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N4C Bulletin – President's Message – September 2011

Greetings lovers of the lens,

Hats off (maybe I should say lens caps off) to members of the Topeka Camera Club for hosting a fine convention earlier this month. Conventions are a time for fun field trips, fellowship with friends from other clubs, showcasing our photography of the past year, further recognizing some of the best of N4C, and hearing outstanding speakers to inspire us. Conventions are also a time of transition. It is a *culmination* of the past year as we look back at all the monthly contest winners and from those pick our favorites as the "Best of the best". Those are on the web galleries for you to see. It also wraps up Ed Siem's term as President and we express our appreciation to him and the team of officers and committees who helped this past year. Besides serving as President, Ed kept shooting and was awarded "N4C Photographer of the Year". A number of clubs are also grateful for the many light boxes Ed made them for judging prints. Thanks Ed.

Conventions are also a time of *commencement* as we look forward to an active new year. Our next meeting will be the annual Springbrook mini-convention April 29-May 1, 2012. Then the next N4C Convention will be in Des Moines September 7-9, 2012.

Last month I gave you a preview of my focus this year as your President. It must be on learning and encouraging continual improvement through practice. Because your club is a member of N4C, you as individual club members are automatically members of N4C. I am nearing 2,000 of your names on the master list of member numbers. N4C is a large, secondary, virtual club for you and is intended to supplement and for you to share what you learn from your home club.

I will be writing often about N4C competition in future articles. Contests with monthly deadlines are how we encourage and motivate each other to practice our photography.

I am a Lightroom user. It has a feature called "collections" that is similar to a folder of shortcuts where I keep a library of potential contest entries. As I browse various photo shoots and see photos that might have potential, I drop links to them in this collection. This becomes my first resource for club and N4C entries. As a contest deadline approaches it is time to hold a personal contest. I apply all my judging experience to select the best I have to offer. More often than not, they need some post processing finish work. I look at different crops, potential for B&W, small flaws to fix, distractions that can be toned down or eliminated, color corrections, etc. I might work on several before making my final selection. Usually my N4C entries are chosen from those that place well in club contests. I would love for you to write me (pres@n4c.us) to share how you organize your work and select contest entries.

Ken Johnson

**Congratulations to all the 2010-2011 N4C
“Best of the Best” Competition
and Annual Award Winners**

Contest	Award	Name	Club	Title
Digital - Creative	1	Paul Amicucci	Fargo-Moorhead	Mars
Digital - Creative	2	Linda Rutherford	Women's Color	IrisAlaVanGogh
Digital - Creative	3	Paul Amicucci	Fargo-Moorhead	Tree Row
Digital - Creative	HM	Tom Ling	Duluth-Superior	LittleWaveRunners
Digital - Creative	HM	Joe Kubala	Duluth-Superior	Niagara Under Sail
Digital - Creative	HM	Ron Balthazor	Sioux Falls	Sweet Chariot
Digital - Nature	1	Shane Abbitt	Des Moines	Raptor Drive Thru
Digital - Nature	2	Linda Dunlap	Duluth-Superior	Last Creek
Digital - Nature	3	Christian Ewoldt	Des Moines	An_Intense_Glare
Digital - Nature	HM	Debbie Abraham	La Crosse Area	Canyon Waterfall
Digital - Nature	HM	Jason Mrachina	Des Moines	Intensity
Digital - Nature	HM	Marilyn (Mic) Barnes	Muddy River	Mt. Siniopah
Digital - Pictorial	1	Linda Dunlap	Duluth-Superior	Coral Sunrise at Split Rock Light-house
Digital - Pictorial	2	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Mono Lake Sunrise
Digital - Pictorial	3	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	The Window to Delicate Arch
Digital - Pictorial	HM	Sondra Barry	Wichita Area	Peacock
Digital - Pictorial	HM	Dave Bair	Sioux Falls	Naturally Framed
Digital - Pictorial	HM	Marilyn (Mic) Barnes	Muddy River	Pray Lake
Print - B&W	1	Shane Abbitt	Des Moines	X Marks the Spot
Print - B&W	2	Terry Kruse	Des Moines	Vdara, Las Vegas"
Print - B&W	3	Diane Darnielle	Des Moines	Donald
Print - B&W	HM	Wilford Yoder	Iowa City	Log Barn in Snow
Print - B&W	HM	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Tired
Print - B&W	HM	Sharla Glick	Des Moines	Balancing Act
Print - Color	1	Joe Kubala	Duluth-Superior	Harbor Reflections
Print - Color	2	Terry Kruse	Des Moines	A Tree with a View
Print - Color	3	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Maligne Lake Boathouse
Print - Color	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Winding Trail to Zion
Print - Color	HM	Brad Rieckhoff	Sioux City	The Wave
Print - Color	HM	Tom Ling	Duluth-Superior	Glade Mill
Print - Creative	1	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Electric Heron
Print - Creative	2	Teresa Vokoun	Central Iowa	Heron Liftoff
Print - Creative	3	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Orchid 669
Print - Creative	HM	Steve Paulson	Sioux City	French Horn Positive/Negative
Print - Creative	HM	Shane Abbitt	Des Moines	Getting to the Point
Print - Creative	HM	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Great Balls of Fire
Print - Nature	1	Terry Kruse	Des Moines	I Spy a Little Fly
Print - Nature	2	Ken Aker	Duluth-Superior	River Foam Pattern
Print - Nature	3	Danny Barker	Central Iowa	Working to Eat
Print - Nature	HM	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Little Blue Heron
Print - Nature	HM	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Reddish Egret With Fish
Print - Nature	HM	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Praying Mantis

Print - PJ	1	Delores Meister	Iowa City	Firecopter Over Smoky Forest
Print - PJ	2	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Gotcha
Print - PJ	3	Bob Rasmus	Sioux City	Hawk Touchdown
Print - PJ	HM	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Letting Them Run
Print - PJ	HM	Bob Rasmus	Sioux City	Papa Joe Pregame
Print - PJ	HM	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	Bring In The Beans
Print - Travel	1	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Gulin, China
Print - Travel	2	Mike O'Riley	Des Moines	Harbor At Stonington, Maine
Print - Travel	3	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Puerto Vallarta Cathedral
Print - Travel	HM	John Schilling	La Crosse Area	Small Girl
Print - Travel	HM	Tom Ling	Duluth-Superior	Red Barn
Print - Travel	HM	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Shigu Town
Projected - PJ	1	John Anderson	Minnesota Valley	Pulling to Win
Projected - PJ	2	Jean McDonough	Women's Color	Biker Flying High In Clouds
Projected - PJ	3	Gerry Solomons	Iowa City	Fisherman Throwing New
Projected - PJ	HM	Dave Bair	Sioux Falls	Morning Commute
Projected - PJ	HM	Aneta Goska	Iowa City	Run for your Life
Projected - PJ	HM	Howard Hinton	Iowa City	UNI vs UofIL The Breakaway
Slide - 2 1/4	1	Connie Lower	Color Shooters	Mt Shuksan & Relection
Slide - 2 1/4	2	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	Mammoth Hot Springs
Slide - 2 1/4	3	Larry Luebbert	Iowa City	Fall at Yellowstone
Slide - 2 1/4	HM	Larry Crabb	Sioux City	Ruins
Slide - 2 1/4	HM	Steve Paulson	Sioux City	Tree on Rim
Slide - 2 1/4	HM	Steve Paulson	Sioux City	Park County Bridge
Slide - Creative	1	Delores Meister	Iowa City	Many Balls, Few Bars
Slide - Creative	2	Gene Schwope	Saint Paul	Traffic Patterns - Mex. City
Slide - Creative	3	Diane Darnielle	Des Moines	Lantern and Box
Slide - Creative	HM	Steve Kobs	Saint Paul	Ride
Slide - Creative	HM	Ed Lower	Color Shooters	Colorful Glassware
Slide - Creative	HM	Connie Lower	Color Shooters	Spirals
Slide - Nature	1	Jim Duncan	Saint Paul	Peacock
Slide - Nature	2	Larry Luebbert	Iowa City	Milkweed
Slide - Nature	3	Herb Gustafson	Saint Paul	Fungi Cluster
Slide - Nature	HM	John Chadima	Cedar Rapids	Frozen River
Slide - Nature	HM	Herb Gustafson	Saint Paul	Cecropia & Cocoon
Slide - Nature	HM	John Chadima	Cedar Rapids	Ladybug on Fireweed
Slide - Pictorial	1	Ed Lower	Color Shooters	Sunrise at the Barn
Slide - Pictorial	2	Steve Paulson	Sioux City	Cylmais Core Reflected
Slide - Pictorial	3	Teresa Vokoun	Central Iowa	Cave of Light
Slide - Pictorial	HM	Herb Gustafson	Saint Paul	Tulip Garden
Slide - Pictorial	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Morning Trail
Slide - Pictorial	HM	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	Walking Through the Cedars
Slide - Travel	1	John Chadima	Cedar Rapids	Palouse Wheat Field
Slide - Travel	2	Ed Lower	Color Shooters	Fall at the gray Farm
Slide - Travel	3	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	Slot Canyon
Slide - Travel	HM	Delores Meister	Iowa City	Beargrass Eruption
Slide - Travel	HM	Gerry Solomons	Iowa City	A Place in the Sun
Slide - Travel	HM	Hope Solomons	Iowa City	Smiling Trio-Burma

Print - Panorama	1	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	A Ray of Sunshine
Print - Panorama	2	Ann Hegstrom	Southwestern Iowa Shutterbugs	Mainstreet: Night & Day
Print - Panorama	3	Michael Walsh	Sioux City	Big Sky
Print - Panorama	HM	Steve Paulson	Sioux City	The Woods Are Lovely, Dark & Deep
Print - Panorama	HM	Ron Nicolls	Sioux City	Grand Opening Sioux City Ford
Print - Panorama	HM	Terry Kruse	Des Moines	Multnomah
Photo Essay	1	Ann Hegstrom	Southwestern Iowa Shutterbugs	Dear Diary
Photo Essay	2	Debbie Abraham	La Crosse Area	Civil War Essay
Photo Essay	3	Terry Clark	Iowa City	Nine Blocks Downtown
Photo Essay	HM	Gerry & Hope Solomons	Iowa City	You Be the Judge
Photo Essay	HM	Wilford Yoder	Iowa City	Capture the Moment
Photo Essay	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Is There Art Around the House?
Club Bulletin	1	Joe Kubala, Editor	Duluth-Superior	Duluth-Superior "Snapshop"
Club Bulletin	2	Karen Leonard, Editor	Saint Paul	Saint Paul "SPCC News"
Club Bulletin	3	Jean McDonough, Editor	Women's Color	Women's Color "News & Views"
Club Bulletin	HM	Carl Hardy, Editor	Sioux City	Sioux City "Sioux Scope"
Small Club of the Year			Iowa City	
Large Club of the Year			Des Moines	
Photographer of the Year		Ed Siems	Central Iowa	
Founder's Award		Mary Jane Charlton	Central Iowa	
Margrieta Delle Memorial Award		Jim Duncan	Saint Paul	1st place Nature Slide, "Peacock"
"Richard ""Doc"" Winegarden Memorial Award"		Joe Eland	Iowa City	1st Place Photo-Travel Print, "Gulin, China"

Congratulations!!!!

Ed and Connie Lower of N4C Color Shooters Camera Club were each honored recipients of the Master PSA Award (for members who have earned at least 1,500 acceptances of their images) at the Honors Banquet of the 73rd Annual PSA International Conference of Photography in Colorado Springs on Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Master PSA is a new honor which was first accorded this year.



Photo by: Gene Schwope

N4C Dues are Due!!!! Thanks to all the clubs who have paid. If you find your club on the list of those who have not yet paid their dues, please remind them. You cannot compete in N4C contests if your club does not pay their dues.

Please send checks to:
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4236 228th Ave.
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Dues have NOT been received at time of publication for these clubs:

Ames	Anamosa
Ft. Dodge	Heart O Lakes
Kapasia	Minnesota Valley
Minot	North Shore
TCI Premier	Upper Missouri
Wichita Amateur	Women's Color

Thank you to the following clubs for your continued support of N4C:

Boone Y	Cedar Rapids	Central Iowa
Cheyenne	Chippewa Valley	Color Shooters
Des Moines	Dubuque	Great River Muscatine
Huron Area	Iowa City	LaCrosse
Lidgerwood	Lincoln	Mitchell
North IA	North Metro	Omaha
RV Digital	St Paul	Shutterbug Burlington
Sioux City	Sioux Falls	SW Shutterbug Creston
Topeka	Duluth-Superior	Fargo-Moorhead
Lens & Shutter Albert Lea		

I want to take this time to thank you from the bottom of my heart to all in N4C for giving me the Founder's Award this year.

To receive the Founder's Award was just a dream until Convention 2011 in Topeka, Kansas - my dream became a reality. I heard the applause via the phone call from Ed Siems when he told me I was the recipient of the Founder's Award. After I hung the phone up I told Norm what had just happened. I caught myself later pinching myself to make sure I was awake.

Tootles!
Mary Jane Charlton

Obituaries

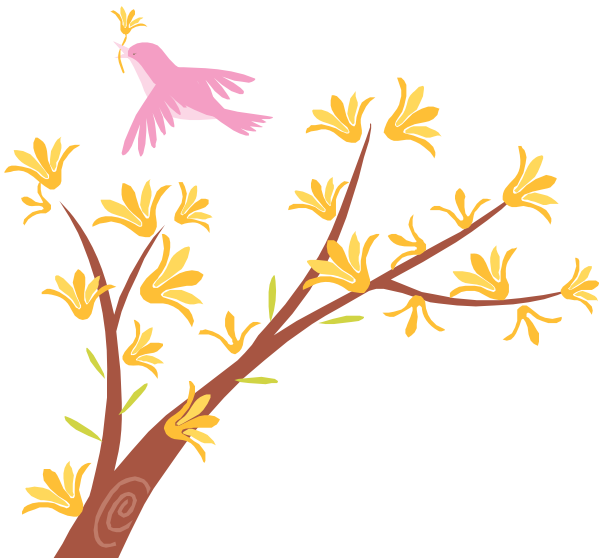
Peggy M. Organ, 75, of Solon, died Monday, July 4, 2011, at the Solon Nursing Care Center.

Peggy M. McCrea was born March 6, 1936, in Culross, Manitoba, Canada, daughter of Richard and Evelyn (Thompson) McCrea. She graduated from the University of Toronto and the University of Iowa with a degree in Occupational Therapy and went on to work at the university for many years. She was employed as an occupational therapist, and for a few years was director of occupational therapy at the university. She also taught briefly at Kirkwood and the university. In June of 1967, she married Cecil Organ in Moline, Ill. For many years the two lived in Coralville before moving to their farm in Solon. Peggy enjoyed her crosswords, computer solitaire and time spent crocheting. She adored her grandchildren and cherished time spent with them.

Her family includes her husband, Cecil; daughters, Marlana Miller (Blaine) of Cedar Rapids, and Elycia Hansen (Erik) of Everett, Wash.; son, Allen Organ of Solon; and grandchildren, Connor and Quinn Miller and Milla Hansen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Norman McCrea.

In accordance with Peggy's wishes, no services will be held. Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service is caring for Peggy's arrangements and her family.



Zola Marie Krueger (1924 - 2011) | [Visit Guest Book](#)



ZOLA MARIE KRUEGER

Panora

Zola Marie Krueger, 87, daughter of John and Lula (Greenawalt) Chaloupka, was born March 29, 1924 on a farm near Yale. She passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

She graduated from Panora High School in 1940. On September 13, 1944, she married Dee Robert Krueger in Des Moines, Iowa. Their first home was in Trenton, New Jersey, while Dee was stationed at Fort Dix. Following his honorable discharge at the end of WWII, they began farming the family farm east of Bagley, Iowa. Zola maintained all the records for the farm, both business and personal. She was very active on the farm and community. Zola and Dee spent 31 winters in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Zola loved taking pictures and she also enjoyed gardening.

She was a member of the Panora Church of the Brethren where she taught Sunday School and Bible School, the Church of the Brethren Ladies Aid, Perry Camera Club, Farm Bureau Women's Club, the Republican Women, and the Guthrie County Genealogical Society.

Zola is survived by her husband, Dee of Panora; daughter, Harriet (John) Gushue of Hudson, WI, son, Alex of Bagley; granddaughters, Taralinda and Anna Christine Gushue. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Roxie Chaloupka, and brother Lloyd Chaloupka.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Panora Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in the Richland Township Cemetery, rural Bagley. Visitation will be Friday, September 23, 2011 from 4 to 7 p.m. with family present from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panora.

Memorials may be left to the Panora Church of the Brethren Memorial Fund.

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Contest Results

2 x 2 Nature Slides

- 1st Elk at Mammoth Hot Springs - Ed Siems, Central Iowa Camera Club
 2nd Impalas #3 - Florence Nelson, Saint Paul Camera Club
 3rd Prairie Lovers - Connie Lower, Color Shooters Camera Club
 HM Great Blue Heron - Jim Duncan, Saint Paul Camera Club
 HM Morel in Habitat - Delores Meister, Iowa City Camera Club
 HM Sea Turtle on the Rocks - Joann Kunte-meier, Kaposia Kamera Club
 22 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area Camera Club. Chair: Mark Gubbins. Judges: Jim Schmidt, Don Pageler, Darlene Kutzler. Comments: Low Amount of entries. Wide variety of subjects.

2 x 2 Pictorial Slides

- 1st Snowy Range Summer - Phyllis Kedl, Saint Paul Camera Club
 2nd Fall Cabin - Herb Gustafson, Saint Paul Camera Club
 3rd Bar Harbor Lobster Boats - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Tiger Lily - Eleanor Schueller, Dubuque Camera Club
 HM St. Augustine Light - Joann Kunte-meier, Kaposia Kamera Club
 HM Ruby - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul Camera Club
 23 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Anamosa Camera Club. Chair: Wilma Anderson. Judges: Lorraine Barger, Laura Calhoun, Esther Glenn. Comments: When we started judging we'd have 180-200 slides to do. We had 23 slides this time. We are sure it's to do with the change in all the new technology. All in all we had a great evening of good pictures and food.

2-1/4 Slides

- 1st Wild Iris - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City Camera Club
 2nd Waterfalls & Red Mill - Connie Lower, Color Shooters Camera Club
 3rd Teton Overlook - Chuck Peterson, Sioux City Camera Club

- HM Waterlily Pads - Vernice Kingsbury, Sioux City Camera Club
 HM Teton Majesty - Vernice Kingsbury, Sioux City Camera Club
 HM Calm Water at Motif 1 - Connie Lower, Color Shooters Camera Club
 18 entries from 3 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Jim Svec. Judges: Danny Barker, Ed Siems, Teresa Vokoun. Comments: Not many but all nice slides.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Bree - Sandra Kotowske, Cedar Rapids Camera Club
 2nd Iowa's Golden Dome - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines Camera Club
 3rd Stories to Tell - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior Camera Club
 HM Abandon - Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa Camera Club
 18 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Larry Luebbert. Judges: Randy Moyer, Herb Proudfit, Bob Rude. Comments: Used a light box; really helped B&W. Very limited number of prints. Lot of issues with low contrast (flat) prints. HM's were limited; judges were commenting on flat looks a lot.

Color Prints

- 1st Inverted Mitten- Antelope Canyon - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior Camera Club
 2nd A Yellow With Red Flower - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City Camera Club
 3rd American Kestrel - Ryno W Olson, Great River Camera Club
 HM Nostalgia - Ken Johnson, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM In the Heat of the Night - Terry Kruse, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Giants Causeway - Shane Monahan, Sioux City Camera Club
 46 entries from 12 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Ken Feldhacker. Judges: Debbie Jensen, Debbie Bates, Kathy Hribal. Comments: More comment codes would help in judging software (snapshot, foreground distracting, crop). 2 clubs missing member numbers.

Creative Prints

- 1st Dimension Portal - Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa Camera Club
 2nd White Dahlia - Jo Eland, Iowa City Camera Club
 3rd My View of the Lake - Kevin Smith, Sioux City Camera Club
 HM Night Owl - Ed Siems, Central Iowa Camera Club
 HM Butterfly's Delight - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City Camera Club
 HM Linear Symetry - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines Camera Club
 19 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Mitchell Camera Club. Chair: Jim Kost. Judges: Bob Podhradsky, Dean Randall, Mark Kitto

Digital Nature

- 1st Ruby-Throated Hummingbird Female - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa Camera Club
 2nd Taking the kids out for a drink - Bob Rude, Iowa City Camera Club
 3rd Dinner_is_Served - Jason Mrachina, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM PrairieTrillium11f - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color Photo Club
 HM Dewey Moth - Al Sheldon, La Crosse Area Camera Club
 HM Baby Fawn on Grass - Jean McDonough, Women's Color Photo Club
 HM Bathing_Eagle - Karen Jaras, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Cabbage White - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club
 HM Atlantic Puffin - Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa Camera Club
 HM Ribbon of Water - Jim Walter, Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club
 HM Ominous Beauty - Judy Lathrop, Women's Color Photo Club
 96 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: John Larson. Chair: Shutterbug Camera Club. Judges: Jack Gustison, Shirley White, Sarah Bissell. Comments: A lot of great images. Tough decisions to pick the winners.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st The-Giving-Tree - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines Camera Club
 2nd Playing with Fire - Dean Johnson, Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club
 3rd Teton-Barn - John Anderson, Minnesota Valley Photography Club
 HM Blue Mosque - Judy Leipnitz, Minnesota Valley Photography Club
 HM AlstomSunrise - Bill Schwarz, Sioux City Camera Club
 HM Lake_McDonald - Terry Kruse, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Coyote Rock - Phyllis Kedl, Saint Paul Camera Club

- HM Forgotten - Kristi Olson, La Crosse Area Camera Club
 HM Cedar_Falls - Suzanne Ballard, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Morning Magic - Bryce National Park - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior Camera Club
 HM Splash - Michelle Jones, Southwestern Iowa Shutterbugs

103 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Club. Chair: Jim Wendel. Judges: Ryon McCamish, Barb Rofshus, John Eisterhold. Comments: Everything went very smooth. A lot of very nice pictures.

Nature Prints

- 1st Sassy Eagle - Mike Landwehr, Des Moines Camera Club
 2nd Lupine - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior Camera Club
 3rd Life Lines - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Wolves - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Getting Ready for Take off - Ed Siems, Central Iowa Camera Club
 HM Snowy Egret - John Solheim, Kaposia Kamera Club

19 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Larry Luebbert. Judges: Randy Moyer, Herb Proudfit, Bob Rude. Comments: A lot of great prints. Breaking 1st place tie required a lot of judges discussion.

Photo-Travel Prints

- 1st Mammoth Hot Springs - Doug Granholm, Duluth-Superior Camera Club
 2nd Icelandic Geyser - Ed Siems, Central Iowa Camera Club
 3rd Somes Arched Bridge - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Grand Canyon - N. Rim - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior Camera Club
 HM Window View - Iceland - Jo Eland, Iowa City Camera Club

22 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: John Schilling, Paul Schoenfeld, Owen Johnson.

Photo-Travel Slides

- 1st Tetons & Reflection - Ed Lower, Color Shooters Camera Club
 2nd Lake Moraine - John Chadima, Cedar Rapids Camera Club
 3rd Colorado Scene R.M.N.P. - Bob Rude, Iowa City Camera Club
 HM St. Louis Arch - Dean Randall, Mitchell Camera Club
 HM Stairway to the Arches - Ed Siems, Central Iowa Camera Club
 21 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: John Schilling, Paul Schoenfeld, Owen Johnson. Comments: Some interesting locations and subject matter. A few lost points because of dirty slides.

PJ Prints

- 1st About to Go Under - John Larson, Shutterbug Camera Club
 2nd Soldiers on a Tank - Joann Kuntemeier, Kaposia Kamera Club
 3rd Head-On Collision - Terry Kruse, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Rafting on the Poudre - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids Camera Club
 HM Loosing His Grip - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM Indy Driver Danica - Ed Siems, Central Iowa Camera Club
 [11 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Steve Paulson. Judges: Curt Stoever, Steve Peterman, Bob Gillispie.]

PJ Projected Images

- 1st WarpSpeed - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines Camera Club
 2nd CanadianSnowbirds - Mandy Walter, Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club
 3rd KeptItStraight - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior Camera Club

- HM WhiteEaglePowWowPipeDance - Ann Hegstrom, Southwestern Iowa Shutterbugs
 HM OutAtThird - Ron Balthazor, Sioux Falls Camera Club
 HM Cannonfire - Randy Moyer, Iowa City Camera Club
 HM Alabama_Wildfire - Andy Sinclair, Des Moines Camera Club
 HM All-Ears-IowaStateFair - Traci Webb, Des Moines Camera Club
 73 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Steve Paulson. Judges: Curt Stoever, Steve Peterman, Bob Gillispie. Comments: There were many nice photos. 1st & 2nd place really stood out, but all the others were very close. The judges had to split a few ties and it was hard to decide, the photos were so good.

Projected Creative

- 1st Old Caboose - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City Camera Club
 2nd Find the Photographer - Al Glick, Des Moines Camera Club
 3rd Spooky Spruce - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City Camera Club
 HM Tough Tug - Gene Schwope, Saint Paul Camera Club
 HM Zebina Hairstreak - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa Camera Club
 HM French_Horn_Inversions - Steve Paulson, Sioux City Camera Club
 HM Dragonfly on Coleus - Carol Casler, Minnesota Valley Photography Club
 HM Rear View - Maddie Stocking, Saint Paul Camera Club
 74 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Chuck Ruzicka, Paul Amicucci, Bob Sparks. Comments: New ease of comments is a great time saver. Works well. Chairs should see to it that your judges are familiar with the codes. I emailed a copy to them before the contest.

Photodex ProShow Discount on Software for Creating Slideshows

Photodex has provided 20% N4C discount coupons for their products and upgrades. OFFER EXPIRES NOVEMBER 5, 2011. This includes ProShow Gold normally \$79.99 would be \$64 or Producer normally \$269.95 would be \$215.96 www.photodex.com. If you already own these and wish to upgrade, check the Photodex website under "Store" menu for upgrades and loyalty program. This software runs only with a Windows operating system.

Email Ken Johnson web@n4c.us with your N4C Member Number and he will reply with a Coupon.

Ken recommends downloading the fully functional software from the website and trying it. Look for an excellent eBook style manual under the support menu. When you purchase the key for the software, the demo banner will be removed from shows. The coupon code is needed before purchasing to receive the discount.

Tips for making shows and burning them to DVD's are available for download. Go to the N4C website "Meetings" page (<http://n4c.us/meetings.htm>) and scroll down to items under Springbrook 2011.

Imagination

I am a big fan of John Paul Caponigro, his “Illuminating Creativity” website: <http://www.johnpaulcaponigro.com/>, and his blog. I am one of his “members” and subscribe to his monthly eNews.

As an example, this month his eNews listed a number of quotes all from Jerry Uelsmann. If you don't know about Jerry Uelsmann, you must see his galleries <http://www.uelsmann.net/>. If you are looking for more quotes about photography, go to <http://www.photoquotes.com/>.

A camera is truly a license to explore. - Jerry Uelsmann

While it may be true, as Nathan Lyons stated, 'The eye and the camera see more than the mind knows,' is it not also conceivable that the mind knows more than the eye and the camera can see?
- Jerry Uelsmann

The camera is a fluid way of encountering that other reality. - Jerry Uelsmann

In the arts there are many right answers. - Jerry Uelsmann

There are no uninteresting things. There are just uninterested people. - Jerry Uelsmann

In order to make art, the frustration of not working has to be greater than the frustration of working. - Jerry Uelsmann

Photography is just light remembering itself. - Jerry Uelsmann

All knowledge is self-reflective.- Jerry Uelsmann

It is not the task of the artist to resolve mysteries. In fact, it is his job to create more.- Jerry Uelsmann

It is the illusion of knowledge, not ignorance, that keeps one from growing. - Jerry Uelsmann

Ultimately, my hope is to amaze myself. - Jerry Uelsmann

The anticipation of discovering new possibilities becomes my greatest joy. - Jerry Uelsmann

If you have favorites like these web references, write me at pres@n4c.us. Let's share them.

Ken Johnson

Additional Contest Awards for Large Contests

More Honorable Mentions will be awarded for contests with more than 60 entries. Honorable Mention awards will be added so that up to 10% of contest entries will receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd and HM awards. This will effectively add an HM award for every 10 entries over 60. Besides the ribbons, awards of this type receive points toward Club of the Year and Photographer of the year. For example, digital contest may have around 130 entries and would now qualify for 10 HM awards. Unchanged is that additional Merit Awards may be added so that 25% of entries receive some type of award.

This change, effective with the September 2011 contests, was approved at the Topeka convention general meeting based on a recommendation by the study committee of Diane Darnielle, Gerald Bonsack and Jo Eland. For those who need to figure this out, there is a calculator on the web: http://n4c.us/n4c_award_calculator.htm This link can be found on the “Supplies and Forms” page.

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MINUTES OF THE N4C ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

The Annual Business Meeting of the North Central Camera Club Council was called to order at 3:10 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2011, by President Ed Siems at the Ramada Hotel in Topeka, Kansas. Eight Board Members were present. Absent: Director No. 2, Jo Eland; Director No. 3, Darlene Kutzler; Director No. 5, Tom Castle.

Ed Siems thanked the Topeka Camera Club for hosting this year's Convention.

A motion was made by Lynda Richards, seconded by Gerald Bonsack, that the minutes of the Springbrook 2011 Board Meeting be accepted as written. Motion carried.

The Financial Report from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011, audited by Sharon Allen on September 1, 2011, was given by Lynda Richards, Treasurer. Balance on Hand August 1, 2010: \$6,327.25. Receipts: \$10,083.05. Expenses: \$9,899.59. Checking Balance on Hand August 1, 2011: \$6,510.71. CD to mature April 28, 2012: \$7,569.41. Total Assets: \$14,080.12. One new club: Chippewa Valley of Eau Claire, Wis-consin. Clubs from Linn Area, Muddy River, and Wyandotte have withdrawn from the Council. We now have 41 member clubs. Club dues are now due. **A motion was made by Gerald Bonsack, seconded by Pat Schwope, to approve the Treasurer's Report as written.**

Gerald Bonsack discussed a Beta scoresheet sent out to contest chairmen beginning with the September judging. Ken Johnson added that this is a change made in N4C judging software, which will facilitate entry of judges' comments. Codes can be entered without a lot of typing.

Gerald Bonsack

reported for the committee studying the topic of additional awards for larger digital classes. Dianne Darnielle and Jo Eland were also committee members. **A motion was made by Dianne Darnielle, seconded by Gerald Bonsack, that beginning with the September 2011 contests the number of awards be 10% of the entries for classes that are 60 or larger; that awards be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, plus Honorable Mentions up to 10%, with 15% Merit Awards. This motion is not to change what is done in contests with less than 60 entries. The motion was approved; 7 for, 1 against.**

Francis Kingsbury added that we need to be careful to keep respect for Merit Awards, which can be sent in again.

Ed Siems received the following remark: "If you can't make a constructive comment, don't make a comment at all."

Ken Johnson said, "In my next year, as President I would like to work on education. Contests are the number one thing that we do within N4C; last year we were approaching 6,000 entries, and those are 6,000 opportunities for us to share and learn from one another. I think we need to work at the overall goal of contests and what they should do for our clubs, and for us as individuals. I want to discuss this in some of my monthly newsletter articles."

"I think the N4C club contacts probably need more credit than we have given them in the past, because communication is key in N4C, and these are the liason people between N4C and our clubs. There has been a relationship in most of these cases for many years, and they are our biggest proponents of N4C within our clubs. I think we need to recognize that, and make sure that they are kept in the communication loop. I think they can help the image of N4C within our clubs."

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“One of the things that we are working on this year is to draft some guidelines as to what the job description should be for the N4C Contacts. This is not really wanting to change anything, but just to make a list of the kinds of things that an N4C Contact should be involved with. One of the things that we actually depend on with them is that they receive a copy of the N4C Handbook and the N4C Directory, and they should be the club members who are really familiar with that and be able to answer those questions for their club members, and make sure that people who are involved in entering the contests know the rules, and so forth. We want them to receive communications from N4C and to respond accordingly, and to follow up on whatever is needed. We want to make sure that the N4C contact takes responsibility to follow up on these things and make sure that they get done. Every club in the organization is different. We want to leave it to the N4C Contact to know how their club works, and to communicate as needed.”

Ken Johnson stated that 2010-2011 overall contest entries were up 11% over previous years. Digital contests were 52%, print contests 30%, slide contests 17%.

Gerald Bonsack thanked Topeka for all their work on the Convention. Springbrook 2012 will be held on April 27, 28, 29. Instead of having workshops on Saturday afternoon, he is contemplating having numerous tables with 15-minute experts -- people can move from table to table and sit down and discuss an issue with some-one who has a better chance of giving you an answer.

Linda Rutherford reported that because a number of key members of Women’s Color Photo Club will be out of the country in October, the October N4C Nature Slide Contest will not be judged until November 2.

Dianne Darnielle will be doing all of the contest tabulations this year.

Clubs judging N4C contests were reminded to return the contest entries by the 26th of the month. Those entries might be needed for submission to a person’s own club judging.

Gloria Johnston was surprised by the clubs that dropped out of N4C.

Gene Schwope reported that the N4C E-Bulletin compression problem has been solved, and distribution is going well. N4C Bulletin Editor Sharla Glick would like news sent to her by the first week of the month.

Mary Jane Charlton was thanked for her work on the N4C Handbook and Directory.

Steve Thompson said there are no concrete plans for the 2013 Convention.

Former Sioux Falls members Fred and Kristi Lasse are both now deceased.

Webmaster Ken Johnson reported that the N4C website counter has almost 20,000 hits. He invites people to look at the N4C Forum, Yuku, which can be reached from the home page. Photography and tutorial links have been added. Contact Ken if you have any suggestions for the website.

Teresa Vokoun is the new Supply Chairman. We should have enough medals for the next four years.

Gene Schwope reported that the PSA Convention follows the N4C Convention, from September 18-24 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The results of the 2011 Council’s Challenge will be announced at that time. Carol Kropscot, PSA Region 6 Director, is here recruiting PSA members with an online application discount.

Francis Kingsbury announced that there will be a Founders’ Award this year, but no Service Award.

A motion was made by Dianne Darnielle, seconded by Linda Rutherford, that Rule 3b additional awards begin in September 2011 for the 2011-2012 contest year. Motion carried. Awards will be tracked; any additional awards for September will be sent out in October.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat Schwope, Secretary

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