



The North Central Camera Club Council

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President's Message

Hello, N4C land. It feels like "SPRING" this morning with the birds singing and 70 degrees. I have been working at splitting firewood for next winter, cleaning up the flower beds and all the other work that needs to be done in the spring. So along with the spring clean-up, we are planning our trip to Iceland, leaving May 13th. Getting everything planned out, deciding what to take along, deciding on the method of image back-up (taking a laptop or not), what lenses to take and then how to keep your carry-ons the right size and weight not to mention your check-in luggage, then multiply that by four people and limited space in the rental vehicle. This would make a very good program for future travelers. So, our time is really flying by.

Since time is really flying by, make sure you get your Springbrook registration mailed early. It must arrive by April 20th. Ken has really put together an informative and interesting weekend. Dwight tells me there are over 20 slide essays. One of our club members was out photographing wild flowers this weekend, soooo the mushrooms can't be that far off. I always look forward to Springbrook as a spring family reunion. We get to see friends we haven't seen since the convention and meet new friends that are there for the first time. There are always new things to learn in the digital world and interesting slide shows to view.

Just a side note ... I have been informed that some of the contest ribbons (projected images) have not had their labels (located on the back of the ribbon) filled out with the contest, winner's name and award. Please fill these out just as you would a label for the prints.

Well, I hear the wood pile and yard work calling, so I'm cutting this short. See you all at Springbrook!

PS Red River Papers is sending some door prizes to give away.

Ed

N4C News.....

Please contact Jayne Owen if you need supplies and are coming to Springbrook so you can pick them up there. It's fast approaching and only one supply request has been received.

Best method to contact: email D.TOMES@MAC.COM

A reminder to all N4C club Presidents:

Your club's ballot for 2011-2012 N4C Officers and Directors must be returned by Saturday, April 23, 2011. As of April 9th, 19 clubs have still not returned their ballots.

Thank you.
Pat Schwope
N4C Secretary

Clara "Kristi" Lassel

9/28/1924 - 3/5/2011

Clara and her late husband Fred were members of the Sioux Falls Camera Club. JoAnn Kuntemeier shared some memories of Kristi for the Bulletin:

"I met Kristi and Fred at Springbrook. We had many long talks about photography, and almost anything else. They were always interested in what people were up to. One year Kristi was telling me about a woman she was writing to in East Germany. So, for the past 12 years, I too, wrote to this woman thanks to Kristi. Last September she came from Germany to visit. She, Kristi and I had a grand visit together, here.

Two weeks before she died, Kristi told me how much she missed Fred, and how she was 'Ready, waiting for the good Lord to take her to Fred.' She died in her sleep at 12:05 am on March 5th.

JoAnn Kuntemeier

An Addiction for Woodland Flowers

I've always tried to be honest, and I'll continue that honesty this month. And yes, I'm addicted—bad addicted. No matter if the yard-Nazi's have started their mowing, it's really too early to start mowing and besides this is the time of year for my addiction to woodland flowers. I started looking for a few images and found examples from 2006 through 2010 simply by searching on "woodland". It was even easier—I looked for "may" and found several dozens more. It's an addiction—because these are the first flowers of the season and the dandelions haven't appeared just yet.

Like all addictions, there is some satisfaction, but that nagging hunger to go out yet one more time to capture a better image of the same flower, or find something else of greater interest. It also coincides with Springbrook. To complete this stage of my recovery I must share a few images with you—mostly of dogtooth violet. The image on the left is a first attempt—you might notice that the



dog tooth violet is the green leaf at the bottom right. The middle image is my favorite because it is how one

normally sees this flower. The right image is the only example I found where the flower was truly visible. I have fifty-four of this one—all with the terrible background. I entered it in one or two contests anyway! One year I finally sought professional help and went with Ed Siemes for a dose of morel therapy, but to no avail. Ed came back with bags of morels and I came back with some photo's, my jeans stained with mud but no morels to eat. A bad case indeed!



But this year will be different: old jeans already with holes and stains to prevent damage, a 100mm macro so I won't need to get so close, a flash trigger and a flash that can sit politely at the ready without a wire, and a tripod as limber as a teenager. Of course, I'm not limber—but alas that truly is a personal problem. But I can't wait.

If your family knows that you like photography, you too will be asked to 'do the photography' at family events. Jayne and I went to Kentucky this weekend to celebrate my Aunt Dora's 96th birthday, who graces this newsletter. She loves to talk, likes to have her picture taken, visited with the 100 or so who attended and accepted under protest a watch and a key chain with the inscription "Every Day is a Gift from God". A gift that helps me recover from my 'addiction'. The Sore Loser.





Springbrook Registrations Due April 20

This is the final call for registrations to join in the fun at Springbrook from April 29 to May 1. **Do it for yourself.** Treat yourself to a weekend enjoying your hobby and meet friends also passionate about photography. Carpool with club members and come on a shoestring.

We have a wide variety of fun and educational programs planned. Spread the word in your club.

There have been articles about Springbrook in the last three *N4C News Bulletins* covering workshops on Photo Essays, Contests, Light Boxes, Judging Software, PSA Awards, Photo Shoots, Photo Equipment, Geotagging Photos, Genealogy, and others. In this issue I want to feature our outstanding line up of speakers and their programs.

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Spring Migrating Birds by Ty Smedes

It should be something new for everyone, and will include the smaller birds that most people don't even notice, let alone photograph. Lots of colorful warblers and other migrant birds, and lots of images



of birds catching insects & worms, at nests, feeding young, etc.. Ty is author

of "[Capturing Iowa's Seasons](#)" (his 1st book), and to be released this summer "The Return of Iowa's Bald Eagles".

Umbrella for the Prairie: Prairie Chickens in Southern Iowa by Stephanie Shepherd (DNR)

In the late 19th century the Greater Prairie Chickens (*Tympanuchus cupido cupido*) was a popular and common game bird on Iowa's landscape. The 1950's saw the demise of this charismatic bird in the state with the last nesting attempt recorded in 1952. Roughly 30 years later efforts began to bring this iconic symbol of prairie grassland back and while success has been questionable many positive and

unexpected things have arisen from this bird's return to Iowa. And the story continues with plans for a future effort to bring the boom back to southern Iowa's prairies.



Bird Photography Basics by Mike Landwehr

Bird photography is a popular pursuit for many nature photographers. Whether you're thinking about giving bird photography a try for the first time, or already an experienced bird photographer, Mike's discussion of six keys to successful bird photography should help you improve your results. Most of the keys to successful bird



photography apply equally to other types of wildlife photography. For those who simply appreciate

beautiful bird photographs, Mike's presentation includes a number of his favorite images.

Incidents of Travel in Asia by Gerry and Hope Solomons

We fell in love with Asia more than 20 years ago, and this love affair has continued. It can be a difficult area in which to travel, and many times we are glad to get home. But the call of Asia is hard to resist, and within a short time we start planning our return. We all have memories of the places we've been—some good, some bad—but now and then a particular experience imprints itself in your mind and becomes an “incident” you will never forget. Let us share some of our “Incidents of Travel in Asia” with you.



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Inexpensive Do-It-Yourself versions of commonly advertised and usually overpriced photography accessories by Dave Graham

The presentation will cover 18 D.I.Y. Photographic Accessories as well as three really useful additions to the kit of the physically unsteady, less-than-robustly-backpacking photographer. Just a few of the items: Car window camera bracket for



\$5.00, Home-made gimbal head, Flash extender, Grid for a flash from drinking straws, Digiscoping balance beam, and adapting several common household items for photo use.

N4C Photo Essays by Dwight Tomes

All the entries in the annual Photo Essay contest will be shown. Winners will not be announced until the Convention.



PSA Council Challenge Awards by Gene Schwope



N4C won 2nd place overall in this year's Photographic Society of America Council Challenge, and 1st place in prints, 3rd place in slides, and a 3-way tie for 5th place in digital. Individual awards will be presented and entries from the 13 camera councils will be shown.

Favorite Photography Stuff by Everyone



Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite photo gadget or piece of equipment – any item related to photography. Give a very brief review and show it to the group. What do you carry in your pack, bag, or vest -- whether it is common or unusual?

N4C Springbrook 2011

April 29, 30, and May 1

Friday April 29th

3:00 pm – Registration

3:30 pm – Board Meeting

6:30 pm---Dinner

7:30 pm – “Incidents of Travel in Asia” by Gerry & Hope Solomons

8:30 pm – PSA Council Challenge Awards by Gene Schwope

9:00 pm---Refreshments

9:15 pm – Geotagging Photos (adding GPS location to photos) by Ken Johnson

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Saturday April 30th

8:00 am---Breakfast

8:45 am – Entering and conducting an N4C Contest by Ken Johnson
Covering light boxes for prints, judging software, digital slide sizing, etc.

10:15 am---Break

10:30 am – “Do It Yourself Usually Overpriced Photo Accessories” by David Graham of Sioux Falls Camera Club

12:00 Noon---Lunch

1:00 pm – Creating Digital Slide Shows & Photo Essays by Jo Eland Apple Mac’s and Ken Johnson for PC Windows.

2:00 pm – “Umbrella for the Prairie: Prairie Chickens in Southern Iowa” by Stephanie Shepherd Iowa DNR Wildlife Diversity Program

3:00 pm---Break

3:15 pm – PHOTO SHOOT—Around the park or many still-life set-ups in meeting room.
Our wizard, Jerry Bonsack will have this year’s project - a multi-point pendulum with LEDs and fiber-optics fed by lasers. The end results will be light painted harmonographs.

5:15 pm – Print Judging (open to judging panel – Curt Stoever contest chair)

5:30 pm---Dinner

6:30 pm – Invitation to the Topeka 2011 Convention

6:50 pm – “Spring Migrating Birds” by Ty Smedes

8:00 pm – “Bird Photography Basics” by Mike Landwehr

9:00 pm---Refreshments

9:15 pm – Using Photography skills for old family photos and genealogy by Ken Johnson

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Sunday May 1st

8:00 am---Breakfast (move out of lodge rooms by 9:00 am)

9:00 am – N4C Photo Essays—Dwight Tomes

9:45 am – Favorite Photography Stuff by Everyone

10:15 am – More N4C Photo Essays—Dwight Tomes

11:00 am – More Favorite Photography Stuff by Everyone

11:30 am ---Lunch

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Have a good trip home and see you in Topeka September 9-11, 2011

April 29, 30, & May 1, 2011
N4C SPRINGBROOK CAMP-IN
REGISTRATION

Springbrook State Park
Near Guthrie Center, Iowa

Mark your calendar NOW to attend.

Complete the registration form and send it along with your check NOW.

DEADLINE DATE for arrival of your registration is Wednesday, April 20.
NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 20.
PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 20.

A confirmation email will be sent out to you upon the receipt of your money and registration.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N4C - SPRINGBROOK CAMP – IN

Return Registration & check to: Delores Meister Questions?
421 Pleasant View Dr. phone: 319-624-2516
Solon, IA 52333 email: LDKlikmeister@aol.com

Please PRINT

Name(s): _____ Day Phone: () _____ - _____

Address: _____ Eve. Phone: () _____ - _____

City-State-Zip: _____ Email: _____

Member of _____ Camera Club in N4C

	Number of people	Total cost
Package #1: Dorm Room Use @ \$91 per person <i>(Includes: Meals & lodging in dorms. Bring your own soap & toiletries)</i>	_____	\$ _____
Package #2: Day Use @ \$76 per person <i>(Includes: Meals & day use learning center. Not use of dorm room)</i>	_____	\$ _____
	Grand Total	\$ _____

MARCH Contest Results

2 x 2 Nature Slides

- 1st Cecropia & Cocoon - Herb Gustafson, St Paul
- 2nd Siberian Tiger Cleaning Self - Phyllis Kedl, St Paul
- 3rd Rainbow Under the Falls - Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa
- HM Frozen River - John Chadima, Cedar Rapids
- HM Gray Fox - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Web Spinner - Gene Schwope, St Paul

35 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: La-Crosse. Chair: Gerald Bonsack. Judges: John Zoreb, Peder Schoenfeld, Maria Barry. Comments: Large variety of image styles and quality. "Hand of Man" seen in a couple, thus lower scores. Several slides needed some cleaning.

2 x 2 Pictorial Slides

- 1st Monument Valley - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- 2nd Water Lilies at Epcot - JoAnn Kuntemeier, Ka-posia
- 3rd Fall at Jenne Farm - Connie Lower, Color Shooters
- HM Shy Boy - Gerry Solomons, Iowa City
- HM Pink Leaf - Vernice Kingsbury, Sioux City
- HM Farm Door Latch - Pat Schwope, St Paul

36 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: Jim Svec. Judges: Wilbur Hutchens, Teresa Vokoun, Ed Siems. Comments: Judges recommended people be sure to clean their slides. Some have lots of spots.

B & W Pictorial

- 1st Evening In The Badlands - Roxanne Westman, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd Blizzard Warning - Darcy Sime, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter
- 3rd In Memory - Larry Crabb, Sioux City
- HM Balancing Act - Sharla Glick, Des Moines
- HM X Marks the Spot - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- HM Gooseberry Falls - Brad Rieckhoff, Sioux City

45 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: South-West Iowa. Chair: Ken Feldhacker. Judges: Jason Kendrick, Justin Kendrick, Ann Hegstrom. Comments: Very interesting category to judge because of remarkable talent represented in the prints.

Color Prints

- 1st Frosty Morning - Ed Siems, Central Iowa
- 2nd IRIS - Scott Thomson, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Warm Invitation - Roxanne Westman, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Mourning Dove - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- HM Old Prairie House - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City
- HM Beautiful Cathedral - Vernice Kingsbury, Sioux

47 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Des-Moines. Chair: Terry Kruse. Judges: Loren Brown, Rick McCubbin, Diane Darnielle. Comments: Good Contest!

Creative Prints

- 1st Neon Bar - Bob Rude, Iowa City
 - 2nd Green Barn - Ed Siems, Central Iowa
 - 3rd Mike's Ice Cream - Michael Grenier, Sioux City
 - HM Colored Rogers Engine - Ed Lower, Color Shooters
 - HM Orchid 669 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
 - HM Cultivating Friendships - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 36 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth/Superior. Chair: Joe Kubala. Judges: Kathleen Wolleat, Diane Fonger, Jamie Lund.

Creative Slides

- 1st Colorful Glassware - Ed Lower, Color Shooters
 - 2nd Rose in Glass - Connie Lower, Color Shooters
 - 3rd Clarinet Fantasy - Steve Paulson, Sioux City
 - HM Curves #1 - Randy Moyer, Iowa City
 - HM Ready for Takeoff - Bob Rude, Iowa City
 - HM Ride - Steve Kobs, St Paul
- 19 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth/Superior. Chair: Joe Kubala. Judges: Kathleen Wolleat, Diane Fonger, Jamie Lund.

Digital Creative

- 1st BarnatSteamboatSpicify - John Larson, Shutterbug
- 2nd PerceptionSubRosa - David Graham, Sioux Falls
- 3rd PsychedelicOwl - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City
- HM Intertwined Allure - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines
- HM SaxMan - Gene Schwope, St Paul
- HM TwistedStaircase - Karen Davidson, Women's Color

90 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth/Superior. Chair: Joseph Kubala. Judges: Henry Roberts, Randy Housey, Ken Acker. Comments: A wide range of subjects were represented in this contest. Overall quality was very good. Very close scores: the judges had a difficult time deciding on the top entries.

Digital Nature

- 1st Last Creek - Linda Dunlap, Duluth-Superior
 - 2nd Raptor Drive Thru - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
 - 3rd Victoria-Crowned Pigeon - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines
 - HM Yellowstone Fox - Darcy Sime, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter
 - HM Intensity - Jason Mrachina, Des Moines
 - HM Crouching Cat - Shannon Voges, Sioux Falls
- 117 entries from 23 clubs. Judging Club: Du-buque. Chair: Elanor Schueller. Judges: Cara Pusateri, Ron Wiskus, Wayne Beecher. Comments: Overall quality of entries was very good. Several excellent shots.

Digital Pictorial

1st Long Day - Dave Bair, Sioux Falls
2nd Mono Lake Sunrise - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
3rd Coral Sunrise at Split Rock Lighthouse - Linda Dunlap, Duluth-Superior
HM Maryland Farm - Rebecca Hueske, Lincoln
HM Waterfalls3 - Duane Wraalstad, North Metro
HM Where are youuu-2 - Don Thun, Topeka
120 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area. Chair: Bruce Ward. Judges: Dean Foy, Jerry Burnell, Alan Zimmerman. Comments: no images were downgraded for rules violations. The top 3 were clearly apart from the rest in quality. The lower scoring images suffered in general from focus, lack of subject, or composition problems.

Nature Prints

1st Reddish Egret With Fish - Mike Landwehr, Des Moines
2nd Eagle Eyed Hawk - Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa
3rd Working to Eat - Danny Barker, Central Iowa
HM Barred Owl - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Osprey - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City
HM Finch - Fran Kingsbury, Sioux City
47 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: South-West Iowa. Chair: Ken Feldhacker. Judges: Ann Brody, Sandy McCurdy, Paul Conaway. Comments: Very diverse group of images. The high quality made for extremely difficult judging.

Photo-Travel Prints

1st National Treasure - Jerry Ranch, Des Moines
2nd Mainstreet Reflection, Bodie, CA - Al Glick, Des Moines
3rd Snake River Fun - Connie Lower, Color Shooters
HM Artist's Pallett in Calf. - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
HM Yarmouth Mill - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
HM Coconut Man - Jo Eland, Iowa City
32 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Kaposia.
Chair: JoAnn Kunte-meier. Judges: Ron Bhel, Dave Siekanice, Hans Tisberger.

Photo-Travel Slides

1st Nubbe Head Light #5 - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
2nd City Hall - Chuck Peterson, Sioux City
3rd Old Car at Bodie - Jim Duncan, St Paul
HM The Band at Matmata - Gerry Solomons, Iowa City
HM Italian Façade - Hope Solomons, Iowa City
HM Navajo Weaver - Phyllis Kedl, St Paul
25 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Kaposia.
Chair: JoAnn Kunte-meier. Judges: Jane Kemp, Jeanie Yee, Marie Kunte-meier.

PJ Prints

1st A Tight Turn - Scott Thomson, Duluth-Superior
2nd Nose for the Puck - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
3rd Neck & Neck - Scott Bricker, Sioux City
HM Crashed and Burning #2 - Ed Siems, Central Iowa
HM Prairie Thunder Storm - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City
HM Too Little, Too Late - Bob Gillespie, Sioux City
27 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka.
Chair: Scott Udey & Greg Hogleund. Judges: Phil Gilman, Don Thun, Daryl Hurley.

PJ Projected Images

1st Lightning - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City
2nd one killed in wreck on Highway 2 - Linda Graham, Lincoln
3rd Happy Sliding - John Larson, Shutterbug
HM Slight of hand - Danny Hodges, Des Moines
HM Fire Dept Award - Renee Plinski, Minnesota Valley
HM Hung Up - Ron Nicholls, Sioux City
74 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka.
Chair: Scott Udey. Judges: Phil Gilman, Don Thun, Daryl Hurley.



See the detailed list of speakers and bios in the separate special email attachment to the bulletin! Registration MUST be received no later than April 20th. See you there!!!!!!

Contest Information:

May Color Prints - Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

Address/Contact Correction:

Mail Prints To: Ken Feldhacker
3267 Nevada Ave.
Orient, Iowa 50858

Some clubs are still not attaching stickers to the reverse side of the award ribbons.

Found Around..... N4C Land

On March 20, 2011, St. Paul Camera Club Historian Gene Schwope was flown to Washington D.C. to be interviewed by the PBS History Detectives television show.

The taped interview took place over five hours, at a town house in Arlington, Virginia, just up the street from the Pentagon. The crew included two Producers, a cameraman/lighting expert, a sound technician, a person to watch for continuity, and History Detective Wes Cowan.

The History Detectives program, which will air on a Tuesday evening in August, will concern itself with St. Paul Camera Club, and former member Marion Carpenter.

We will keep you posted as to the date the show is scheduled to air.

Watch for this History Detectives program in August for the complete story.

Pat Schwope



Photo by Pat Schwope

Gene Schwope greets History Detective Wes Cowan, who is visiting Gene's home in Arlington, Virginia, for a History Detectives interview. The cameraman, sound technician, Producer, and assistant are taping the show, which will air sometime in August.

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