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STILL TIME TO REGISTER - SEE PAGE 3 FOR REGISTRATION FORM

***Bird Blinds, Woodland Flowers, Exploding Balloons,
Exotic Places and Drones***

Springbrook Schedule 2015 - Please Join Us!!!

Friday, April 24

3:00 Check-In
3:30 Board Meeting - Scott Udey, Presiding
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Passage to India - Jo Eland
8:30 N4C Results at PSA - Gene Schwoppe
9:15 Popcorn

Saturday, April 25

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Bird Blinds - Ed Siems
10:00 Break
10:15 Woodland Ephemerals-Here Today and Gone Tomorrow - Dwight Tomes
11:00 DNR, State of Iowa, Agriculture, Volunteers and a Drone - Jo Eland
Noon- 1 pm Lunch
1:00 Cataloging Images - Myers Burmeister
1:45 Thailand Adventures- Linda Rutherford
2:30 15 minute experts, outdoor photography and drone flying if possible
 Mr Wizard - Gerry Bonsack
 Bokeh Photography Station - Scott Udey
 Buttons, Feathers, Marbles, Shells, Corks, Glassware and More
 Drone flying if weather permits- if you have one bring one! Jo Eland is bringing hers.
 Panorama Judging – Watchers Welcome!
 There may be more in this category
3:00 Break
3:30 Continued 15 minute experts, outdoor photography & drones
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Iceland Adventures - Mark Gromko & Ed Lorson
9:00 Popcorn

Sunday, April 26

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Invitation to Omaha & Photo Essays - Dwight Tomes
11:30 Lunch

Attention N4C Bulletin Editors and Webmasters!

**Wednesday, April 15th is the Last Day for Entering
the N4C Bulletin Contest and Website Contest!**

This is the time to get your entries in, and it couldn't be easier. Editors, simply send me a .PDF of your best issue from the last 12 months. Webmasters, send in the address of your site, your name and email address.

Your entry will be critiqued by a panel of three judges, who are competent in print and web media. All entrants will receive back their scoring form, judge's comments, and suggestions for improvement.

Similar to N4C annual photography competition, the Bulletin and Website that best represents its club, and N4C, will be the winner. There will be Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, plus HM Certificates presented at the Awards Banquet, held at the Convention in Omaha.

**If you have questions, please contact me directly, and also send your entries
for either competition to my email address. Good luck to everyone who enters.**

Gene Schwope
Chairman, N4C Club Communication Contests
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PANORAMA PRINTS - SPRINGBOOK

SPRING IS HERE (we hope) and so is SPRINGBROOK (we know that for sure)

Time to think about bringing your Panorama prints to Springbrook for the exclusive judging of these prints. You must bring, or have someone from your club bring, them to Springbrook, and also take them home again. This is the only official judging of Panorama's for N4C. Rules for this contest can be found in the N4C Handbook on page F9.

Also I'll be looking for judges; we would like to have judges from clubs that do not have any entries in the competition, if possible. Please let me know if you are available to help judge. Contact me at Stoever1@aol.com.

Thanks for all you do for N4C, and see you at Springbrook.

Curt Stoever, Panorama Print Judge Chairman

April 24,25,26th 2015
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 15.
NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 15.
PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 15.
NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 20th.

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: LDKlikmeister@aol.com
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Address: _____ Eve. Phone: () _____ - _____

City-State-Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____

Member of _____ Camera Club in N4C

	Number of people	Total cost
Package #1: Dorm Room Use @ \$102 per person <i>(Includes: Meals & lodging in dorms. Bring your own soap & toiletries)</i>	_____	\$_____
Package #2: Day Use @ \$87 per person <i>(Includes: Meals & day use learning center. Not use of dorm room)</i>	_____	\$_____
	Grand Total	\$_____

President's Message

What honestly do I need to say or want to say? Last month I was sidetracked by too many things to do and experienced writer's block, at the same time. Please forgive the lateness of the bulletin, waiting for my president's message; I finally had to throw in the towel. Let's catch up with the digital contest report card, make one more pitch for going to Springbrook and sound a call for possible board meeting discussion topics.

February had our largest number of digital entries this year at 688, with 687, or 99.9%, of those with attached comments. March had 636 digital entries, with 535, or 89%, of those having comments. There have been some rumblings about the time it takes, but comments to discuss during each judging club helps the image-creator improve. Back in the day, when slides, prints and hand scoring were the way to judge, I recall spending many late nights judging. Then there were the long hours spent repacking and returning entries. We have come a long way, and if we use the judging spreadsheet, correctly, to judge all contests, it can help us to shorten the judging time and be a great learning experience, for us all. Keep up the good work.

Each day on my drive to and from work I find myself seeing and contemplating the photographic opportunities. If only, I didn't have to get to my destination. This conundrum of where to find time to take photographs happens to me way too often. I know I have to create and plan those photographic opportunities. I have found that the Springbrook Mini-Convention is one great time, filled with photographic opportunities. In fact, I find the best times for me have been an early morning drive/hike or a before - supper hike, around the lake. I'm even in a rush to get to Springbrook, again passing up several photographic opportunities on the way, but once I get there, I make the time to slow down and stop to photograph the opportunities. Adding to that are the speakers and workshops; it's just a great experience. I should also mention there have been campfires; stars; photo essay entries and panorama entries to peruse; and most importantly, experiences *where names become faces and faces become friends*. So, please salute the Springbrook Mini-Convention as a beckoning photography opportunity; let's see if we can set a Springbrook attendance record!

Finally, Springbrook opens [Friday, April 24](#), with the N4C Board meeting [at 3:00](#). If there are any topics that you believe should be discussed, please email me and I will add it to the list. Hope to see you all at Springbrook.

Sincerely,
Scott Udey

Bokeh Simulator & Depth of Field Calculator

<http://dofsimulator.net/en/>

This application calculates the depth of field in a photo, visualizes it and simulates the background blur (bokeh) based on parameters like: lens focal length, aperture, sensor size and distance of the object and the background from the camera. Changes in parameters are immediately visible in the simulation. This allows to easily observe how they affect the final effect. Interesting to visualize what you can accomplish with a zoom lens

Check out all the "Photography Links" on the N4C Website for tons of free tutorials:

http://n4c.us/photography_links.htm

Click on "Ken's Picks" for this and some of my recent favorites.

- Submitted by Ken Johnson



Monthly Contest Results

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Gifford Homestead - Capitol Reef NP - Ken Johnson, Des Moines
- 2nd A Distant Memory - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Dressed Up Cowboy - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Hardy Grist Mill - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
- HM Railroad Car Truck - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City
- HM You Are Close Enough - Denise Christian, Central Iowa

96 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Michelle Harnidierks, Mark Gubbins, Jim Schmidt. Comments: Had great selection of photos but should have been in 2 separate judgments as there were 96 photos to judge.

Color Prints

- 1st Jupiter Ascending - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Beauty on the Wind - David Brown, Des Moines
- 3rd Mountain Brook - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Canadian Sunset - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- HM Amana Barn - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Fall Leaves - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City

50 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Mitchell. Chair: Ty Smith. Judges: Jim Thomas, Dean Randall, Bob Podhradsky. Comments: A wonderful and well done set of prints with only a few having objectionable digital enhancement. Lots of discussion about how some of the digital improvements were done.

Creative Prints

- 1st Votive Candles - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd Yaquina Lighthouse on the Oregon Coast - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 3rd Pads - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM High Water - Herb Proudfit, Iowa City
- HM Early Morning - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM DC-3 - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

36 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Kaposia. Chair: JoAnn Kuntemeier. Judges: Jane Kemp, Jeanie Yee, Marie Kuntemeier.

Digital B&W

- 1st Passing Train - Don Loseke, Omaha
- 2nd Splash - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- 3rd Fixer-Upper 5070 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
- HM Coyote Stare 2 - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Country School Hwy 3 - Steve Paulson, Sioux City
- HM Air Force Chapel Side View 2 - Jim Wendel, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter
- HM Steamy Shore - Terry Clark, Iowa City
- HM Blocks and Boxes - Anika Stocking, Saint Paul
- HM Accented Edges Balloons - John Larson, Shutterbug
- HM Waterlillies and Bud - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
- HM Bison in Snow - Delores Meister, Iowa City

110 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Diane Darnielle. Judges: Dwight Tomes, Diane Lowry, Susan Christensen. Comments: There were many images that had a high impact in this set of images, which shows that N4C members have 'adopted' the B&W format with gusto. Those images with the most impact demonstrated wondrous tonal ranges from light to dark with good detail in highlight and shadow. A number of the images also demonstrated bright whites and dark blacks--more consistent with classic B&W silver-halide images. In addition to the technical aspects of processing mentioned above, composition and impact (interest) were evident--often strong positives or negatives depending on the photo.

March Contest Results Continued

Digital Creative

- 1st A Work in Progress - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- 2nd Water Dance - Amanda Bierbaum, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Spinning Stars Over the Aurora - Jonathan Dyess, Duluth-Superior
- HM Old Church - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Resting Cougar - Rick Hester, Wichita Area
- HM Butterfly Nector - PK Mattingly, Wichita Area
- HM Mum Whirlwind - Marilyn Rau, Western Wisconsin
- HM Butterflies with Ann 0581g - Sarah Bissell, Shutterbug
- HM Wistful-Iris - Martha Farwell, Great River
- HM Perpetual Pear - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color
- HM Farewell Dear Friend-Creative Tribute - Chad Mertz, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Old Ciatti's #6 - Larry Fundell, La Crosse Area

111 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro Photo Club. Chair: Debbie Kippen. Judges: Jean McDonough, Roger Williams, Connie Hays.

Digital Journalism

- 1st Kyle Franklin & Skip Stuart Wow the Crowd With a Low - Don Thun, Topeka
- 2nd Fascination! - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 3rd Epic Wave - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Dock Dog Leap - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Across the Line - Chad Mertz, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Fire Drill 6857 - Sarah Bissell, Shutterbug
- HM Polar Plunge - Doug Heimstead, North Metro
- HM The Bump and Run - Paul Bellinger, Omaha
- HM Focused on the Prize - Gerald Marella, Dubuque

88 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Joseph Kubala. Judges: Diane Fonger, Jed Carlson, Scott Thomson. Comments: The top entries in the competition all had immediate impact and were typically cropped close to the subject. Numerous entries also would qualify and do well in the digital travel category.

Digital Nature

- 1st Where Glaciers are Born - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- 2nd One Flower 2 Birds - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- 3rd The Rut Season in Rocky Mtn NP - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM In the Wild - Duane Wraalstad, North Metro
- HM Inquisitive Blue Jay - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior
- HM Spring Bluebird - Gerald Marella, Dubuque
- HM Big Yawn - Jonathan Dyess, Duluth-Superior
- HM Feeding Time - Marge Springett, Western Wisconsin
- HM Den Mother - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- HM I'm a Little Crabby - Tom Ward, Iowa City

126 entries from 23 clubs. Judging Club: North Shore Photo Club. Chair: Brian Rauvola. Judges: Phil Hartley, Jeff Nast, Marvil LaCroix.

Travel Prints

- 1st West Thumb Geyser Basin - Yellowstone NP - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd Yesterday's Chevrolet Garage-Pione - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 3rd Rainbow Arch Bridge No. 7812 - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- HM Traveler at John Oliver's Cabin, Cades Cove, TN - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Hard Trails in Scotts Bluff NP, NE - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Where the Bison Roam - Teton NP - Delores Meister, Iowa City

24 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse. Chair: Gerald Bonsack. Judges: John Zoerb, Doyle Gates, Peder Schoenfeld. Comments: Great variety of images and presentations. Lots of memories relived.

March Contest Results Continued

Digital Travel

- 1st Old Faithful by Night - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 - 2nd Starrise - Joshua Tree NP, CA - Jerry Ranch, Des Moines
 - 3rd Bath NH Covered Bridge - Dave Horner, Topeka
 - HM Zion NP in Storm - Mike Barker, Omaha
 - HM Costa Rica - Carataras Falls - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
 - HM Havasu Falls Grand Canyon - Bob Lundquist, Saint Paul
 - HM Lovely Lake Moraine - Erica Harvey, Black Hills
 - HM Hocking Hills Falls, Ohio - Paul Rogne, Saint Paul
 - HM Under the Boardwalk Santa Cruz - Steve Schwiesow, Omaha
 - HM The Power of Nature-Antelope Canyon - Page, Arizona - Gary Fagan, Dubuque
- 97 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Jim Boots, Neil Marcus, Bruce Ward.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Grace Under Pressure - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
 - 2nd Any Body Need a Lift? - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
 - 3rd Lost the Hat, Not the Rider - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
 - HM Iowan's Seeking Refuge From - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 - HM Never too Hot for S'mores - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
 - HM Wheat Harvest - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids
- 7 entries from 23 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse. Chair: Gerald Bonsack. Judges: John Zoerb, Doyle Gates, Peder Schoenfeld. Comments: Very tight race. Great variety of 'stories'. Interesting mixture of titles and captions.

Nature Prints

- 1st Thirsty Grizzly - Mike Landwehr, Des Moines
 - 2nd Crowned Crane - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
 - 3rd Pine Siskin - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior
 - HM Black Capped Chickadee - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead
 - HM Athabaska Waterfall 3939 - Jo Eland, Iowa City
 - HM Mom - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- 46 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area Photo Club. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Jim Schmidt, Mark Gubbins, Donna Palmlund. Comments: One entry was wrong person and wrong photo listed, so not judged. Lots of ties for honorable mention.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Fence Row Sunrise - Greg Punelli, Des Moines
 - 2nd Good Morning Kenya - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
 - 3rd Pikes Peak Sundown 3 - Jim Wendel, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter
 - HM Leaning In - Joe Kubala, Duluth-Superior
 - HM Lost on a Foggy Fall Morning - Kim Ambrose, La Crosse Area
 - HM Lady with Red Scarf - Jean McDonough, North Metro
 - HM Cades Cove's Sparks Lane - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
 - HM Pathway to the Past - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
 - HM Gate Keeper - Larry Headley, Omaha
 - HM Noah and the Chalk Board 7607 - Sarah Bissell, Shutterbug
 - HM Sleddin' Sophie - Michael Herrem, Western Wisconsin
- 104 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Steve Paulson. Judges: Paula Warp, Tom Atkinson, Mike Walsh. Comments: There were many nice photos this month. Very stiff competition.

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