Reserve and help them appreciate nature while developing their photographic skills.

In addition to the Bird Walk, we have also conducted essay and art competitions for children to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our environment and respecting wildlife and marine resources. The outstanding photographs, essays, and artwork are displayed during our annual "Beauty of Sri Lanka" exhibition, and winners are awarded certificates of achievement.

Our Team

ASPAS is committed to promoting environmental conservation and education through various programs, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to make a positive impact on our planet.



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BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION 2026

“The Beauty of Sri Lanka” photographic exhibition will take place at the University of California, Los Angeles on April 24th, Metro Hall - Toronto, Canada on April 27th, The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations on April 29th, and at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC on 2nd May 2026.

The annual photographic exhibition, held for the first time at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) in September 2019 and again in 2023, 2024 and 2025, was well-attended. This exhibition will feature over 80 rare photographs of Sri Lanka's natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage, and scenic beauty, selected from a photo competition and created by award-winning nature photographers.

BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA

THE PROGRAMME 2026

April 22nd 9.00 AM	Whale Watching at Davey's Locker, 400 Main St, Newport Beach, CA 92661
April 22nd 4.00 PM	Viewing Elephant Seals at San Simeon, CA 93452, United States
April 23rd 10.00 AM	NASA JPL Candidature by Dr Sarath Gunapala 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109
April 23rd 4.00 PM	Media Conference at the Consulate General of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles 3250, Wilshire Blvd, Suite # 2180, Los Angeles, CA 90010, USA
April 24th 6.00 PM - 9.00 PM	Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition - Los Angeles University of California, Los Angeles 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095 Supported By: Consulate General of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles and Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau.
April 24th 8.00 PM	ReTree LA 2026 - A community tree-planting initiative to mark the first anniversary of last year's wildfire at LA. University of California, Los Angeles - 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095
April 24th 7.30 PM	Through the Lens: Exploring Sri Lanka's Biodiversity Plant Taxonomist, Ecologist, and Conservationist By Dr. Nilanthi Rajapakse at University of California, Los Angeles - 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095
April 24th 8.30 PM	"A Leopard Never Changes its Spots - is it true?" By Dushyantha Silva at University of California, Los Angeles - 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095
April 25th 9.00 AM	Capturing Paradise: How Mobile Photography Drives Destination Branding on Social Media By K C Saranga at The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve in Van Nuys, LA
April 25th 11.00 AM	Through Her Lens: "Championing Ethical Wildlife Photography for Conservation" By Melisa Fernando Taser at The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve in Van Nuys
April 25th 10.30 PM	Sunsets and Milky Way photography By Priyantha Bandara at Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
April 26th 6.00 PM	Landscape Photography Workshop by Priyantha Bandara at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

April 27th
10.00 AM - 5.00 PM

Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition - Toronto, Canada
Metro Hall, 55 John Street Toronto, Canada
Organized By: Consulate General of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Toronto and Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, Canada, Supported by: Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau.

April 27th
1.00 PM

The Great Elephant Gathering of Asia
Award-Winning Wildlife Documentary Film by Dilum Alagiyawanna
At Metro Hall, 55 John Street Toronto, Canada

April 27th
2.30 PM

Primal Frames: A Field Guide to Wildlife Photography
By Riznad Hussain
at Metro Hall, 55 John Street Toronto, Canada

April 27th
3.30 PM

Wild-Scapes: A fresh perspective of capturing wildlife in their natural habitat **By Lakshitha Karunaratna**
at Metro Hall, 55 John Street Toronto, Canada

April 27th
4.30 PM

Capturing Paradise: How Mobile Photography Drives Destination Branding on Social Media **By K C Saranga**
at Metro Hall, 55 John Street Toronto, Canada

April 29th
6.00 PM - 9.00 PM

Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition – New York
at The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations
820 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10017.
Supported By: Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau.

April 29th
7.30 PM

“The Living Heart of the Emerald Isle” By Dr Gotabaya Ranasinghe
at The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations
820 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10017.

May 1st
5.00 AM

Sunrise and Landscapes Photography Workshop **By Priyantha Bandara**
at Tidal Basin, West Potomac Park, Washington, D.C.

May 2nd
9.00 AM

Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition - Washington D.C.
at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington D.C.
3025 Whitehaven St NE Washington DC 20008
Organized By: Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington D.C.
Supported by: Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau.

May 2nd
11.00 AM

Spots, Tusks, and Trails: Capturing Sri Lanka's Icons **By Riznad Hussain**
at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington D.C.
3025 Whitehaven St NE Washington DC 20008

Sri Lankan Traditional Welcome Dance

**Performed by
Sandani S Kahadugoda
& Waruna Hemachandra**

at “The Beauty of Sri Lanka 2026”

Opening Ceremony

April 24th 6PM. Kerckhoff Hall, University of California, Los Angeles

Sandani S Kahadugoda

Director Cultural Affairs / Academy of Performing Arts

Sandani was completed her 4 years degree from performing arts in 2013 University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka. She has completed her masters degree in 2020 University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka. She has studied Indian Kathak dance to expert level. She was a main dancer in Chithrasena dance company since 2014 - 2022. She was a teacher in charge of Dance in Ladies College Colombo 7. She has a dance Choreography diploma in Sri Lanka foundation institute. She also served as a external lecturer for Sabaragamuwa dance in University of Kelaniya.

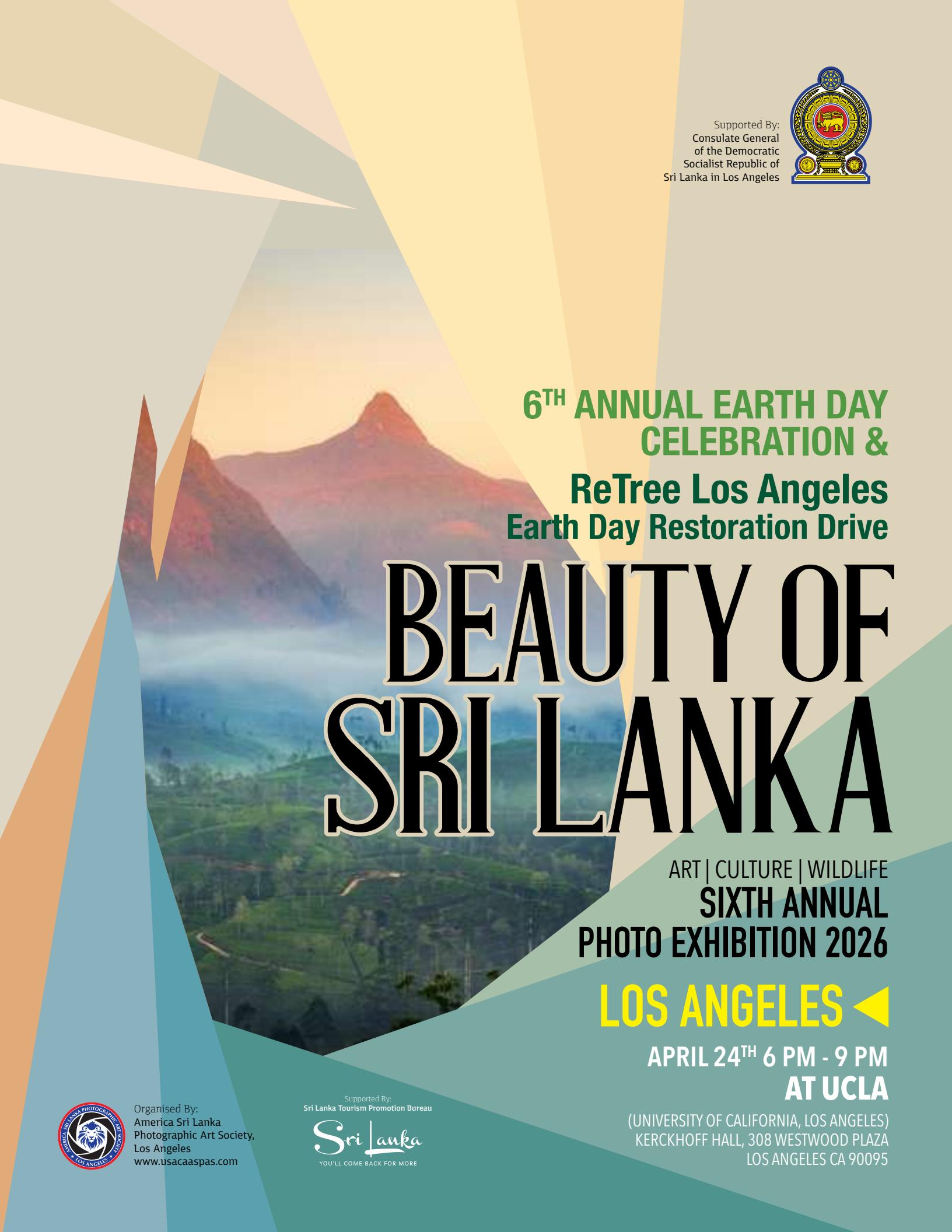
Waruna Hemachandra has been learning traditional drumming and dancing in age of seven. He has studied about percussion and drumming in Visual and performing arts university in Colombo. He worked as a dancer and Drummer in national youth center in 2010-2011. Waruna is the founder and the artistic director of “Dinaadha” as it is one of the main percussion band in Colombo. He worked as a main Drummer and drum instructor in Chithrasena dance school since 2012.



**“Nagaraksha” ,
a traditional
Sri Lankan devil dance
performance at the
opening ceremony,
by K. K. Chathiya
Buddika.**

**Cultural Ambassador and Master of
Sri Lankan Ritual Dance**

K.K. Chathiya Buddika is a highly respected ritual dance practitioner and a long-standing member of the State Dance Ensemble of Sri Lanka, with over two decades of experience in performing and preserving the island's traditional dance heritage. His expertise spans Sri Lanka's three major classical dance traditions - Kandyan, Low Country, and Sabaragamuwa - with a particular focus on Low Country ritual dances, including Thelme, Pattini, Salu Pali, and the Sanni Yakuma tradition.



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Earth Day Restoration Drive**

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LOS ANGELES ◀

**APRIL 24TH 6 PM - 9 PM
AT UCLA**

(UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES)
KERCKHOFF HALL, 308 WESTWOOD PLAZA
LOS ANGELES CA 90095

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TORONTO - CANADA ◀

**APRIL 27TH 10 AM - 5 PM
AT METRO HALL (LOBBY)**



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NEW YORK ◀

APRIL 29TH 6 PM - 9 PM

AT THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
SRI LANKA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

820 SECOND AVE, FL2,
NEW YORK, NY 10017



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WASHINGTON DC ◀

MAY 2ND 9 AM - 5 PM

AT THE EMBASSY OF SRI LANKA
IN WASHINGTON DC

3025 WHITEHAVEN ST NE
WASHINGTON DC 20008



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EARTH DAY 2026

RETREE

LOS ANGELES:

Earth Day Restoration Drive



JOIN US FOR RETREE LOS ANGELES 2026:

Earth Day Restoration Drive, a meaningful initiative dedicated to restoring and revitalizing the Sepulveda Wildlife Basin. Organized by the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles (ASPAS), this project is part of our Earth Day 2026 celebration and focuses on giving back to nature by planting 500 trees in an area deeply affected by the recent Los Angeles wildfires in California.

By participating in this drive, you'll play an important role in restoring the basin's ecosystem, creating habitats for wildlife, and enhancing the natural beauty of this cherished space. Together, we can make a

lasting impact for future generations and raise awareness about the critical importance of environmental conservation.

Let's join hands on April 24, 2026, from 8:00 PM onwards, to honor Earth Day and take a significant step toward a greener, healthier planet. Together, we can ReTree Los Angeles! at University of California, Los Angeles - 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095



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WHALE WATCHING

April 22th 9.00 AM

at Davey's Locker, 400 Main St, Newport Beach, CA 92661

VIEWING ELEPHANT SEALS

April 22th 4.00 PM

at San Simeon, CA 93452, United States



NASA

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY
CANDIDATURE BY DR. SARATH GUNAPALA

April 23th, 10.00 AM

at 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109



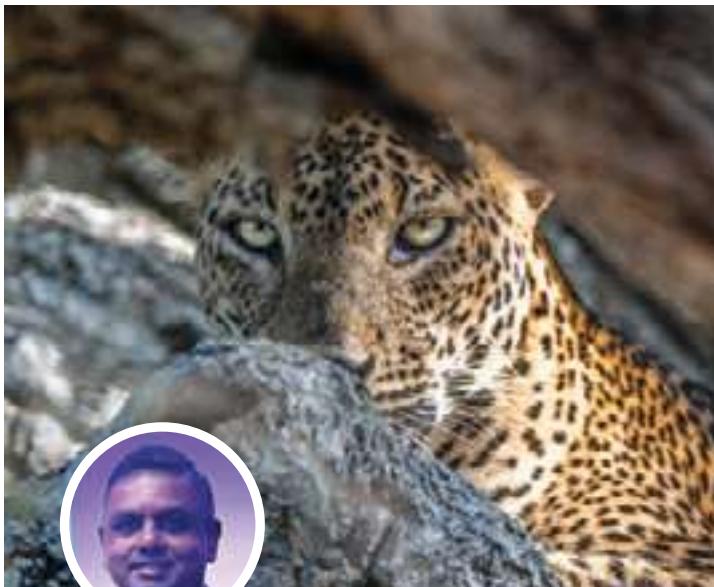
THROUGH THE LENS:

EXPLORING SRI LANKA'S BIODIVERSITY
PLANT TAXONOMIST, ECOLOGIST, AND
CONSERVATIONIST

DR. NILANTHI RAJAPAKSE

April 24th 7.30 PM

University of California, Los Angeles
405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095

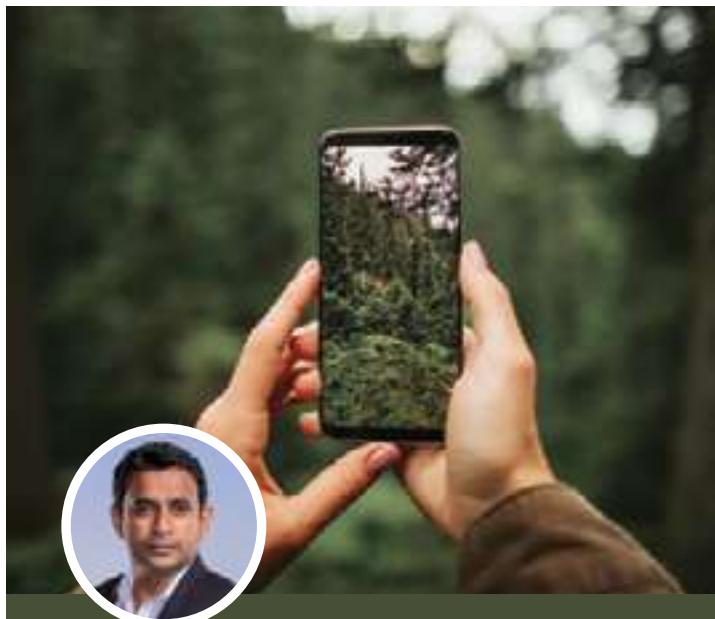


"A LEOPARD NEVER CHANGES ITS SPOTS - IS IT TRUE?"

BY DUSHYANTHA SILVA

April 24th 8.30 PM

University of California, Los Angeles
405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095



CAPTURING PARADISE: HOW MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY DRIVES DESTINATIONBRANDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

BY K C SARANGA

April 25th 9.00 AM
at The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve
Van Nuys, LA



THROUGH HER LENS:

"CHAMPIONING ETHICAL WILDLIFE
PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CONSERVATION"

WORKSHOP BY MELISA FERNANDO TASER

April 25th 11.00 AM
at The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve
Van Nuys, LA



SUNSETS AND MILKY WAY PHOTOGRAPHY

BY PRIYANTHA BANDARA

April 25th 10.30 PM
at Joshua Tree National Park
74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277



LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

BY PRIYANTHA BANDARA

April 26th 6.00 PM
at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

The Great Elephant Gathering of Asia

Minneriya National Park



AWARD-WINNING WILDLIFE DOCUMENTARY FILM

This captivating documentary showcases the awe-inspiring annual congregation of elephants at Minneriya National Park in Sri Lanka, offering a glimpse into the remarkable biodiversity and natural wonders of the island. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to experience Sri Lanka's wildlife and cultural heritage through the lens of this globally celebrated film. Join us in celebrating Sri Lanka's beauty and raising awareness for its conservation and tourism potential.

April 27th 1.00 PM

At Metro Hall, 55 John Street Toronto, Canada
55 John Street Toronto, Canada



PRIMAL FRAMES: A FIELD GUIDE TO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

BY RIZNAD HUSSAIN

April 27th 2.30 PM

at Metro Hall
55 John Street Toronto, Canada



WILD-SCAPES:

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON CAPTURING WILDLIFE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT

BY LAKSITHA KARUNARATHNA FRPS

April 27th 3.30 PM

at Metro Hall
55 John Street Toronto, Canada



CAPTURING PARADISE:

HOW MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY DRIVES DESTINATIONBRANDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

BY K C SARANGA

April 27th 4.30 PM

at Metro Hall
55 John Street Toronto, Canada





"THE LIVING HEART OF THE EMERALD ISLE"

BY DR GOTABAYA RANASINGHE

April 29th 7.30 PM

at The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations
820 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10017.



SUNRISE & LANDSCAPES PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

BY PRIYANTHA BANDARA

May 1st 5.00 AM

at Tidal Basin, West Potomac Park, Washington, D.C.



SPOTS, TUSKS, & TRAILS: CAPTURING SRI LANKA'S ICONS

BY RIZNAD HUSSAIN

May 2nd 11.00 AM

at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington D.C.
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Ambassador of Sri Lanka

3025, Whitehaven Street NW
Washington D.C. 20008

Message from **HE. Mahinda Samarasinghe** Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States

It is with great pleasure that I send this message of congratulation for inclusion in the commemorative souvenir being published for the fifth annual "Beauty of Sri Lanka"

photographic exhibition. This event, organized by the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society (ASPAS) Los Angeles in partnership with the Embassy of Sri Lanka to the USA in Washington DC, the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Toronto, the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Canada, will be held in celebration of International Earth Day 2025.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to ASPAS, and especially to its President, Mr. Suriya Jayalath Perera, for organizing this remarkable series of photographic exhibitions, to be held in Washington DC, Los Angeles, and Toronto, Canada. I deeply appreciate their efforts in bringing such an inspiring event to these cities showcasing the best of Sri Lanka.

The exhibition makes available to visitors Sri Lanka's natural beauty, vibrant wildlife, rich cultural heritage, historic landmarks, and more. It is presented by a team of award-winning photographers from Sri Lanka, who have contributed their invaluable imagery. We are deeply grateful for their contributions, and I have no doubt that their work will highlight the beauty and diversity of Sri Lanka - the pearl of the Indian Ocean.

I wish ASPAS and its dynamic team, led by President Suriya Perera, every success in staging a successful exhibition that promotes awareness of Sri Lanka and encourages greater interest in visiting and experiencing the Beauty of Sri Lanka.

Mahinda Samarasinghe

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2025



*Embassy of the United States of America
Colombo, Sri Lanka*

Message from HE. Julie Chung U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka

Welcome, ආශ්‍රම්ඛේවන්, නළංවරු !

Sri Lanka never ceases to amaze me with its boundless beauty and vibrant spirit. Every corner of this island holds something remarkable, and the 'Beauty of Sri Lanka' photo exhibition offers us an opportunity to pause and reflect on what makes this country so extraordinary. It's not just the lush landscapes or majestic wildlife - it's the people, the culture, and the stories that bring this beauty to life.

This island, like the state of California where I grew up, is a land of beautiful contrasts. Sri Lanka offers vastly different climates and interactions with nature, depending on where you go. From the cool, misty hill country where I had the privilege of trekking the scenic Pekoe Trail to the sun-soaked shores of the south, each region has its own unique charm. Standing on the historic Mihintale hilltop, I experienced the spiritual serenity of Sri Lanka's ancient history, while in Kandy, I was swept away by the grandeur and pageantry of the Esala Perahera. Witnessing this centuries-old festival, with its dazzling costumes, traditional dances, and cultural symbolism, was truly unforgettable. And the beauty of the island extends far beyond what you see - it's in the kindness of a stranger offering a cup of tea, the laughter shared during a festival, and the enduring friendships that blossom along the way.

As U.S. Ambassador, I am consistently looking for new ways to help the United States and Sri Lanka to work together to make our countries safer, stronger, and more prosperous. While increasing trade or addressing regional security are among our most important priorities, I am also proud of our collaborations in education and cultural heritage preservation, which highlight a shared commitment to future generations.

I hope this souvenir, the photo exhibition, and the events organized in connection with this celebration serve as a reminder of the wonder that is our shared landscape and inspire you to discover its treasures for yourself.

Ambassador Julie Chung
U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka



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SRI LANKA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
820 SECOND AVENUE (2ND FLOOR)
NEW YORK, NY 10017

Message from Mr. Chatura Perera

**The Chargé d' Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of
Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York**

It gives me pleasure to pen a few words for the souvenir of "The Beauty of Sri Lanka 2025" photography exhibition.

It is indeed a visual retreat to navigate the unique beauty and diversity of Sri Lanka's wildlife, flora and fauna, culture, and heritage through the exhibits of vivid captures of the lens by award-winning photographers. This exhibition also marks the momentous occasion of the 55th Anniversary of International Earth Day.

I congratulate the America-Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society on another successful launch of "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2025". The Society's efforts over the years to share the beauty of the pearl of the Indian Ocean with the American and audiences around the globe are praiseworthy to highlight.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York is pleased to collaborate with the America-Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society and is proud to host this photography exhibition to showcase the splendor of our motherland to the audience in the world's multilateral capital.

Chatura Perera
Chargé d' Affaires a.i.



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2025



**Consulate General of
Democratic Socialist Republic
of Sri Lanka - Los Angeles**

3250 Consulate General of Sri Lanka,
Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2180, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Message from Mr. Anil Sirimanna Actg. Consul General, Consulate General of Sri Lanka, Los Angeles

It is with great pleasure, I extend my heartfelt felicitations to America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles (ASPAS) for organizing the "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2025" photographic exhibition for the 5th time in Los Angeles, Washington and New York cities.

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles and Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau facilitated this event considering its importance to highlight Sri Lanka as a tourism destination for wildlife photography as well as to emphasize the necessity of protecting the ecosystem of flora and fauna in the commercializing world.

Even though Sri Lanka is a small tropical island in the Indian Ocean, thousands of species of plants, animals, birds, and marine creatures inhabit this land mass. Sri Lanka is a place to see the largest animal on the land, elephant, as well as the largest marine creature, blue whale. In addition to them, Sri Lanka is home to endemic mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and butterflies. Flora diversity of the country supports the existence of fauna species providing food and shelter.

Sri Lanka inherits rich bio diversity providing ground for thousands of flora species in a wide range of environments in various climatic zones such as coastal regions, tropical rain forests, high altitude forests, and mangroves, marine environments etc. Hundreds of endemic plant species have been identified in various ecosystems of Sri Lanka. The forest reserves in various provinces such as Sinharaja provide the protection for flora species from human activities.

The culture of Sri Lanka has inseparable binding with the ecosystem providing food and medicine for people and they interact with the environment with responsibility. Thousand years old principles of the society have helped to protect flora and fauna of the island. These deep philosophical ideologies portrayed in ancient monuments spread throughout the country.

America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles connects the diversity of flora, fauna, and culture in Sri Lanka through the rich photographic art organizing the "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2025" photographic exhibition. This exhibition which is organized in parallel to the Earth Day, not only promotes Sri Lanka as a tourism destination to photographers, academia, researchers, and for leisure but also emphasizes the importance of protecting biodiversity from various human activities.

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka remains committed to supporting the ASPAS in its endeavors to promote the heritage of Sri Lankan in the USA and I extend my warmest wishes to the President, Mr. Suriya Perera and office bearers, photographers, members, and well-wishers of the ASPAS for organizing "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2025."

Anil Sirimanna
Actg. Consul General



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2025



**Sri Lanka Tourism
Promotion Bureau**

Message from Mr. Buddhika Hewawasam The Chairman - Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau

Ayubowan America!!!

It is with great honor and pride that I extend my heartfelt greetings to all those gathered for the fifth annual "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2025" Photo Exhibition. This extraordinary event, organized by the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society (ASPAS) in collaboration with the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington, DC., the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York, the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, and the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, exemplifies the shared dedication to celebrating the unparalleled beauty of Sri Lanka.

Spanning three prestigious venues Celebrity Centre International in Los Angeles, the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York, and the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington, D.C.- this exhibition brings forth the natural wonders, cultural heritage, and historical treasures of Sri Lanka, inspiring awe and admiration among the American public. Such meaningful initiatives play a crucial role in strengthening international bonds and fostering mutual respect and understanding.

In addition to highlighting the beauty of our island nation, this event's alignment with Earth Day 2025 and ASPAS's ReTree LA: Earth Day Restoration Drive underscores the importance of environmental stewardship. Let us embrace this opportunity to reflect on the need to preserve and protect our planet while nurturing the ties that unite us as global citizens.

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, I extend my sincere gratitude to the organizers, supporters, and talented photographers whose efforts have brought this exhibition to life. May this event serve as a bridge of friendship and inspire all visitors to discover and cherish the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean."

Buddhika Hewawasam
The Chairman - Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau



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Sri Lanka Foundation International

1930, Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1400
Los Angeles, California 90057, USA

Message from Dr. Walter Jayasinghe M.D, MPH President - Sri Lanka Foundation International

It is with great honor and immense pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society and all esteemed collaborators on the occasion of the 5th Annual "Beauty of Sri Lanka" Photographic Exhibition in celebration of International Earth Day 2025.

This remarkable event is not only a tribute to Sri Lanka's breathtaking landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and diverse ecosystems but also a powerful platform for fostering environmental awareness. Through the lens of talented photographers, I believe it gives the opportunity to experience the island's unparalleled natural beauty its lush greenery, ancient heritage sites, and vibrant traditions that continue to captivate hearts across the world.

I am particularly inspired by the ReTree LA: Earth Day Restoration Drive, which aligns perfectly with the global mission of environmental conservation. By actively restoring green spaces and rebuilding ecosystems affected by recent wildfires, we reaffirm our collective responsibility to safeguard our planet for future generations. Initiatives such as these remind us that every effort whether big or small contributes to the greater good of our environment and our communities.

I extend my sincere appreciation to America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington, D.C., the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York, the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, and the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for their dedication in making this exhibition a grand success. Your commitment to promoting Sri Lanka's natural and cultural wonders while advocating for sustainability is truly commendable.

As we celebrate the beauty of Sri Lanka and the spirit of Earth Day, let us be inspired to cherish, preserve, and protect both our heritage and our planet. May this exhibition ignite a deeper appreciation for nature and a renewed commitment to environmental stewardship.

Thank you!

Dr. Walter Jayasinghe M.D, MPH
President - Sri Lanka Foundation International



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EARTH DAY 2025

ReTree Los Angeles
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Collect Your Plant and Give Back to Nature;

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- 1. Coast Live Oak
- 2. Valley Oak
- 3. California Sycamore
- 4. Toyon
- 5. Western Redbud

- 6. California Buckeye
- 7. Canyon Oak
- 8. California Bay Laurel
- 9. Mule Fat
- 10. Western Sycamore

- 11. California Black Oak
- 12. Interior Live Oak
- 13. Blue Oak
- 14. Engelmann Oak
- 15. California Walnut

Date: Saturday, April 26th 2025
Time: 10.30 AM onwards
Venue: Celebrity Centre International,
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WHALE WATCHING

April 24th 9.00 AM

at Davey's Locker, 400 Main St, Newport Beach, CA 92661

VIEWING ELEPHANT SEALS

April 24th 3.00 PM

at San Simeon, CA 93452, United States



"SRI LANKA'S TOURISM DILEMMA: WHY DID SINGAPORE AND THAILAND SURPASS US?"

BY MAWALAGE LAL HEMANTHA

CONDUCTED BY UDAYA SHAN IDAMEGEDARA



April 26th 12.00 NOON

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The Great Elephant Gathering *of Asia*

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This captivating documentary showcases the awe-inspiring annual congregation of elephants at Minneriya National Park in Sri Lanka, offering a glimpse into the remarkable biodiversity and natural wonders of the island. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to experience Sri Lanka's wildlife and cultural heritage through the lens of this globally celebrated film. Join us in celebrating Sri Lanka's beauty and raising awareness for its conservation and tourism potential.

April 26th 1.00PM

at the Celebrity Centre International,
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INTRODUCTION TO POST-PROCESSING AND COLOR MANAGEMENT

WORKSHOP BY RIZNAD HUSSAIN

April 26th 3.00PM

at the Celebrity Centre International,
5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028



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WILD-SCAPES: A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON CAPTURING WILDLIFE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT

BY LAKSITHA KARUNARATHNA FRPS

April 27th, 8.00AM
at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve
6350 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91436



HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP BY
SAMEERA KOTELAWALA EFAP / ANPAS

April 27th, 4.00PM at Hollywood Walk of Fame



AVIFAUNA IN CITYSCAPES: A GUIDE TO URBAN BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

BY LAKSITHA KARUNARATHNA FRPS

May 5th, 8.00AM
at West Potomac Park, Washington DC



TOUR - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is a world-renowned center for the study and exhibition of natural history. Opened in 1910, the museum houses over 146 million specimens, including fossils, minerals, plants, and cultural artifacts. Its iconic exhibits, such as the Hope Diamond and the Dinosaur Hall, showcase the diversity of life on Earth and the forces that shape our natural world. The museum is also a leading research institution, advancing knowledge in fields like anthropology, biology, and paleontology. Its architecture, featuring a grand rotunda, reflects its status as a cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institution and a hub for scientific discovery and education.

May 5th, 9.00AM



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Ambassador of Sri Lanka



Message from H.E. Mahinda Samarasinghe Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States

It is my pleasure to forward this message of congratulation to the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, Los Angeles (ASP AS) on the occasion of the 4th "Beauty of Sri Lanka" photographic exhibition at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). It is also especially noteworthy that, this year, this exhibition will also be held in Washington D.C. and New York. The Embassy takes pride in showcasing

the many wonders that Sri Lanka has to offer to potential visitors from the United States and elsewhere.

This event, to take place in May in the nation's capital, will display images depicting Sri Lanka's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, wildlife and other aspects of interest and will contribute to attracting US nationals to visit and learn about the many facets that is Sri Lanka, thereby contributing to the economic revival and general wellbeing of the people of our motherland. The exhibition, which coincides with the marking of International Earth Day 2024, is an important occasion as Sri Lanka faces the challenges of climate change and is attempting to evolve solutions that will ensure sustainable development and secure the future of generations to come.

I must express our sincere appreciation for the hard work of President Suriya Perera, the membership of ASPAS and all those who assisted in making this event a success.

With best wishes,

Mahinda Samarasinghe
February 22, 2024



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024



*Embassy of the United States of America
Colombo, Sri Lanka*



March 28, 2024

Welcome,

As the Ambassador of the United States to the government and people of Sri Lanka, it gives me great pleasure to dedicate the souvenir booklet for the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Exhibition.

Sri Lanka truly deserves its nickname, Jewel of the Indian Ocean. Each day I am reminded of the beauty of this country, which is steeped in rich history and ethnic diversity. Not only is the climate warm but the people are some of the friendliest on earth. The national parks with abundant flora and fauna, the ruins of ancient cities and temples, and endless beaches add to the country's bountiful appeal.

Just a few highlights: Earlier this year, my husband and I scaled the heights of Adam's Peak, arriving at the summit just in time to see the colorful sun rise. In addition to offering spectacular views, Adam's Peak is widely known for the Sacred Footprint, venerated by Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and Christians, attracting thousands of pilgrims and tourists every year.

Not only have I travelled to the heights of Sri Lanka but also the depths. The Godawaya shipwreck, located off the coast of Hambantota in southern Sri Lanka, is the oldest known shipwreck in Asia, dating back to the Second Century B.C. It was awe inspiring to dive the crystal-clear waters to explore what remains of this ancient vessel. I am particularly proud since the United States government is supporting the study of the wreck and preservation of the artifacts recovered through a grant from the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation. The items recovered, such as pottery and beads, will eventually be exhibited at the Maritime History Museum in Galle, to be appreciated by local and foreign visitors, and the whole project is a testament to Sri Lanka's long history of free and open waterways and a great example of the strong bonds of friendship and collaboration that exist between our two countries.

An increasing number of tourists from all over the world are discovering this spectacular country, and I hope that the photos in this exhibit inspire you to visit too. I am sure you will fall in love with Sri Lanka and its people, just as I have

Sincerely,

Julie J. Chung
Ambassador



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Message from Ambassador Mohan Pieris, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York

It is with pleasure that I pen these few lines for the souvenir of 'The Beauty of Sri Lanka' photography exhibition. This event celebrates the art of photography and the stories it tells. It is truly an extraordinary journey; a feast for the eyes; and presents beauty in the diversity of Sri Lanka's fauna and flora; in the many exhibits, of a land rich in biodiversity, with two Natural World Heritage Sites designated by UNESCO. The significance of the event is expected to be enhanced by the presence of award-winning photographers documenting the island's natural beauty.

A photography exhibition Souvenir is a unique keepsake that commemorates a special exhibition. This souvenir serves as a memento for visitors to remember the experience and the artwork they encountered.

Through this lens, we will discover the beauty of the world in this visual journey of inspiration and imagination. We hope this exhibition has ignited your curiosity, sparked your emotions, and left you with a deeper appreciation for the art of capturing moments. We live in a world with fleeting moments and photography allows us to freeze time and immortalize memories.

We invite you to relive the magic of this exhibition and cherish the power of visual storytelling; to see the world through a new lens. Many of these photographs, will inspire you to see the world with a fresh perspective and find beauty in the smallest details.

I congratulate the America-Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society on the successful launch of "Sri Lanka in FOCUS USA 2024". Their endeavor to bring the beauty of Sri Lanka to American and world audiences is commendable.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York is proud to facilitate this effort by the young photographers Sri Lanka.

Mohan Pieris

Ambassador / Permanent Representative



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024



Message From Dr. Lauth P. Chandradasa Consul General of Sri Lanka, Los Angeles

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the President and members of the America Sri Lanka Art Photographic Society for orchestrating the "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2024" Photographic Exhibition for the fourth consecutive time in the United States of America. This year holds particular significance as, unlike previous editions confined solely to California, the exhibition will also grace the cities of Washington and New York.

The exhibition predominantly showcases the mesmerizing facets of Sri Lanka's natural landscape, emphasizing its status as a global biodiversity hotspot, sure to enthrall travelers with its unique wonders. From herds of Asian Elephants to troops of monkeys traversing the forests, encounters with leopards - given Sri Lanka's distinction for hosting one of the world's highest densities of these majestic cats - along with sightings of sloth bears, jackals, and Asiatic buffalo, the island's wildlife offers a spectacle like no other. Cascading waterfalls cascade from the cloud-kissed highlands, harboring a myriad of vibrant bird species, while golden beaches hug its coastline, and offshore, colossal blue whales, various species of dolphins, and sea turtles frolic in crystalline waters.

Regrettably, these remarkable attributes often remain unknown to the wider world, especially among Americans, perhaps due to Sri Lanka's geographical remoteness and its relatively small size.

I express my gratitude to the America Sri Lanka Art Photographic Society for illuminating these distinctive features of Sri Lanka to American society. By coinciding with Earth Day, this exhibition underscores the significance placed by Sri Lankans on climate change and the preservation of ecosystems for future generations.

I extend my best wishes to the organizers in their endeavors to showcase Sri Lanka as a tranquil and harmonious abode for all living beings, coexisting seamlessly with its environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lauth P. Chandradasa
Consul General of Sri Lanka, Los Angeles



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024



Ayubowan !

Hello America

It is with great pleasure that I thank the American Sri Lankan Photographic Art Society (ASPAS), Los Angeles, in particular its president Suriya Jayalath Perera, for organizing and continuing this significant event in order to showcase the beauty of Sri Lanka to the American travellers.

This photographic exhibition highlights the beauty of Sri Lanka, which has so much to offer by being a year-round holiday destination while offering a variety of experiences except snow. Being a compact island, the traveller can see the two largest mammals on earth; whales and elephants on the same day while experiencing Sri Lankan authentic cultural values with its diversified beauty from Kingdoms to modern cities.

The Island of Sri Lanka has been described as a 'small universe' by acclaimed author Arthur C Clark. Ever since the 1950s glory days of the silver screen, film producers and directors such as Don Boyd and Steven Spielberg have raved about its beauty, light and variety while shooting "Indiana Jones and the Temple of the Doom", "Bridge on the River Kwai", "Elephant Walk" and etc. Apart from that, there are many Hollywood A-listers who have endorsed and been to this beautiful island on their secret holidays.

Sri Lanka is gaining a vast global recognition as it continues to emerge as one of the world's best tourist destinations with accolades receiving from various travel guides, travel magazines and travel web sites.

While Sri Lanka is waiting with 22 Mn warm hearts to welcome the American travellers, I extend my warm wishes to ASPAS for a successful exhibition!

Chalaka Gajabahu

Chairman

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024



UN GA President @UN_PGA

It is with immense pleasure that I join [@SLUNNewYork](#) to appreciate this 4th Annual 'Beauty of Sri Lanka' Photographic Exhibition.

Today, we celebrate the enchanting beauty and rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka, captured through the lens of photography.

This exhibition, and each of the over 80 competitively selected exquisite artwork, tells a unique story – not just a story of unity in diversity, but they are also symbolically a portrait of the skill and passion of the artists; and an irresistible invitation to explore the depths and resilient spirit of a nation that continues to inspire awe and admiration.



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Ambassador Julie Chung @USAmbSL

I love photography because it allows us to share what we find impactful, important, or beautiful. Today I met with reps of the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society to learn more about their work, inc a recent exhibit at [@UCLA](#) to commemorate [#EarthDay2023](#) & [#USSriLanka75](#).



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The Beauty of Sri Lanka at University of California Art Gallery

America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles (ASLAS), in association with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, will hold "The Beauty of Sri Lanka," the third annual photographic exhibition on April 22 and 23 at the Art Gallery of the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) in commemoration of Earth Day 2023 and the 75th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the United States.

The exhibition, themed "Sri Lanka in Focus," is designed to promote tourism in Sri Lanka, showcasing the scenic beauty and the 2500-year-old historical and cultural heritage of the island. It also aims to raise awareness about environmental issues. To commemorate Earth Day 2023, the keynote speaker, Prof. Glen MacDonald, Professor of Ecology and Geography, will address such concerns.

The exhibition will feature a series of related events, including a seminar, lectures, and a cultural performance led by Sanduni S. Kahanagoda, Director of Cultural Affairs (ASLAS), an exponent of Sri Lankan



traditional dance forms, and former lead dancer of the famed Chitrasena Dance Academy, and Waruna Hemachandra, an exponent of former traditional drumming who toured several countries with the Chitrasena Dance Academy. Thatth Jith Dance School students, directed by Prasanna Yamasinghe, will also perform. Several specialists from Sri Lanka have been invited to participate in the seminars and lectures, enhancing the exhibition program and attracting the American public to the event.





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'THE BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA' IN LA

ASPAS to hold its third annual photography exhibition on 22 and 23 April



America Sri Lanka Photography Art Society (SLPA) in association with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, will hold 'The Beauty of Sri Lanka' (the third annual photo exhibition) on 22 and 23 April 2013 at the art gallery of the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in commemoration of the Lank's 65th and the 15th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the United States.

and the United Kingdom. The exhibition under the theme of '300 Years in Focus' is designed to promote tourism in St Lucia. As such, it will depict the iconic beauty of the island as well as the 2000 year old history and cultural heritage of St Lucia. This exhibition is also designed to introduce visitors to a range of issues that negatively impact the environment.

A brief of related events

The exhibition will include a series of related events, including a seminar, a film, a walk and a guided tour, all organised by the Museum of Cultural Affairs of AIAF. It features *Alfredo Jaar* – an exponent of 1980 Latin American *Avant-garde* – and former head master of famed Chilean school *Centro Andén*, along with *Hélio Oiticica* – a exponent of former *Brasileño* *Avant-garde* who toured several countries with the Chilean *Brasileño* *Avant-garde*. Jaar and Oiticica will be joined by *Paulo Bruscky* (Brazilian artist, film director, and poet) and *Paulo Mendes da Rocha* (a leading architect) in a series of lectures on the artist's working methodology. The Great *Chilean Gathering of Art*, a bi-annual meeting of Chilean Magicians on the annual *Visión* gathering at the *Montevideo National Film*. As exhibitors and participants of the seminar and lectures, AIAF has invited several expositors from 50 Latin American countries will be invited to the exhibition programme, among them the *Argentine* artist *Julio*

Having left Sri Lanka many years back and emigrating to the United States, several of James' cousins of Sri Lankan American descent now living in the USA, some of his parents and relatives have yet to leave the Sri Lankan island to visit Sri Lanka, and those photo enthusiasts who have been to Sri Lanka are encouraged to share their images to this association.

most about their motherland

Award-winning photographs

The exhibition consists of several small 'walking' cases photographing the National Parks of Sri Lanka (Yala, Chilaw, Wilpattu, Uda Walauwa, Horton Plains); and the last of this remarkable collection is in the words 'Sapling Forests, in Sri Lanka'. The present collection (101 units) with a selected list of 200, among them the drawings that are part in the exhibition, is the first collection of its kind in Sri Lanka. It is a new and ideal way to highlight the natural and biological wealth of Sri Lanka (which has been exhibited), and forms an integral part of the exhibition. There will be an open house on the village (off Sri Lanka) by way of depicting the formality in the way methods of learning (the crop, the pasturing, and related subjects) always on display will be the best source of various information on the village life.

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THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

Sri Lanka. Previous to the presentation of the AIPED, and its content was building the 'front', over Sri Lanka an international network of the 'front' organisations based in the United States, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, and Australia. The front organisations had been instrumental in pressuring the government to take a stand on the constitutional issues relating to protecting the environment. He had demonstrated a sensitivity to the serial destructions he was witnessing through the prime minister he had captured through his expert skills. His painstaking research covered over two and a half years of residence in the Tala area, originally carried out for his master's thesis, is presently published with a foreword at the front of the people and powers of the region as an effectively constructed book (2002). The book (2002) describes of Ruthless means of the Tala Hammock Park. Both will also be launched at the exhibition.

on the following:
Exhibiting photographers
He will be joined by six leading Sri Lankan photographing authors who will bring their present winning transformations all the way from Sri Lanka to Los Angeles for this unique exhibition. They are: (1) Lakshmi Rajapaksha who will make pannaromaic or wildlife photographs; (2) Chand Jayasinha who will make a presentation on the tourist attractions of Sri Lanka; (3) Arunima De Silva and Kit de Silva.

They will be accompanied by the Manager of Mihindu Sri Lanka Health, Gihan Jayasuriya (as the Programme Coordinator) and Head of Nervous and Mental Disease of the National Health Commission as Medical Director for the exhibition.

the ALPNL, including a photograph of a new species, a record confirmation, and a visit to Yunnan National Park.

Andy Sammerman, Director of Marketing and Shanna Hensings
In inspiring Earth Day 2012, Earthrise and its partners invited the world to a year of a global campaign taking place during a "Sustainable Month" (April 22nd - May 22nd) coordinated by Earthrise and organized by the AIA with the assistance of the National Audubon Society of America, Lee Gardens, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Laos. The celebration of the exhibition will be devoted to the history of American photography and media records.

opened in the auditor on 22 April at 2 p.m. and run through to Sunday 25 p.m. Many distinguished guests are invited to participate in the opening ceremony led by Wal-Chen Dozen for the celebration of the Chinese New Year at the Chinese General Office in Los Angeles (101 S. Berendo). There will be a festive atmosphere marking the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Dr. Liao and the United States. The programme will be presented by Chinese musicians. The Chinese New Year will be celebrated on 14 May at 2 p.m. and the evening of 15 May.



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A banner for a webinar titled 'Southern California & International Photo Organizations' on Saturday, September 19, at 1:30 PM. It features a photo of a woman with short blonde hair and glasses, and logos for various photography organizations.

A vibrant collage for the United Nations World Oceans Day 2021. The background is a deep blue, filled with various marine creatures like fish, a whale, and coral reefs. Overlaid on this are numerous small, diverse portraits of young people of different ethnicities and backgrounds. The central text reads "UNITED NATIONS WORLD OCEANS DAY - 2021" in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, in a larger, stylized font, is "Celebrating The World's Ocean Day". A prominent yellow banner across the middle contains the text "THE VOICE OF THE YOUNG." in large, bold, yellow letters. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Save Our Seas Foundation" featuring a yellow sun-like icon and the text "Save Our Seas Foundation" and "www.osr.org".

A collage of images for Earth Day 2021. At the top, the title 'VOICES OF YOUNG TO SAVE THE PLANET' is displayed in green and blue text. Below it, 'EARTH DAY-2021' is written in large green letters, with 'April 22, 2021' underneath. A central image of a blue and green globe is surrounded by stylized cartoon characters of a boy and a girl. The background features a green field with small white flowers. At the bottom, there is a banner with the text 'Earth Day 2021' and the date 'April 22, 2021'. The collage includes several small portraits of young people from different countries, each with a small flag next to their name: Priya Bhambhani (India), Maria Paola Cordero (Colombia), Olivia Rodriguez (USA), Courtney McLean (UK), Priyanka (India), and others. The overall theme is environmental awareness and global youth participation.



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Earth Day 2025 ReTree Los Angeles: Earth Day Restoration Drive

In 2025, the ReTree Los Angeles - Earth Day Restoration Drive was successfully carried out as a community-focused environmental initiative dedicated to ecological recovery and sustainability. The project brought together volunteers to support reforestation efforts by distributing and planting 15 native California tree species, carefully selected to strengthen local ecosystems and promote long-term environmental resilience. Held in Los Angeles on Earth Day, the initiative highlighted collective responsibility toward nature, restoration of fire-affected landscapes, and the importance of preserving native biodiversity for future generations.

Support Sri Lanka Relief - Southern California Donation Drive (2025)

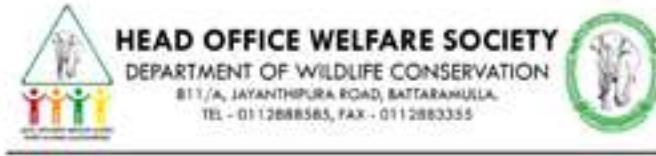
In 2025, the Support Sri Lanka Relief initiative was organized as a humanitarian donation drive by the Sri Lankan community in Southern California to assist communities in Sri Lanka during a time of national need. Conducted in collaboration with Manusath Derana and hosted at the Sarathchandra Buddhist Center, North Hollywood, the project mobilized collective generosity and compassion through financial and community support. Led by the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society – Los Angeles, the initiative reflected solidarity, empathy, and the enduring commitment of the diaspora to stand with Sri Lanka in moments of crisis.





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Mr. Suriya Jayalath Perera
The President
America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society
Los Angeles

To Whom It May Concern,

We extend our sincere gratitude for sponsoring T-shirts and caps for the photographic workshops held at Minneriya and Pigeon Island National Parks, organized by the Welfare Society of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Your generous support added vibrancy to the event and greatly contributed to its success.

Additionally, we deeply appreciate your sponsorship of prizes for the winners of the National Wildlife Photography Awards 2024 of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Your contributions have played a significant role in encouraging and recognizing excellence in wildlife photography.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to conservation and photography.

Best regards,

Nilanthi Rajapakse
Secretary



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