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Hello Friends of N4C,

Wow, another great convention with a wide range of speakers and topics that just make me want to work even harder to get that winning image. Thanks to Kaposia Kamera Club, North Metro Photo Club, and the Women's Color Photo Club for doing such a good job of planning and hosting the convention. I'm already anticipating Springbrook 2015 and the N4C Convention in Omaha, next fall. Thanks to Diane Darnielle for her past years of work: especially for helping lead us to a rotating, master-judging schedule and the new Digital Black and White contest. Thanks to the board and contest chairs for all of their work, this past year, and for all they will make time for, this year.

I'm sure you are all familiar with the saying, "Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it, or it might not turn out how you think it will." I like the saying, "Be certain what you are working for, have a vision and have a plan." Well, I have a vision and I have a plan for reaching that vision. I need *every member* of N4C to help, however. As an educator, I have been trained to set goals or objectives, but one of the new trends in education is to setup clear targets that students can understand and attain. When N4C started, our founders wrote a pretty detailed list of objectives for N4C. You can find a very good condensed version of it on the N4C home web page. I like the fact that we have a purpose statement or what an educator would call a mission statement. That purpose/mission statement is, "**N4C is a non-profit organization dedicated to public education and learning in the science and art of photography.**" With this in mind, I would like to setup some targets for you as N4C members to shoot for.

Target 1: Do your best as a member and a club to model the N4C purpose/mission. I believe that all of you are doing this, but I want to challenge you to look again and see what you can do to raise the bar for yourself and your club. If we can be dedicated to public education and learning in the science and art of photography, I believe good things will happen.

Target 2: Do your best as a club to comment on every contest entry. The scores generated for each image during judging do not tell the photographer the "why this score," as well as words can. The time your club takes to give constructive feedback is critical to each photographer's learning experience, especially on the images that don't win. As an art teacher, I like to acknowledge a positive aspect about the image, before giving suggestions to the artist as to what could be done to improve their work.

Target 3: I wish for everyone in N4C to be a winner. Careful what you wish for, you just might get it. There are a lot of ways that we can all be winners!

With your help, I believe we can reach all three of these targets. I have a vision and a plan. So, my Friends of N4C, go out and shoot for those targets. Have a vision and execute your plan.

Scott Udey

**Congratulations to all the 2013-2014 N4C
“Best of the Best” Competitions
and Annual Award Winners
Announced at the N4C Convention in Hudson, Wisconsin**

Contest Category	Award	Photographer	Name of Club	Title
Digital - B&W	1st	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Aging Gracefully
	2nd	David Graham	Sioux Falls	Soltice Morn
	3rd	Terry Clark	Iowa City	Orinoco Flow
	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Homemade Swing
	HM	Neil Marcus	Wichita Area	Amish Woman
	HM	Howard Hinton	Iowa City	The Football Player
Digital - Creative	1st	Drago Nemeč	Fargo-Moorhead	Tornado Clasic
	2nd	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Fall Coloring
	3rd	Susan Christensen	Des Moines	Laundry
	HM	Bill Williamson	Central Iowa	Gum Ball Machine
	HM	Bill Williamson	Central Iowa	Getting Away
	HM	Ryno W Olson	Great River	Moonlight-Flight
	HM	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	Follow Me
	HM	Roger Rose	Sioux Falls	Painted Aspen
Digital - Journalism	1st	David Kohne	Duluth-Superior	Looking Up
	2nd	Ron Tigges	Dubuque	Dogfighting Duel Near Miss
	3rd	Scott Thomson	Duluth-Superior	Lean Into It
	HM	Shane Abbitt	Des Moines	Man Down
	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Total Loss
	HM	Mike Barker	Omaha	Labor Day Celebration
	HM	Doug Heimstead	North Metro	The Viet Nam Wall
	HM	Ron Tigges	Dubuque	Going to Leave a Mark
Digital - Nature	1st	Shane Abbitt	Des Moines	Success
	2nd	Doug Heimstead	North Metro	Alpha Fox
	3rd	Martha Farwell	Great River	Red-eyed Tree Frog
	HM	Martha Farwell	Great River	Under the Caps
	HM	David Graham	Sioux Falls	Snow Leopard
	HM	Mike Barker	Omaha	Sunset Storm
	HM	Martha Farwell	Great River	Spider
	HM	Martha Farwell	Great River	Green Tree Anole
	HM	Terry Kruse	Des Moines	Aluvial Fan
	HM	Peggy Boike	Saint Paul	Young Rabbits in Den
Digital - Pictorial	1st	Doug Heimstead	North Metro	Fireworks Evening
	2nd	Dennis Newton	Minnesota Valley	Mitchell Lake
	3rd	Nikki McDonald	Omaha	Love Me Tender
	HM	Dennis Newton	Minnesota Valley	Big Light House
	HM	Jerry Ranch	Des Moines	When I Take You Out in My Surrey
	HM	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Sky on Fire
	HM	Dennis Newton	Minnesota Valley	Ice Caves
	HM	Jason Ponfil	Minnesota Valley	RMNP - VFan1
	HM	Dan Francis	Fargo-Moorhead	Homecoming
	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Under Mesa Arch Canyonlands NP
	HM	Kristy Johnson	Minnesota Valley	Ring Around the Oak Tree
	Digital - Travel	1st	Jean McDonough	North Metro
2nd		Delores Meister	Iowa City	Mt. Moran in Forest Fire Smoke, Teton
3rd		Peggy Volden	Fargo-Moorhead	Riding the Rails New Mexico
HM		Jim Boots	Wichita Area	Mykonos Windmill
HM		Martha Farwell	Great River	Vermillion Lakes Banff CA
HM		Al Kiecker	Minnesota Valley	Portland Head Lighthouse at Night
HM		Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Geyser Steam and Aurora
HM		Mark Greenberg	Topeka	Strasbourg, France

Print - B & W	1st	Jerry Ranch	Des Moines	Appalachian Gothic
	2nd	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Cowboy and Friend
	3rd	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Peony
	HM	Herb Proudfit	Iowa City	Winter Dreams
	HM	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Portico
	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Monument Valley - John Ford's Point
Print - Color	1st	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Northern Gannett Liftoff
	2nd	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Monument Valley Totem Pole Formation, AZ
	3rd	Herb Proudfit	Iowa City	Red Winged Blackbird
	HM	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Longwood Waterlily
	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Water Lily
	HM	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Morning Dew on the Prairie
Print - Creative	1st	Herb Proudfit	Iowa City	Another Big Foot Sighting
	2nd	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Flower Power
	3rd	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Mystery in the Woods
	HM	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Paulie 5285
	HM	Herb Proudfit	Iowa City	Me! Me! Me!
	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Briar Patch
Print - Journalism	1st	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Pain
	2nd	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Header and Backer
	3rd	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	All Eyes
	HM	John Larson	Shutterbug	Talking with the Umpire
	HM	Joe Kubala	Duluth-Superior	Chasing the Leader
	HM	Joe Kubala	Duluth-Superior	Struggle for Possession
Print - Nature	1st	Herb Proudfit	Iowa City	Fog, Snow, and Trees
	2nd	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Wrestling in the Rain
	3rd	Matthew Moses	Duluth-Superior	Spring Bluebird
	HM	Herb Proudfit	Iowa City	Wild Geraniums
	HM	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Auroral Storm
	HM	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Walking with Mom
Print - Travel	1st	Diane Darnielle	Des Moines	Lewis Lake - Snowy Range, Wyoming
	2nd	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Moraine Lake-Banff, Canada
	3rd	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	Morning After Rain, Arches NP, UT
	HM	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Navajo Flute Player
	HM	Mike Landwehr	Des Moines	Storm in the Arches
	HM	Jonathan Dyess	Duluth-Superior	Morning Seafog, Duluth, MN
2 x 2 Slides	1st	Diane Darnielle	Des Moines	Wolves
	2nd	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Lost Time
	3rd	John Chadima	Cedar Rapids	Canola Field
	HM	Wilford Yoder	Iowa City	Nose Licking Fawn
	HM	Dean Randall	Mitchell	Mt. Goats in Badlands
	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Hawk
Print - Panorama	1st	Ed Lorson	Iowa City	Cycle-Cross in Action
	2nd	Ed Siems	Central Iowa	Asher Creek Pond Reflection
	3rd	John Larson	Shutterbug	Organ In the Mormon Tabernacle
	HM	Paul Grillo	Des Moines	Pelican Landing...Not a Soap Opera
	HM	Michael Walsh	Sioux City	Nature's Layers
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Missouri River Front
Photo Essay	1st	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Photographing the Ice Caves
	2nd	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Should Have Been a Cowboy
	3rd	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Water is Wide: A Metaphor
	HM	Jo Eland	Iowa City	Longwood Love Affair
	HM	Paul Grillo	Des Moines	Done Got Old
	HM	Ken Johnson	Des Moines	How to cut Mats for Contest Prints
Club Communications	1st	Barry Mullin	Saint Paul	SPCC Newsletter - Saint Paul
Small Club of the Year			Iowa City	
Large Club of the Year			Des Moines	
Photographer of the Year		Ken Johnson	Des Moines	
N4C Service Award		Larry & Delores Meister	Iowa City	

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Monthly Contest Results

2 x 2 Slides

- 1st Flamingo - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 2nd Red Foxes - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 3rd Bodie's Methodist Church, CA - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Resting Downy Woodpecker - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- HM Confusion - Ty Smith, Mitchell
- HM Bayfield - Steve Kobs, Saint Paul

34 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Cedar Rapids. Chair: Sandra Kotowske. Judges: John Chadima, SuAnn Tichy, Regina Kotowske. Comments: A large amount of slides are incorrectly labeled, missing club name, numbers, name. Entry forms missing member numbers.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Truck 5090 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- 2nd Quiet Pond - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- 3rd Shaker Room #2 - Michael Walsh, Sioux City
- HM Want to Share my Drink - Ed Lower, Color Shooters
- HM Paul on Pitchfork - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Glade Creek Gristmill - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

26 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: Jim Svec. Judges: Wilbur Hutchens, Ed Siems, Teresa Vokoun. Comments: Nice Prints. Good start to the year.

Color Prints

- 1st What Do You Ride - Larry Crabb, Sioux City
- 2nd Jack - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- 3rd Fall Morning - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Waiting - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- HM Lone Rider - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- HM Canola Horizon - Delores Meister, Iowa City

35 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines. Chair: Jayne Owen. Judges: Susan Christensen, Dwight Tomes, Diane Darnielle. Comments: Nice group of prints. Technically strong, many with impact. Pleasure to judge.

Digital B&W

- 1st Bull Elk Twins - Harlan Humphrey, Black Hills
- 2nd Hungarian Dance - John Larson, Shutterbug
- 3rd Fathers Pride - Gary Fagan, Dubuque
- HM Three Raccoons - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids
- HM The Empty Church - Adam Ploessl, Dubuque
- HM Fog at Heceta Head Light - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Arrival - Mike Miller, Duluth-Superior
- HM Keepers Watch - Dan Francis, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Green Barn and Tree Reflected - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Cheeky Monkeys - Karen Galley, Sioux Falls
- HM Half Dome - Gary Bartel, Sioux Falls

102 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Heart O'Lakes Camera Club. Chair: Paul Stowman. Judges: Richard Southwick, Noreen Stigen, Jerry Swendsrud. Comments: Verry good group of pictures, we had to break a 4 way tie for 2nd, and a 9 way tie for HM.

September Contest Results Continued

Digital Creative

- 1st Space Traveler 2136 - Dan Francis, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd Barrel Coaster 1 - Bob Lundquist, Saint Paul
- 3rd Birds & Blossoms - Roger Rose, Sioux Falls
- HM Light Wine with a Twist Top - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- HM Safety Last Film Strip - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Star Trails (1) - Gary Fagan, Dubuque
- HM Overpass - Nathan Roling, Dubuque
- HM Avalon - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM The Buffalo Hunter - Paul Grillo, Des Moines

90 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Larry Headley. Judges: Don Cross, Dhruba Chakravarti, Sue Baxter. Comments: 1. Creativity all over the map, very difficult to judge. 2. A comment(s) was made on every single entry; over 96% of the entries' comments were the judges' own comment -- not the canned responses provided with the N4C judging spreadsheet. 3. The Omaha Camera Club would like to see more comments from judging clubs in the future; it is impossible to improve your work without honest feedback.

Digital Journalism

- 1st Night Prairie Burn - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- 2nd He's Got the Right of Way - Don Jackson, Topeka
- 3rd Canadian Skyhawks Tri-by-Side 1024 - Don Thun, Topeka
- HM VTOL - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Out of the Grasp - Matthew Moses, Duluth-Superior
- HM The Save - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Celebration on the River - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Who Made the Catch - Tom Ward, Iowa City
- HM My Husband the Grand Penguin - Karen Galley, Sioux Falls

87 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Photography Club. Chair: Jim Wendel. Judges: John Eisterhold, Carol Haroldson, Liz Reichl. Comments: Our club prefers to have comments made regarding their entries...

Digital Nature

- 1st Wilderness Bay - Dennis Newton, Minnesota Valley
- 2nd Grizzly 9384 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- 3rd Smokey Mtn Stream - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Bug On Flower - Eva Bareis, Black Hills
- HM Ruby-Throated Hummingbird - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- HM Witches Gultch Wisconsin - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM The Organ at Arches NP, UT - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
- HM Awaiting the Rain - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- HM Fawn - Doug Heimstead, North Metro
- HM Four Trees in the Palouse - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

97 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Steve Paulson. Judges: Curt Stoeber, Robert Gillespie, Larry Crabb.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Long Term Parking - Barry Mullin, Saint Paul
- 2nd Falls Reflection - Debbie Abraham, La Crosse Area
- 3rd Farm Truck - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Rockets on the River - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM North Dakota Barn - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Still Life - Linda Luchau, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM The 353 - Doug Heimstead, North Metro
- HM Coal Trains Running - Paul Bellinger, Omaha
- HM Crystal Swans - Mike Todd, Saint Paul
- HM Prairie Fire - Greg Hogle, Topeka
- HM The Aeroshell Team - Don Thun, Topeka
- HM Billy in High-Key - Judiith Barat, Women's Color

118 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux Falls Camera Club. Chair: Betsy Petersen. Judges: Carol Erpleding, Gary Bartel, Jim Craig. Comments: There were over 100 images in a broad range of subjects. There was a varying degree of merit in the images. Overall, the images were well done.

September Contest Results Continued

Digital Travel

- 1st Heceta Head Lighthouse - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 2nd Mt. Moran Sunrise - Wyoming - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul
- 3rd Wyoming Sunrise - Penny Adam, Des Moines
- HM Badlands Adventure - South Dakota - Jerry Ranch, Des Moines
- HM Denali NP (Alaska) - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- HM Parliament in London, England - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- HM To the Taj Mahal - Andrew DeCock, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Mahoney State Park Nebraska - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Canyon de Chelly Arizona - Jim Boots, Wichita Area

84 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: John Leicht, Robert Felderman, Patticia Coble.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Hawks Score - Bob Rasmus, Sioux City
- 2nd Mosinee Leads in Relay - John Larson, Shutterbug
- 3rd I'm Diggin' the Dirt - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- HM What Was I Thinking - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- HM Coyote Learning to Howl - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- HM Concrete Crew at Work - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

20 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka. Chair: Scott Udey. Judges: Greg Hogle, Daryl Hurley, Lou Colbert. Comments: Small number of prints, some may have been better in another category.

Nature Prints

- 1st Wolf in Winter Snow - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 2nd Grizzly 9396 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- 3rd Cedar Waxwing - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- HM Screech 1 - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Food for My Family - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Where's Mom - Larry Crabb, Sioux City

27 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: Jim Svec. Judges: Wilbur Hutchens, Ed Siems, Teresa Vokoun. Comments: Great pictures! Close scores.

Travel Prints

- 1st Lake Moraine 4365 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- 2nd Church of San Giorgio Maggiore Vermont - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Palouse Barn Washington - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM A Walk in Paradise - Randy Moyer, Iowa City
- HM Bodie Shell Station Bodie, CA - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Gulfoss Iceland - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

17 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka. Chair: Scott Udey. Judges: Don Jackson, Bob Wright, Larry Wilson. Comments: Makes me want to travel. Great Photos.

Meet Scott Udey, New N4C President

Scott Udey of the Topeka Camera Club was installed as N4C President for the 2014-2015 year at the recent N4C Convention. Scott's message from the new N4C Directory is on the web http://n4c.us/about_us.htm. Scott has a real passion for N4C. I wish all could have heard his inaugural message as he has some enthusiastic goals and ideas for clubs for this year which he will reveal in his monthly News Bulletin articles. You will want to read those. New officers and committee members are listed on the web http://n4c.us/contact_us.htm and welcome comments and suggestions.

Ken Johnson

2015 N4C Convention

Set aside September 17-18-19, 2015 for the N4C Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme is “Focus on Omaha”. Besides directing your attention to this attractive location, you’ll have plenty of photo opportunities for your camera at this convention hosted by the Omaha Camera Club.

Mobile Devices Now View Winner Galleries

The style of new N4C winner galleries has changed and may now be viewed on mobile devices – iPads, Smartphones and others which lack support for the “flash” galleries used in the past. See http://n4c.us/Winner_Galleries.htm. The 2014-2015 monthly galleries and the Best of N4C 2013-2014 have been upgraded to this new style.

Try them out on mobile and desktop. A couple tips. If you change window sizes on your desktop, refresh your browser to adjust the image size to the new window. To see full resolution 1024x1024px, maximize your window, refresh, then click the “Expand Gallery” icon in the button bar. On an iPad I find the portrait orientation view is best.

Ken Johnson
N4C Webmaster

Displaying Your Contest Prints

The preference for my contest prints is to mount and mat them to overall 16x20. size. That way they are ready to frame and display in my home and salons besides having a finished look for contests. I have made two short slide essays on YouTube demonstrating how I double-mat and mount prints. I give equipment recommendations and tips on all the steps to complete the job.

Helpful links:

Ken Johnson's Videos on Mat Cutting and Mounting
<https://www.youtube.com/user/IShowSlides>

Logan 750-1 Mat Cutter and 6” Acrylic Brayer from Dick Blick. Best price found.
<http://www.dickblick.com/products/logan-750-1-and-760-1-simplex-elite-mat-cutters/>
<http://www.dickblick.com/products/acrylic-brayer/>

Matting Photographs Article
<http://www.ndavidking.com/Tech%20Articles/CUTTING%20MATS.pdf>

Optical Print Centering
<http://www.russellcottrell.com/photo/centering.htm>

Mat size calculator – For single mat. See “the Theory” - Uses Optical Print Centering
<http://nr32.com/pp/index.php>

Excel Spreadsheet for Double and Single Mats
<http://www.harding.edu/gclayton/Presentation/MatCalculator02.xls>

Matted photos make great gifts

by Ken Johnson

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