



# The North Central Camera Club Council News Bulletin

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## President's Corner – January, 2013

Can you believe 2012 is over and we now have to learn to write 2013 on our documents? The Election Committee has convened and compiled a new slate of Officers for you vote for, for the 2013-2014 N4C year. My thanks go out to Ken, Bob and Steve.

Just think, in less than three months we will be putting away our snow shovel and replacing them with the gardening spade and packing our bags for Springbrook (April 26 – 28). This year will be my 17<sup>th</sup> year attending Springbrook, where else can you find a weekend of good food, great friendship and programs, as well as an opportunity for excellent photos, all for around \$80.00? If your club has not attended Springbrook in the last year or so, it's time to come back. If your club was at Springbrook, see if you can double the number representing your club this year, talk it up. I can say Diane is working to put together another great program for all of us in attendance.

On another Springbrook note, last year's bonfire was a big hit, as was the lasers playing off of the smoke and trees, so I'll bring a rear projection screen and another one of my laser toys, so you can photograph stars, squares, circles, ovals, looped-de-loops and more. For those members with cameras with video capabilities, you might want to try videotaping a laser light show, driven by sound, during the popcorn time.

The La Crosse Area Camera Club has just finished volunteering to photograph "Winter RecFest", for the Park & Rec Department. Some of the events were cancelled for lack of snow, but the cold had no effect on other outside events. From feedback from Park & Rec, they have used the past donated images to obtain thousands in grant money, just by adding an image or two to the grant request. So, not only did the club get our name out in the public for more members, we also helped Park & Rec expand their programs.

Also this month some of our members were at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Winter Weekend and again shared their talents, for the benefit of the organization. For those clubs who have yet to judge this calendar year, look for some of those images from La Crosse.

Just a reminder, I am heading to Fairbanks, Alaska in March (Northern Lights). With that said, please send the March Digital Travel images to Peder Schoenfeldt at [pj.schoenf@gmail.com](mailto:pj.schoenf@gmail.com) as I will not be back from Alaska until the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, judges are already selected and waiting for your images.

Remember to mark your calendar for April 26 – 28 (Springbrook - see page 3 for registration form. Ed.) and the first weekend in October for the convention in Creston, IA and maybe a day or two earlier, for some 'free range photography'.

### Keep on Volunteering

Gerald A. Bonsack  
(A.K.A. "The Wizard")

# The N4C Photo Essay Contest

Telling Your Story  
Deadline: March 31, 2013

A picture is worth a thousand words—but what if *your* picture(s) are asking for some music and words to complete the story! The N4C photo essay is your chance to combine your photography, your choice of music, and if you wish narration to tell your friends about your favorite place for photography, illustrate a 'how to', or just to have fun. The subject matter is completely open, you can mix and match the old and new, and use as much creativity and imagination as you can find (or borrow from those who have done this before!). **Note that the maximum length is 6 minutes.**

Telling *your* story will require images, lots of images, so it's a good time to see if you have what you need to complete the story. The sound component can be music that complements the visual portion or narration or a combination of the two as you see fit. One example you've seen from N4C was the 'promo' for the 2012 convention in Des Moines. Now you've got the picture as we say.

Here's the best guidance for producing an essay: use any software you want to put your essay together, but make sure that it can be exported to a standard DVD [not blueray] format. Software and playback are easier these days with the Windows 7 software and Mac operating systems. "Rendering" a slide show to DVD format is the most challenging technical issue! Proshow 5 has just been released (Photodex) that is PC only but has gotten great feedback from some of our club members. The iMovie program on Macs (as well as keynote) can be used to produce essays that can be used to render a dvd in the iDVD program. If you have Adobe Lightroom (PC or MAC) the .MP4 file type can be converted to DVD format. Test yours on the home TV, any Mac or PC. The end result should play on all computers and on your home DVD player. If you have any questions about software, conversion to DVD format or other topics, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at [d.tomes@me.com](mailto:d.tomes@me.com) or call me at 515 986 3913.

Here's what you need to know about the judging. The three areas that are judged are (1) overall impression, (2) photography and (3) commentary and sound track. The overall impression includes interest, originality, mood and impact while the photography stresses the familiar categories of technical quality, composition, variety, and absence of distractions. The commentary and sound track are judged on their style, appropriateness, and combination of music, narration, and sound effects. One additional factor for the slide essay is how all the components flow together to tell the story—visually, sound, and 'smoothness'. In contrast to previous years where judges were outside N4C, the essays will be judged by a club in N4C which worked well for last years contest.

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April 26, 27, & 28, 2013  
**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 17.  
 NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 17.  
 PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 17.

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 421 Pleasant View Dr. Solon, IA 52333	Questions? phone: 319-624-2516 email: <a href="mailto:LDKlikmeister@aol.com">LDKlikmeister@aol.com</a>
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	Number of people	Total cost
Package #1: Dorm Room Use @ \$97 per person <i>(Includes: Meals &amp; lodging in dorms. Bring your own soap &amp; toiletries)</i>	_____	\$ _____
Package #2: Day Use @ \$82 per person <i>(Includes: Meals &amp; day use learning center. <b>Not use of dorm room)</b></i>	_____	\$ _____

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Corrections for N4C Contest Judging:

Please check your judging lists and verify the following changes have been made: **(Note, this is a correction to what was submitted for the October, 2012 Bulletin)**

Tiffany Laschinger is to receive N4C entries for the following Contests:

March 2013 Travel Prints

April 2013 B&W + Nature Prints

**Minnesota Valley Photography Club**  
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**MARCH DIGITAL Photo Travel**

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**NOTICE TO ALL CONTEST CHAIRS**

Please mail or email your supply orders to me by April 1<sup>st</sup>!

In order to save postage, I will deliver your orders at Springbrook if you or someone from your club will be there. If not, please notate that you need them mailed to you.

Thank you!

Teresa Vokoun

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## In Memory...

N4C members may fondly remember a time when Heart O' Lakes hosted the N4C convention in Fergus Falls. David Lill's cows were the photo opportunity of the week, sporting flowers, necklaces and hats. Here is a link to David's blog where you can see his unique and fun cow photography. <http://davidlillscows.blogspot.com/>

David Lill, the quirky bachelor farmer who gained local artistic notoriety for photographing cows in hats, died Thursday January 24th, 2013 at Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls. He was 59 years old.

Hans Ronnevik was Lill's neighbor and friend since he was about 5 years old. "David was cheerful, always upbeat, even though he didn't have the easiest of life," said Ronnevik. "What stands out is his love of his brown Swiss cattle. He showed them at the county fair as a 4-Her even up to last year he showed several of the cattle at the state fair."

Ronnevik says the cows served to inspire Lill's photography, as well as area landscapes and flowers. He took several trips to Itasca State Park to photograph the Lady Slipper, Minnesota's state flower.

David Lill skillfully captured the beauty of Otter Tail County in his photographs, said Maxine Adams, Executive Director, of Lake Region Arts Council. "We were fortunate that he also shared his sense of humor in his signature photos of his cows."

One day on his farm outside of Fergus Falls, he put a hat on one of his cows and took her picture. Lill described his work on his blog: "I have a very personal connection to my cows since I am a dairy farmer and an artist. I know how to capture their personal side in my photography whether it's dressing them up with hats or just a plain natural setting."

Lill showed his work at three to four craft shows a year as well as caring for up to 60 cows on his farm. His photos have appeared on calendars, notecards and magnets. In 2001, he authored the book "Cows Like You've Never Seen," which sold 15,000 copies. David Lill sold much of his work in the Ben Franklin Store in Fergus Falls. There has been an increase in sales of his work in the since word of his passing on Thursday, including one sale of over \$400, according to store owner Kevin Peterson.



"David was always eager to share his love of photography and taught many classes throughout the years," said Adams. "The arts community will miss him. He was a kind, gentle person and a favorite visitor to our offices."

(Written by Darla Ellingson for Fergus Falls Journal.)

"Precious" by David Lill

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# JANUARY



## Contest Results

### **2 x 2 Slides**

- 1st Kaleidoscope of Lines - Larry Swistoski, Saint Paul
- 2nd One Buffalo by Barn - Ed Lower, Color Shooters
- 3rd Haunted Castle - Phyllis Kedl, Saint Paul
- HM Fawn - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Paudaug Woman - Gerry Solomons, Iowa City
- HM Bugling Elk - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul

20 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Fort Dodge. Chair: Gloria Johnston. Judges: Roger Feldaus, Jason Liska, Bob Wood. Comments: We commented on what talent it takes to make slides. What you do in the camera is what you get. There were a few that would have benefited from using photoshop, so kudos to the slide makers.

### **B & W Pictorial Prints**

- 1st Lapstrake Dory - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 2nd Winter Wonderland in Yosemite - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
- 3rd Shattered Silence - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines
- HM Oak Leaf Wolf - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Heritage Canyon Church - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- HM Gun Sight - Bill Schwarz, Sioux City

41 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Debbie Bates. Judges: Debbie Jensen, Walter Fengler, Sheila Sutton. Comments: Good Variety.

### **Color Prints**

- 1st Iowa House of Representatives - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
- 2nd Historic Lighthouse - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- 3rd Nubble Lighthouse - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids
- HM The Wall - Danny Barker, Central Iowa
- HM Red Flowers - David W Lohrman, Great River
- HM Waterlily 6815 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- HM Waiting for the Train - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

62 entries from 12 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Mark Gubbins. Judges: Darlene Kutzler, Sherryl Rankin, Jim Schmidt. Comments: Tough choice to break tie for 1st place.

### **Creative Prints**

- 1st Sundown Heron - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City
- 2nd Orange-fronted Parakeet - Mike Landwehr, Des Moines
- 3rd Towering Hoodoos - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Frost Fantasy - Ken Aker, Duluth-Superior
- HM Contemp Tulips - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- HM Barn Dancers-Past and Present - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

26 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carl Hardy, Doug Conrad, Kevin Smith. Comments: This month's Creative Prints were outstanding. It was a difficult choice to choose the winners. These winners as well as a large number of the entries were very creative, using very innovative techniques to produce outstanding presentations. The coloring was dynamic and expressed a high level of creativity.

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## Contest Results, Continued

### **Digital Creative**

- 1st Time March's On - Jason Mrachina, Des Moines
- 2nd Clockwork - Dan Francis, Fargo-Moorhead
- 3rd Flower Melt - Gary Prill, Omaha
- HM Black & Light - Markus Erk, Black Hills
- HM High Beam - Bruce Bernstein, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Sunflower - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Fish Soup - Drago Nemeč, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Fragmented - John Anderson, Minnesota Valley
- HM Citrus Drops - Debbie Kippen, North Metro Photo Club
- HM Deformed - Maddie Stocking, Saint Paul

97 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Gerald Bonsack. Judges: Owen Johnson, Kristi Olson, Mike Earley. Comments: Large variety of images entered, from very little work to ones with lots of effort and time. Some very interesting and creative ideas.

### **Digital Journalism**

- 1st Fog of Death (Military Memorial - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 2nd In a Rush - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- 3rd Green Transportation - Jason Mrachina, Des Moines
- HM The First Time - Patricia Coble, Dubuque
- HM Major League Pothole - Joe Kubala, Duluth-Superior
- HM Concentration - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Annual Wreaths Across America - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
- HM Skateboarder Over Boy - Jean McDonough, North Metro
- HM Loving Father - Deb Dew, Topeka
- HM Car Trailer Burns on the Turnpike - Garry Brownlee, Wichita Area
- HM Wing Walker Defies Gravity - Rick Hester, Wichita Area

108 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Laura Davies, Duane Wraalstad, Kathy Wall. Comments: A number of strong images that both told story well and were great pictorially.

### **Digital Nature**

- 1st Hummingbird 2 - Cecil Organ, Iowa City
- 2nd The-reach - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- 3rd Trumpeter Swan Courting - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color
- HM Foggy Badlands Morning - Barry Castetter, Black Hills
- HM Black Throated Mango - Burlene Banks, Des Moines
- HM Above the Fray - Jason Mrachina, Des Moines
- HM Ghost of the Badlands - Scott Thomson, Duluth-Superior
- HM Whicheye - Carolyn Clancy, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Picking Flowers - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Whitewater Falls - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Rainy Day Jay - Paul Bellinger, Omaha
- HM Red Tail Hawk - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Gateway - Dave Bair, Sioux Falls

134 entries from 26 clubs. Judging Club: RV Digital Camera Club. Chair: George Bebout. Judges: Lois Kane, Bruce Moore, Steve White. Comments: Long file names and incomplete or incorrect entry names.

**Digital Pictorial**

- 1st Caleb - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Ado - Drago Nemec, Fargo-Moorhead
- 3rd Old Man Smoking - Jean McDonough, North Metro
- HM Painted Lady - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Morning at Mono Lake - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
- HM Skyline Arch - Christian Ewoldt, Des Moines
- HM A Train's End - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Hon James L Oberstar - Joe Kubala, Duluth-Superior
- HM Beauty Lake - Tom Penuel, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Canine - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM American Barn - Rachel Cain, North Metro
- HM Bond of Love - Lois Kane, RV Digital
- HM House on the Prairie - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

133 entries from 26 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Gene Schwope. Judges: Herb Gustafson, Tom Kline, Bill Irish. Comments: The judges enjoyed the great, and creative, variety of images. Everyone agreed that N4C photographers are trying many new and interesting techniques. They also agreed that too many images lacked sharpness, or had poor focus.

**Digital Travel**

- 1st Chinese Baker Beijing - Brian Rauvola, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Jan in the Presence of Buddha Datong, China - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
- 3rd Night-bridge - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Yellow Lapstrake Dory-Port Clyde Harbor, ME - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Abe (SD) - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- HM Geitanger Church - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
- HM Durango-Silverton Train - John Larson, Shutterbug
- HM Key West Lighthouse - Greg Hoglund, Topeka

80 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Randy Moyer. Judges: Delores Meister, Mark Gromko, Gerry Solomons. Comments: Many entries did not have the location of the image as part of the title, as required for Travel images. Also a number of images really didn't fit into the Travel category.

**Journalism Prints**

- 1st Can I Take Him Home - Michael Walsh, Sioux City
- 2nd Misty Morning - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- 3rd He Shoots Ketchup - Joann Kuntemeier, Kaposia
- HM Rough Landing Coming - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Driving in for the Basket - Steven Peterman, Sioux City
- HM Arlo Cruse Fiddles Around - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

23 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Laura Davis, Duane Wraalstad, Kathy Wall. Comments: Some nice entries, but not very many entires total. Club names on OUTSIDE of mailers would be VERY helpful for repacking.

**Nature Prints**

- 1st Elkin Rabbit Brush - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd Dribbles - Mike Landwehr, Des Moines
- 3rd Owls Have Eyelashes - Dawn Mikkelson, Sioux City
- HM Snow Clouds - Jim Wendel, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter
- HM Snowy Egret Fishing - Mike Landwehr, Des Moines
- HM Tenacious Leaves - Ken Aker, Duluth-Superior

55 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Debbie Bates. Judges: Debbie Jensen, Walter Fengler, Sheila Sutton. Comments: Rules for Nature - No Hand of Man to be showing. Disqualified 2

**Travel Prints**

- 1st Iowa Capitol Grand Staircase - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
- 2nd Shadow Valley Motors (WA) - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 3rd Badlands Morning, Badlands - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Palmyra's Old country Church - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Coastal Rainforest Oregon - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- HM Churns Colorado - Ed Lorson, Iowa City

19 entries from 07 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: Jim Svec. Judges: Sheryl Rutlidge, Jim Davis, Ed Siems.



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## Coming in February....

### Full Springbrook Schedule -

Join us for Springbrook 2013, April 26-28  
Topics of interest for *every*  
N4C photographer!

Travel photography,  
“How To” hints and tips  
Choosing the right Photo Workshop for you

And Much More!!

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